



College of Education Literacy Center

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UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH ALABAMA

Mission



The Literacy Center is a community outreach effort that provides best practice literacy instruction and educational support to P-12 students and families seeking to improve their quality of life. The Literacy Center also advances the teaching, research, and service goals of the College of Education.

Student Success and Access

Goal: Provide undergraduate and graduate students opportunities to enhance their knowledge and ability in literacy instruction

Objectives:

- Engage undergraduate teacher education students in teaching literacy skills and strategies with children in individual, small group and whole group settings
- Provide opportunities for undergrad teacher education students to be mentored by graduate literacy education students and the Literacy Center Staff
- Provide opportunities for graduate literacy education students to implement reading skills and strategies in the Center



Enhancing Research and Graduate Education & Student Success and Access

Goal: Create an environment where clinical practices and theory may be developed and assessed

Objectives:

- Promote the Master's and Educational Specialist degrees in reading
- Provide opportunities for research and grants
- Support the development of teachers of reading



University - Community Engagement

Goals:

- Provide literacy instruction to children who are struggling readers
- Expand and enrich literacy engagement for all children

Objectives:

- Assess literacy needs of clients, analyze assessment, and develop of plan of instruction
- Expand the literacy power of clients
- Serve as a resource for parents



Getting Started

Summer 2016

Literacy Camps

23 Children

2 Camp Leaders
(Preservice Candidates)

Director, Joan Holland

Tutoring

6 Children

2 Tutors (Preservice
Candidates)

Director

Fall 2016

Tutoring

5 Children

2 Tutors (Preservice
Candidate)

Director

