



The Literacy Alliance

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### **The Literacy Alliance Breaks a Record**

In 2005, 65 Literacy Alliance students passed the GED exam, more than ever before. The previous record of 55 was achieved in 2003. In 2004, 47 earned their GED.

“These 65 are among about 500 who passed the exam in the Allen County area,” says Public Relations and Marketing Manager Brian Schlichtenmyer. “It’s a great accomplishment for all of them, resulting from perseverance, sacrifice, and hard work.”

Executive Director Judith Stabelli attributes the increase to a greater academic focus. Effective teaching materials, efforts to keep students motivated, and a strict attendance policy contribute to the academic focus.

The waiting lists have something to do with it, too, according to Program Director Karen Limkemann. All Literacy Alliance Learning Centers have waiting lists, and students who have waited value their placement and are serious about achieving their goals.

The 2000 census identified about 30,000 Allen County residents who never graduated. Recent news stated 75% graduation rates in Indiana. The Literacy Alliance works to change those numbers.

Since 1988, the nonprofit Literacy Alliance has been dedicated to ending low literacy in Allen County. Learning centers, literacy programs, and tutoring services empower individuals to succeed at work, at home, and in the community.

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