

# The Maine Family Literacy Initiative

## A Program of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy

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### Maine Family Literacy Initiative Grant Cycle

We are pleased to announce the 2010-2011 grant cycle of the Maine Family Literacy Initiative (MEFLI), a program of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy designed to support the development of family literacy throughout the State of Maine. **The individual components - adult literacy, early childhood literacy and intergenerational literacy - do not have to be new to your district or community, but you must demonstrate how they will be delivered in an integrated manner to achieve full benefit of the family literacy approach to literacy.** For a definition of family literacy, visit [www.mainefamilyliteracy.com](http://www.mainefamilyliteracy.com). Collaboration with other agencies concerned with the well-being of Maine families is required.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are provided to:

- explore the feasibility of family literacy programming in your community; and
- plan for future family literacy programming.

Grants of up to \$25,000 are provided to:

- establish a family literacy program;
- allow for innovative projects within existing family literacy programs; or
- replicate successful family literacy programs with a new population or in a new location.

An eligible applicant must:

- be a local educational agency; correctional agency; community-based organization; non-profit 501© 3 organization; public institutions; or a consortium of these agencies;
- have been in existence for two or more years and must already provide one of the following educational components: adult literacy, early childhood education, or intergenerational literacy as part of their organizational mission, and
- have demonstrated fiscal accountability.

In addition, the applicant applying for a grant of up to \$25,000 to provide family literacy programming must propose a program which includes:

- 1) literacy instruction for parents and/or primary care-givers, with a priority to serve those parents with less than an 8th grade reading level,
- 2) reading or pre-reading instruction for their children who are between ages birth and 8,
- 3) specific parent/child literacy activities during which parents and children learn and read together; and
- 4) measurement of adult's and children's progress using standardized assessments.

### Applications

May be downloaded at: [www.mainefamilyliteracy.com](http://www.mainefamilyliteracy.com) or [www.barbarabushfoundation.com](http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com) or you may request one by e-mail at: [applications@mainefamilyliteracy.com](mailto:applications@mainefamilyliteracy.com)

You may also request one in writing by contacting: Becky Dyer, Director, Maine Family Literacy Initiative, 4829 Tara View Road, Leesburg FL 34748

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **April 28, 2010.**