
LUNCH PROGRAM

Expansion of 4-Year Degrees in North County



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WALI Initiative Update to the Baseline: How Are We Doing on WALI 2020 Goals?

North County Workforce & Literacy Initiative (WALI): 2020 Goals

Update on Working Neighborhoods Initiative

Forum Program & Lunch: \$40
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Workforce and Literacy Initiative (WALI) Forum

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Santa Maria Inn

Registration: [WALI-Spring-Forum](#)

Co-hosted by
EconAlliance and United Way



WHAT IS WALI?

The Workforce and Literacy Initiative (WALI) is a regional collective impact effort to collaboratively articulate and achieve five distinct workforce and literacy goals* to improve economic prosperity and quality of life in Northern Santa Barbara County. WALI is being co-led by the United Way and EconAlliance with numerous North County partners, including Allan Hancock College and others.

WHY WALI?

Of Northern Santa Barbara County residents, 23% live in poverty, 25% have no high school diploma and 42% are English language learners. Attainment of higher education degrees has dropped 19% over the last decade and 62% of students entering Allan Hancock College do not read at high school grade level. Nationally, 75% of state prison inmates and 59% of federal prison inmates did not finish high school or can be classified as low literate. **According to ProLiteracy.org, a 1% increase in literacy translates to a 1.5% permanent increase in GDP.**



WALI 2020 GOALS:

By 2020, Northern Santa Barbara County will achieve the following regional Workforce and Literacy Initiative (WALI) Goals:

Goal #1: Double the number of associate and bachelor degrees awarded from institutions in the Northern Santa Barbara County region.

Goal #2: Foster the success of 1000 North County adults per year in gaining basic literacy skills (reading with comprehension at 8th grade level) through education, community or workplace programs.

Goal #3: Double the number of career technical education (vocational/industrial) certificates awarded by target schools and training institutions in the Northern Santa Barbara County region.

Goal #4: Reduce by 50% the percentage of students unable to read at grade level (grades 3-11).

Goal #5: Increase the number of high-quality, licensed preschool and early child care spaces available to working families in the Northern Santa Barbara County region by 1,000, supporting reading readiness, child and childcare provider literacy for new licensees.



WALI Advisory Groups

WALI Employer/Educator Workforce Development Advisory Group - A group of 20 or less small, medium and large employers representative of the make-up of the employer pool of Northern Santa Barbara County plus high school, adult education, higher education and vocational training providers willing to monitor progress and make recommendations regarding WALI Goals 1-3.

Parent/Educator Advisory Group - A group of 25 or less parents, school board members, school district representatives and/or K-12 teachers, administrators and relevant nonprofit and agency leads to monitor progress and make recommendations regarding WALI Goals 4-5.

Data Advisory Group - A group of 10 or less individuals responsible for school, agency, or training provider data collection and interpretation regarding program completion and program success measures to monitor progress on data collection and interpretation in support of WALI Goals 1-5.

Other/Past Sponsors: Santa Barbara Foundation, Reading Plus/WARE Group, Laurus College

