

## What I Can Do

### Read to children

- ✓ Read to your children or children in your community.
- ✓ Take your children or children in your community to the library.
- ✓ Give books to children as gifts.

### Encourage teens to stay in school

- ✓ Give your children encouragement, as well as whatever assistance they may require, to remain in school.
- ✓ If they are having trouble at school, try to find out why.
- ✓ Do not allow your children to spend more time on outside jobs than on their school work.
- ✓ Make use of every opportunity to pass along tips about written language to children.

### Help other adults learn to read

- ✓ Encourage other adults to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.
- ✓ Find out what is available in your community and direct interested persons to community literacy groups, community colleges, and schools offering adult literacy training.

### Encourage workplace literacy

- ✓ As employers, find out how to introduce workplace literacy training.
- ✓ As union members, make literacy training available and place more emphasis on adult education.
- ✓ Use plain language in your written materials.

### Be aware of the importance of reading and writing in your own life

- ✓ Read yourself as much as possible.
- ✓ Take time to think about how important reading and writing are to your daily life.

### Help community literacy programs.

- ✓ Volunteer as a tutor.
- ✓ Ask about other ways to help.