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There are many opportunities for your child to receive free or low-cost tutoring. This guide serves as a starting point for parents who are seeking additional help for their children by providing contact information for tutoring organizations throughout Indiana.

FIRST, CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Your child's school may be required to offer free tutoring under the No Child Left Behind Act. Check with the Title I office in your school's district to see if your child is eligible for Supplemental Educational Services (SES/ free tutoring). If your child is eligible, the Title I office will explain the enrollment process and share a list of tutoring organizations from which you can select. Even if your school itself doesn't offer tutoring, they may be able to direct you toward an organization that does.

CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Many libraries offer literacy tutoring to children and adults or can direct you to a library that does.

TIPS FOR SELECTING A TUTOR

Some points to consider when deciding if a tutor is right for your child:

- What is the tutor's background? Does he or she have a teaching license or other certification for specialized training? Is he or she affiliated with any organization?
- Ask for recommendation from teachers, former students, or clients.
- Does the tutor have clearly defined goals and lesson plans? What do you hope your child will accomplish from working with a tutor?
- Ask about methods of payment, penalties for missed sessions, or other miscellaneous fees (such as the cost of supplies).
- Where will the tutoring take place? Is it in your home, a library, a school, or another public place?
- Remember: you know your child best. Interview as many tutors as necessary to find a good fit for your child and family.



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STATEWIDE ORGANIZATIONS

Local organizations--such as the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, and the United Way--provide tutoring opportunities to members of their communities. Since the programs vary, it's best to call your local branch and discover what tutoring programs they provide. To locate a branch near you, visit these websites and search using your zip code, or call for more information.

- The Boys and Girls Clubs of America: <http://www.bgca.org/clubs/> or call 1-800-854-CLUB.
- United Way in Indiana: <http://national.unitedway.org/myuw/index.cfm> or call 1-317-923-2377.
- YMCA: <http://www.ymca.net> or call 1-800-872-9622.

The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana offers tutoring in reading and math for students with dyslexia. Financial aid is available. For more information, call 1-317-545-5451 or visit their website: <http://www.dyslexiaindiana.org>.

32 Degree Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. The Learning Centers, located in Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and South Bend, offer free tutoring for dyslexic students. Call 1-877-861-0528 or visit <http://www.childrenslearningcenters.org/about/in.html> for more information.

21st Century Scholars Programs: To contact your regional support program, visit www.in.gov/ssaci/programs/21st/pdf/sites.pdf. Each program varies, so call your region to learn if they offer tutoring.

Afternoons R.O.C.K. is a statewide afterschool program. To learn if your region's program provides tutoring, visit <http://www.rock.indiana.edu> and search by county, or call 1-800-346-3077.

INDIANA 211

IN211 Centers offer detailed information about human services, including tutoring. Call 211 to learn about resources in your community. Their website, <http://www.in211.org/needhelp/database.htm>, provides searchable databases by location--North Central, Northeastern, Southwestern, etc. After clicking on the

link to your region, you will be redirected to a new webpage. From there, search for Tutoring in the drop down menu.

NORTHWEST INDIANA

The Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition provides "a formal connection among all of the programs existing in Northwest Indiana serving those who need development in reading and writing skills," as well as information "about literacy services in Northwest Indiana, and for referral of students and volunteers to appropriate programs." More information is available at their website: <http://www.nwliteracy.org> or by calling 1-800-348-7798.

WorkOne Northwest provides tutoring at their four branches for students in grades 7-12. For more information, call 1-219-882-0033 or visit their website: <http://www.workonenw.com>.

NORTHEAST INDIANA

The Fort Wayne Urban League offers after school tutoring for children ages 6-18. More information can be found at <http://www.fwurbanleague.org>, or by calling 1-260-745-3100.

East Allen Family Resource Center provides an afterschool program for students in grades K-8 who live in Allen County. Visit <http://www.eastallenfrc.org> or call 1-260-748-4621 for more information.

CENTRAL INDIANA

Concord Community Association offers America Reads and Math Counts tutoring before and after school. 1-317-637-4376 or visit <http://www.concordindy.org>

Hawthorne Community Center offers America Reads and Math Counts tutoring Mon.-Fri. 3-5:30 PM. 1-317-637-4312.

For more information regarding tutoring opportunities in Marion County, visit <http://www.fscp.org> or call 1-866-391-1039.

SOUTHEAST INDIANA

Spectra Services provides math and reading tutoring to students in grades K-8. For more information, call 1-291-938-6739, ext. 509.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA

Patchwork Central: Students in grades one through five receive one-on-one tutoring twice a week through the school year. To apply, call 1-812-424-2735 or visit <http://www.patchwork.org>.

HOMEWORK HELP

For students who need homework help, rather than intensive tutoring, the Internet offers a variety of websites focusing on free homework help.

- RefDesk.com hosts a collection of links sorted by subject and grade level. <http://www.refdesk.com/homework.html>
- B.J. Pinchbeck's Homework Helper website is a comprehensive collection of resources, guides, and information sorted by subject. <http://www.bjpinchbeck.com>
- ASK ROSE, The Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Homework Hotline, provides free homework help in math and science to Indiana students in grades 6-12. Students may call the Homework Hotline from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. (EDT) toll free at 1-877-ASK-ROSE.
- Dial-A-Teacher provides over-the-phone tutoring help Mon.-Thurs., 5-8 PM during the school year. 1-317-226-4300

OTHER OPTIONS

In addition to local tutoring services, national tutoring organizations may be available in your area. While these organizations are not free, you can call for more information and decide if they are a workable option for your family.

- Sylvan Learning Centers: <http://www.tutoring.sylvanlearning.com> or 1-888-EDUCATE
- Kumon Centers: <http://www.kumon.com> or 1-877-586-6673