

FACT SHEET

for Families Building Better
Readers Parent Workshop

Introduction

Families Building Better Readers (FBBR) is a workshop for parents of children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

This two hour training is the product of a collaborative effort between the Florida Department of Education's Just Read, Florida! initiative, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, and the College of Professional Studies at University of West Florida.

Purpose

This workshop will:

- Provide parents with simple instructional activities that they can do with their children to improve reading performance. Content activities are supported by sound reading research.
- Provide parents with resources that will help improve their children's literacy throughout life.

Workshop Theme

The workshop theme is "Families Building Better Readers." Every parent will receive a "tool kit" filled with reading activities to do with their children at home. Parents are trained during breakout sessions on how to fully utilize these educational activities to benefit their children.

Workshop Sites

Families Building Better Readers parent workshops will be conducted all year long in communities around the state.

Statewide train-the-trainer workshops will also be provided at statewide meetings and conferences.

For workshop times and locations, please visit the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach website at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/family/>.



If you have any questions about Families Building Better Readers Parent Workshop or for information on family and community involvement, please contact:

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About the Trainer



FBBR training is provided by Dr. Angela Martin from the University of West Florida (UWF). Dr. Martin works as an educational consultant, creating educational materials and conducting dynamic workshops across the Southeast. She is an experienced elementary school teacher and earned her doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction and her masters in Elementary and Early Childhood Education with an emphasis in reading. As a trainer, Martin is well known and liked by parents and mentors whose positive roles she values as a mother of four and mentor herself.

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