



WHY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND  
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION  
PROGRAMS SHOULD  
ADVOCATE FOR AND PARTNER  
WITH EACH OTHER

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# Audience – Purpose – Structure

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- Professionals in public libraries and adult basic skills programs
- Establish need and opportunity
- Make the case for *why* and *how* of partnerships
- Highlight examples of partnerships
- Recommend actions/next steps

# Partnerships - Why and How

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- Library – literacy connection
- Equity of access
- Libraries as community anchors, safe spaces
- Adult learners as ideal population to reach
- Leverage additional resources

# Two Examples of Partnerships

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- Sioux Center Public Library
  - Rural
  - Spanish GED
  - Northwest Iowa Community College
  
- Asuza City Library
  - Health Literacy Learning: English language and health literacy/wellness
  - Library, Neighborhood Wellness Center, University

