

The National Institute for Literacy

How it Supports Health Literacy

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NIFL's Health Literacy Resources

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Health Literacy Discussion List

A Community of Practice
and Professional Development Forum

Goals:

- To create a community of the varied and scattered HL partners
- To encourage dialog, feedback, sharing of resources and ideas
- To help move the field of Health Literacy forward
- To ultimately improve health communication, access to care, basic knowledge and health outcomes for everyone

Recent topics of discussion:

- Using the web in health literacy
- How to find basic health information in Swahili
- How to write materials appropriate for “the masses”, and how to focus on specific target groups
- Using the personalized “pill card” with patients and students
- Health literacy in medical school curricula
- More on the evolving definition of “Health Literacy”
- Methods of evaluating “health literacy” of clinical practices and evaluating health literacy interventions
- More sharing of health literacy curricula, websites, events and research articles

The Health & Literacy Special Collection

<http://www.healthliteracy.worlded.org/>

In process of being updated to be a
comprehensive Toolkit for health literacy
advocates from all disciplines.



The NEW Special Collection...

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the 'Health & Literacy Special Collection' website. The browser's address bar shows the local file path 'C:\WEBSITES\Health Literacy\website\index.htm'. The website header includes the title 'Health & Literacy Special Collection' and the tagline 'Teaching and learning health literacy skills.' Navigation links for 'Home', 'Contact Us', and 'Language Index' are visible in the top right.

The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Main Features...**: A vertical menu on the left lists categories such as 'Curricula', 'Health Info for All', 'Multilingual Health Info', 'Health Literacy Research', 'Resources for ...', 'Adult Literacy', 'Health Care', 'Understanding Your Health', 'Other Resources for HL Work...', 'Assessment & Evaluation', 'Funding Sources', 'Cultural Competency', and 'Plain Language'.
- Some of the main features include. . .**: A central yellow-bordered box highlights four key features with icons: 'Curricula' (clipboard icon), 'Health Information for All' (document icon), 'Collaborations / Initiatives' (globe icon), and 'Health Literacy Research' (stack of books icon).
- The HL Community**: A purple-bordered box on the right lists 'ONLINE DISCUSSION ♦♦', 'Collaborations / Initiatives', 'Training Opportunities', and 'About Us'.
- What's Happening?**: Another purple-bordered box on the right provides updates, including a link to the 'Health Literacy Tutorial' and a guide to 'Family Health and Literacy' materials.

At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Search Site' input field. The browser's status bar at the very bottom shows the file path 'File:///C:/WEBSITES/Health%20Literacy/website/new-readers-3.htm' and the system tray includes 'My Computer' and a '100%' zoom level.

Health Literacy Resource Guides

- Annotated print and web—based resources for teaching health to low-literate adults (and therefore everyone!)
- Includes easy-to-read health information and other resources and strategies.

The Health and Literacy Compendium (1999)

<http://healthliteracy.worlded.org/docs/comp/>

Culture, Health and Literacy (2000)

<http://healthliteracy.worlded.org/docs/culture/index.html>

Family Health and Literacy (2006)

<http://www.healthliteracy.worlded.org/docs/family/index.htm>

Regional Health Literacy Summits

LINCS Regions

<http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/>

View the Agendas and Presentations

http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/news_events/02-08-08.html

Health Literacy Webcasts

- **National Assessment of Adult Literacy (NAAL) Health Literacy Component (HLC) Archived Webcast (2004)**
- Presenters:
- Sheida White, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)
- Andrew Kolstad, NCES
- <http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/webcasts/20040803/webcast08-03.html>
- **Health Literacy of America's Adults: Results from the 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy (2007)**
- <http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/webcasts/NAALhealth/webcast0829.html>
- Presenter:
- Dr. Sheida White, NCES
- Panelists:
- Ian M. Bennett M.D., Ph.D. of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine and Graduate School of Education
- Toni Cordell
- **Advancing Health Literacy: Meeting the Needs of Adult Learners (2008)**
- <http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/webcasts/health08/webcast0916.html>
- Presenters:
- Ian M. Bennett M.D., Ph.D. of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Medicine and Graduate School of Education
- Susan R. Levy, Ph.D. of the University of Illinois at Chicago
- Andrew Pleasant, Ph.D. of Rutgers University

Health Literacy Curriculum

(Evidence-based!)

<http://www.healthliteracynetwork.org/curriculum/index.html>

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Thanks!

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