

Listen to Learn Youth Literacy Project
Phase II: Timmins

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Demographic Data

Total Number of Respondents–9

1.

Gender	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Male	6	67%
Female	3	33%

2.

I was born in Canada	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	9	100%
No	0	0%

3.

I am a member of Canada's first nations	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	3	33%
No	6	67%

4.

My first language is:	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
English	7	78%
French	2	22%
Other	0	0%

5.

I can talk in:	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
English	9	100%
French	4	44%
Other	4	44%

Note: More than one answer in this question

6.

Age	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
15	0	0%
16	1	11%
17	0	0%
18	3	33%
19	0	0%
20	1	11%
21	2	22%
22	0	0%
23	0	0%
24	1	11%
25	0	0%
26	1	11%

7.

I am living:	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
with my spouse	0	0%
with one or both parents	4	44%
with other relatives	0	0%
with friends	3	33%
in a group home	0	0%
alone	2	22%

8.

Number of Children	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
0	7	78%
1	1	11%
2	1	11%
3	0	0%
4 or more	0	0%

9.

I work:	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
full time	2	22%
part time	1	11%
not working	6	67%

10.

Each month I get:	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
No money	2	22%
Less than \$500	2	22%
\$500-\$899	3	33%
\$900-\$1299	2	22%
\$1300-\$1699	0	0%
\$1700-\$2000	0	0%
Over \$2000	0	0%

11.

I study:	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
full time	1	11%
part time	5	56%
not studying	3	33%

12.

I am taking alternative learning classes	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	3	33%
No	6	67%

13.

I am taking skills upgrading classes	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	1	11%
No	8	89%

14.

I have taken alternative learning classes in the past	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	3	33%
No	6	67%

15.

I was (age) when I started taking classes	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents (n=4)
16	0	0%
17	0	0%
18	2	50%
19	1	25%
20	0	0%
21	0	0%
22	0	0%
23	0	0%
24	1	25%

16.

My mother reads:	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
very well	6	67%
well	3	33%
fairly poorly	0	0%
don't know	0	0%

17.

My father reads:	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
very well	6	67%
well	0	0%
fairly poorly	0	0%
don't know	3	33%

18.

My spouse reads:	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
very well	2	22%
well	2	22%
fairly poorly	0	0%
don't know	0	0%
not living with a spouse	5	56%

“Reasons for Nonparticipation” Data

Total Number of Respondents–9

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	1	11%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	3	33%
Disagree	3	33%
Really Disagree	2	22%

2. I would feel strange going back to school

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	3	33%
Agree	1	11%
Maybe	2	22%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	2	22%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	2	22%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	2	22%
Disagree	3	33%
Really Disagree	2	22%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	1	11%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	2	22%
Disagree	3	33%
Really Disagree	3	33%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	11%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	2	22%
Disagree	4	44%
Really Disagree	3	33%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	4	44%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	3	33%
Really Disagree	2	22%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	2	22%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	6	67%

8. School is too hard.

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	1	11%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	7	78%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	1	11%
Disagree	0	0%
Really Disagree	7	78%

Note: One Participant failed to answer this question.

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	1	11%
Agree	3	33%
Maybe	2	22%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	2	22%

11. I am too set in my ways to go back to school.

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	2	22%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	4	44%
Disagree	0	0%
Really Disagree	3	33%

12. I just don't like school.

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	1	11%
Maybe	1	11%
Disagree	2	22%
Really Disagree	5	56%

13. I don't need a diploma.

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	2	22%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	2	22%
Disagree	0	0%
Really Disagree	5	56%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	1	11%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	4	44%
Really Disagree	4	44%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	2	22%
Agree	2	22%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	2	22%
Really Disagree	3	33%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	2	22%
Maybe	1	11%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	5	57%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	1	11%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	7	78%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	0	0%
Really Disagree	9	100%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	2	22%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	2	22%
Really Disagree	5	57%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	5	57%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	3	33%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	0	0%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	1	11%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	1	11%
Disagree	3	33%
Really Disagree	4	44%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	3	33%
Disagree	2	22%
Really Disagree	4	44%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	1	11%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	2	22%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	5	57%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	3	33%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	2	22%
Really Disagree	4	44%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	2	22%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	2	22%
Really Disagree	5	57%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	2	22%
Agree	1	11%
Maybe	0	0%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	5	57%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	1	11%
Disagree	2	22%
Really Disagree	6	67%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	2	22%
Agree	4	44%
Maybe	1	11%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	1	11%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	4	44%
Agree	1	11%
Maybe	2	22%
Disagree	0	0%
Really Disagree	2	22%

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

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	0	0%
Maybe	1	11%
Disagree	3	30%
Really Disagree	5	57%

31. I have to take care of my family.

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	5	57%
Agree	1	11%
Maybe	1	11%
Disagree	1	11%
Really Disagree	1	11%

32. I already know enough.

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Really Agree	0	0%
Agree	1	11%
Maybe	1	11%
Disagree	3	33%
Really Disagree	4	44%

Anecdotal Data

Total Number of Respondents–9

What does the word “literacy” mean to you?

- Someone who can read and write, comprehend and understand what they’re reading/writing

What do you think is taught through programs like “PACE” and the “Timmins Learning Centre?”

- PACE-correspondence, self education, no one there to teach you/independent study, give you work/no teaching
- Timmins Learning Centre-never heard of it (all nine youth)
- LBS at TNFC-never heard of it (all nine your)

What would best meet your needs in a learning environment?

- ability to take courses in the summer
- no teachers; independent study instead - find teachers confusing, out of date
- a stricter learning environment
- shorter class hours/part time curriculum! later class times, i.e. 12 pm - 4 pm
- no weekend or night classes
- flexible learning and class structure
- practical learning/more hands on
- more interactive learning (i.e. games, spontaneous learning)
- relaxed learning environment
- smoking classes
- not being graded
- a homework club
- a mentoring program
- a motivation hotline

What made you decide to leave school?

- substance use/abuse
- on a whim
- disliked school environment
- violence w/in school
- found school unchallenging
- expelled/skipped too much

Do you think a learning program would be too difficult?

- majority of the youth said no

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”