

FACT SHEET

for Families Building Better Readers Parent Workshop

Introduction

Families Building Better Readers (FBBR) is a dynamic reading workshop for parents and children in the elementary grades.

This 2 ½ 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 ten research-based reading activities they can do with their children to improve reading performance.
- Provide parents with resources that promote life-long literacy.
- Give children practice in doing the same activities their parents learn about and the opportunity to perform a play that reviews workshop content for all participants.
- Provide a fun, learning experience for all participants.
- Promote positive partnerships between families and schools.

Workshop Theme

The Families Building Better Readers' construction theme adds an element of fun to the event for parents and children. Every parent will receive a "tool kit" that includes reading activities to do with children at home. During breakout sessions, each activity is demonstrated by effective trainers and practiced by parents. A parallel children's workshop involves children in rich reading experiences while parents attend breakout sessions. At the end of the workshop families enjoy a play performed by their children that reviews workshop content followed by a read-aloud demonstration.

Related Training

Translations of FBBR materials are available in Spanish and Haitian Creole. A special version of FBBR for Spanish-speaking parents called Edificando Mejores Lectores en Familia is available and was specifically developed to meet the special needs of Florida's migrant worker families. A similar reading workshop for middle school families is also offered called Mysteries in the Middle.



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



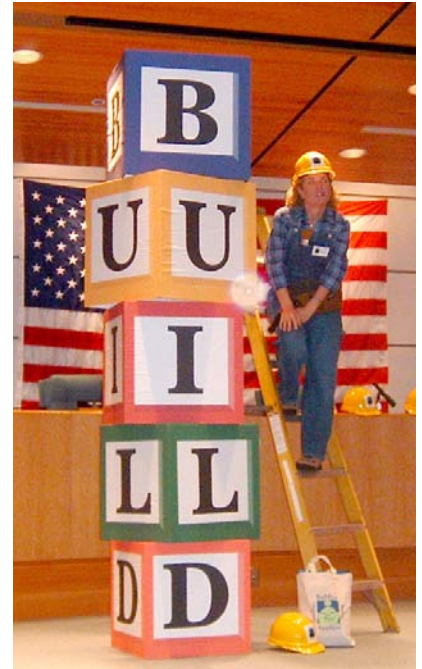
Workshop Sites

- Families Building Better Readers parent workshops will be conducted all year long in communities around the state.
- Statewide train-the-trainer workshops will be provided at statewide meetings and conferences.
- Train-the-trainer workshops will be provided annually.

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

About the Trainer

FBBR training is provided by Dr. Angela Martin, University of West Florida (UWF). Dr. Martin works as an educational consultant, creating educational materials and conducting dynamic workshops across the United States. She is an experienced elementary school teacher with advanced degrees earned in Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary and Early Childhood Education, and Reading. Martin is well-known and liked by parents and teachers whose important roles she values being a mother of four children herself.



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**Governor Jeb Bush with
Dr. Angela Martin at an
FBBR workshop**

