**Family Literacy at a Food Pantry** **– Learner Guide**

**Event Description:** The [Cazenovia Public Library](http://www.cazenoviapubliclibrary.org/) is connecting the dots between early literacy, the local food pantry and family well-being, and they’re doing it all on a small budget. Starting with an Early Literacy project at the CazCares food pantry, library outreach coordinators began to build more in-depth relationships with the food pantry’s clients. Their interactions led to unexpected positive outcomes:

* adults obtaining their high school equivalency through the library tutoring program;
* school age children participating in an interactive summer learning program and book club;
* and the food pantry becoming the site for ESL classes, Dolly Parton Imagination Library sign ups and health literacy initiatives.

Find out how this innovative library team supplemented their small budget with donations and volunteers to make Family Literacy work for the community.

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| **What are your goals for viewing this webinar?** |
| **Personal Goals** |  |
| **Team Goals** |  |

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| **Discussion/Reflection Question 1** |
| For Cazenovia, collaboration was key. Explore and discuss the [Community Partnership and Collaboration Guide](http://www.webjunction.org/documents/webjunction/Community_Partner_Collaboration_Guide.html) available on WebJunction. List your reflections, especially as they relate to family literacy efforts. |
| **Activity 1** |
| Where in the community do families in need go for assistance in your community? Of those agencies, institutions, and organizations on your list, note those with whom you already have a collaborative relationship. (List *all* regardless of their connection to presumed family literacy needs.) |
| **Discussion/Reflection Question 2** |
| How could your library’s current services and programs address whole-family learning needs more deliberately? How could you more clearly articulate and demonstrate to the community, funders, and decision-makers, your commitment to family literacy?  |
| **Activity 2** |
| Schools and school libraries can be great partners for family literacy collaborations. Explore the examples and resources in [Family Literacy: Case for Collaboration between Public and School Libraries](http://www.webjunction.org/documents/webjunction/Family_Literacy_Case_for_Collaboration_between_Public_and_School_Libraries.html) and list three ideas to explore with your local school library or other potential partner.1.2.3. |

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| **Action Plan:** (include next steps, who, when, etc.) |
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