

***Listen to Learn Youth Literacy Project***

**Phase II: Cochrane**

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## **Demographic Data**

**Total Number of Respondents – 16**

**1.**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>

**2.**

<b>I was born in Canada</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>94%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>

**3.**

<b>I am a member of Canada's First Nations</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>

**4.**

<b>My first language is:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>88%</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>

**5.**

<b>I can talk in:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>French</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>

**Note: More than one answer permitted in this question**

6.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
15	1	6%
16	10	63%
17	2	13%
18	1	6%
19	0	0%
20	0	0%
21	1	6%
22	0	0%
23	1	6%
24	0	0%

7.

<b>I am living:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
with my spouse	2	13%
with one or both parents	11	69%
with other relatives	1	6%
with friends	1	6%
in a group home	0	0%
alone	0	0%
Other	1	6%

8.

<b>Number of Children</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
0	13	81%
1	1	6%
2	1	6%
3	0	0%
4 or more	1	6%

9.

<b>I work:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
full time	2	13%
part time	1	6%
not working	13	81%

10.

<b>Each month I get:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>no money</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>less than \$500</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>\$500-\$899</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>\$900-\$1299</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>\$1300-\$1699</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>\$1700-\$2000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>over \$2000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>

11.

<b>I study:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>full time</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>part time</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>not studying</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>63%</b>

12.

<b>I am taking alternative learning classes</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>81%</b>

13.

<b>I am taking skills upgrading classes</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>81%</b>

14.

<b>I have taken alternative learning classes in the past</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>69%</b>

15.

<b>I was (age) when I started taking classes</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents (n=7)</b>
16	5	71%
17	1	14%
18	0	0%
19	0	0%
20	1	14%
21	0	0%
22	0	0%
23	0	0%
24	0	0%

16.

<b>My mother reads:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
very well	8	50%
well	4	25%
fairly poorly	1	6%
don't know	3	19%

17.

<b>My father reads:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
very well	9	56%
well	4	25%
fairly poorly	3	19%
don't know	0	0%

18.

<b>My spouse reads:</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
very well	3	19%
well	2	13%
fairly poorly	0	0%
don't know	3	19%
not living with a spouse	8	50%

## **“Reasons for Nonparticipation” Data**

**Total Number of Respondents – 16**

### **1. I don't have enough energy to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38%</b>

### **2. I would feel strange going back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>

### **3. I am usually too tired to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>

### **4. I am not motivated enough to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>

**5. I am too old to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50%</b>

**6. I move around too much to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>

**7. I don't think I'm smart enough to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>

**8. School is too hard**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>

**9. I couldn't pay for childcare or transportation**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>56%</b>

**10. I don't think I could use the things I would learn in school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>56%</b>

**11. I am not set in my ways to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>

**12. I just don't like school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>

**13. I don't need a diploma**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>63%</b>

**14. I don't have enough free time to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>56%</b>



**15. Going back to school would be like going to high school all over again**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>

**16. There aren't many people in adult classes who are my age**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44%</b>

**17. My friends would laugh at me if I went back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>69%</b>

**18. I felt that my family wouldn't like it if I went back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>75%</b>

**19. It would cost me too much money to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50%</b>

**20. I have too many time conflicts at work to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50%</b>

**21. I don't go back to school because nobody knows that I don't already have an education**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>69%</b>

**22. I don't think that school would be very good**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50%</b>

**23. It would take me too long to finish high school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38%</b>

**24. A high school diploma wouldn't improve my life**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>63%</b>

**25. I didn't like school so I don't want to go back**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>

**26. There is too much on my mind to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>

**27. I don't know anything about adult classes**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50%</b>

**28. Going back to school wouldn't make me any smarter**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>63%</b>

**29. I am too lazy to go back to school**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38%</b>

**30. I don't know where there are any classes**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>63%</b>

**31. I have to take care of my family**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38%</b>

**32. I already know enough**

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Percentage of Respondents</b>
<b>Really Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Agree</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Maybe</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Really Disagree</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44%</b>

## Anecdotal Data

**Total Number of Respondents – 16**

**What does the word “literacy” mean to you?**

- Someone who can read and write

**What do you think is taught through programs like the "Adult Literacy Centre" and the "Northern College OBS Program"?**

- Both offer credit based classes
- Offer night classes

**How many of you have ever attended a literacy program or an alternative education program?**

- 5 recipients have attended alternative education programs

**For those who said yes, how do you feel these literacy programs can help you learn?**

- Correspondence didn't help me because you had to teach yourself
- Alternative programs helped me because I was given more freedom, could mail in my work and was able to concentrate much better on my own

**Would you be willing to attend night classes?**

- 3 recipients would be willing to attend night classes

**What would best meet your needs in a learning environment?**

- A later start to the day
- Part-time study
- More comfortable chairs
- Uniforms
- More flexible class environment (i.e. not having to raise my hand and ask when I have to go to the washroom, not having to obtain hall passes, able to wear hats in class, etc.)
- Smoking and non-smoking classes
- Longer breaks between classes
- Not being required to give reasons for missing school (i.e. notes/phone calling)

**What made you decide to leave school?**

- Always lagging behind for a variety of reasons (i.e. failure to complete work, learning difficulties, not interested or motivated, found school too difficult)
- 8 recipients found school boring
- Didn't like sitting in a chair all day long
- Had a difficult time concentrating
- Too tired to attend: had to get up too early
- Would see the teacher's mouth moving, but couldn't remember what was said
- Teacher's didn't know the subject they were employed to teach
- 4 recipients found the school day was too long
- Was kicked out because the principal didn't like me; principal told me to leave school and get a job; threatened the principal as a result and kick out
- Drugs
- Felt that the school system changed for the benefit of the advanced students
- Pregnancy
- Quit school because I needed to help my dad

**Do you think a learning program would be too difficult?**

- Majority of the youth said no

**Do you think there are financial costs to attending a program?**

- Majority say no

**Do you think adult classes are available for youth to attend?**

- Yes, youth can attend adult classes

**Do you have a learning disability?**

- 3 recipients felt that they have a learning disability
- 5 recipients felt different from everyone else in class

**Do you think you may have a problem with reading or writing?**

- all say no; "I can read and write as well as I need to"