

# *Eager to Learn: A Course on Family Literacy*

## 1. Introduction

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## 1.0 Introduction

Many adult learners are parents. Their own desires to learn and to find educational success motivate them to acquire new skills in helping their children or grandchildren become readers and writers at an early age. The *Eager to Learn* course has been based on the belief that enrollment in A.B.E. gives adult learners the unique ability to co-learn with their children or other young persons in their home environment. This is also true, of course, for parents enrolled in support programs and community outreach services.

### 1.1 How to use this course

The Community Services Council (CSC) believes there is a wide audience for *Eager to Learn*.

- & as an optional communications skills credit in adult basic education (ABE)
- & as a community course with parents
- & as a part of a family resource centre learning program
- & as a training tool with day care workers or early childhood educators

This is the first edition of *Eager to Learn*. The Community Services Council welcomes comments and suggestions for improvement. The CSC READY Centre, which delivers adult basic education (ABE) services will use *Eager to Learn* as a pilot course and hopes to develop a second edition after pilot testing.

### 1.2 Format

*Eager to Learn* has been designed as a resource binder. The course modules can be used independently from the research findings in other sections. The literature review and focus group results, however, provide interesting and unique perspectives on how to plan and deliver family literacy programs of all sorts, not just those meant for a teaching environment.

The Community Services Council encourages readers to review them in connection with the bibliography for new ideas and approaches. Be *Eager to Learn* and use the binder to improve literacy in ways that are meaningful for you.

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