

FACT SHEET

for the *Edificando Mejores Lectores en Familia* Parent Workshop

Introduction

Edificando Mejores Lectores en Familia is a dynamic workshop conducted in Spanish for the parents of elementary school-age children. This workshop was designed to meet the special needs of migrant farmworker families throughout Florida.

This 2 hour training is a collaborative outreach by the Florida Department of Education's Just Read Florida! initiative, the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach and the University of West Florida.

Purpose

This workshop will:

- Teach parents how to set their children up for successful reading practice at home.
- Teach parents research-based reading strategies that they can do with their children to improve reading performance regardless of the parent's reading level.
- Provide parents with the resources necessary to promote life-long literacy.
- Give children practice with similar activities that their parents learn and give them an opportunity to perform a sing-a-long that will review what was covered in the workshop.
- Provide a fun learning experience for the entire family.
- Provide positive partnerships between families and schools.
- Encourage parents to continue using their native language in the home as well as reading to their children in Spanish.

Workshop Theme

The construction theme for the Edificando Mejores Lectores en Familia workshop adds an element of fun for parents and children. Each family will receive a toolkit that includes reading activities to do at home. During the workshop, each activity will be demonstrated by effective trainers. A parallel children's workshop involves children in rich reading experiences while parents attend their own workshop. At the end of the workshop, families enjoy a sing-a-long performed by the children that reviews the strategies covered in the workshop.

Related Trainings

Translations for EMLF materials are provided in various languages. A similar workshop for families of middle-school children is offered in English called Mysteries in the Middle.



If you have any questions about the Mysteries in the Middle Workshop or for information on family and community involvement, please contact:

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About the Trainer



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Workshop Sites

- The parent workshop entitled Edificando Mejores Lectores en Familia will be conducted throughout the year in communities around the state.
- Statewide Train the Trainer workshops will be offered periodically throughout the state.

For workshop times and locations, please visit the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach website at: <http://www.firn.edu/doe/family/home0077.htm>.

About the Trainers

EMLF training is provided by Jesús and Rhonda García. Jesús is an ESOL specialist for the Redlands Christian Migrant Association charter school located in Immokalee, FL, and Rhonda is employed by the Florida Migrant Interstate Program, a Department of Education funded program that assists the children of migrant farm workers.

As a married couple who both work in the field of migrant education, they are able to understand the unique needs of migrant families.



Jesús Garcia-Lead Trainer for EMLF



Jesús and Rhonda García