



## **Literacy Council of Northern Virginia**

### **LCNV Introduces New Workforce Development Programs, English Classes**

In Fairfax County alone, 275,800 adults speak little to no English. Research has shown that of the adults at the lowest literacy levels, 43% live in poverty (ProLiteracy). In a fast-paced Northern Virginia economy, working adults can't afford to let low literacy get in the way of supporting their families. In response to these needs, the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia has introduced new programs to ensure that adults can access employment and educational opportunities and more fully and equitably participate in the community. LCNV's newest workforce development programs equip learners with beginning-level English as they earn a nationally-recognized Guest Service Gold® hospitality industry credential. For learners who wish to pursue further education, LCNV has introduced writing and academic studies classes, and as always, LCNV provides Family Learning Programs, beginning-level English courses, and free conversation classes throughout Northern Virginia.

These cutting-edge programs will further serve to achieve LCNV's vision of a community empowered by the ability to read, write, speak, and understand English. Classes are available throughout the over 400 square miles of Northern Virginia, and registration begins January 8, 2019. Visit [lcnv.org](http://lcnv.org) or call 703-237-0866 for more information.

### **About the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia**

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (*Parade* magazine's Outstanding Charity for Virginia) serves 1,500 adult learners annually with its mission to teach the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English so they can access employment and educational opportunities and more fully and equitably participate in the community. LCNV is one of only a few non-profit organizations in all of Northern Virginia that complies with federal education standards as it serves the most beginning-level adult learner.