

Twelve-Month Impact Statement

Define your non-profits missions/goals?

Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County (LVSSC) remain dedicated to empowering adults through literacy, but we recognize that the challenges ahead require innovative solutions and renewed energy. That's why we've developed a results-driven plan designed to strengthen our organization and expand our reach.

Indicators or methods used to measure impact?

As indicated in our application, seven measures will be used and reported on:

- 1. Over the last Twelve months:** 549 students have registered for our service.
- 2. Students in North Port and Surrounding Areas:** 372 students reside in North Port or other locales served by the North Port Library, such as Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda.
- 3. Training Engagement:** 15.2% of North Port-based students meet our weekly training time requirement.
- 4. Work Ready Preparation Program:** Development is still underway for eligible students to extend their learning, to enable job placement and employee referrals to area employers.
- 5. Introducing a Standardized Curriculum:** Our annual turnover of new volunteer instructors/tutors is between 35% - 40%. This because upon graduation from our two days of training, they are expected to be able to confidently prepare customized lesson plans for their students. This is unrealistic, so we are moving to a standardized set of instructional resources in the coming year.
- 6. Measurement of Language Comprehension:** Also beginning next year, we will be implementing a computerized system to measure the language competency of each new student. This is being done to establish a baseline upon which to base later comparisons.