



TX REGIONAL LITERACY SYMPOSIUM ALAMO & CENTRAL TX



FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026 | EMBASSY SUITES SAN MARCOS



Scan for a floorplan, along with detailed descriptions of the sessions and to find out more about each presenter

8:15 AM – 8:45 AM <i>Outside Spring Lake A & B</i>	CHECK-IN for pre-registered attendees BREAKFAST – sponsored by Texas State Technical College
8:45 AM – 9:00 AM <i>Spring Lake A & B</i>	WELCOME, opening remarks Jacqueline Aguilera, Literacy Texas Kathy Zarate, Texas Workforce Commission
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM <i>Spring Lake A & B</i>	OPENING ADDRESS: “A Business Case for Literacy” (30 min) Christa Aldrich, H-E-B
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM <i>Spring Lake A & B</i>	NETWORKING: “Real People. Real Needs. Real Opportunities.” (30 min) Jacqueline Aguilera, Literacy Texas
10:10 AM – 11:40 AM <i>Veramendi A</i>	BREAKOUT SESSION #1 (90 min) Beyond Language & Literacy: Developing Career Pathways... Angi Mudd, Community Action Inc. of Central Texas
<i>Veramendi B</i>	Grasping Education & Developing Adults in the GED (Part 1 of 2) Denise Sumlin-Johnson, TCALL
<i>Veramendi C</i>	Student Persistence and Motivation Denise Guckert, TCALL
<i>Veramendi D</i>	Successful Partnerships for Student Pathways Lisa Stewart, MBA, CAE, Literacy Coalition of Central Texas
11:40 AM – 12:40 PM <i>Spring Lake A & B</i>	WORKING LUNCH PANEL DISCUSSION (45 min) “Employing the Whole Person: Building the Skills Employers Can’t Find” Dr. Kelly Coke, Texas State Technical College (MODERATOR) Jeanne Burton, ATX Specialty Foods Diane Cook, Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area Dr. Glenda L. Rose, TCALL

12:50 PM – 1:35 PM

Spring Lake A & B

SPOTLIGHT SESSION (45 min)

FinLit Fusion in Language Skills, Workforce Prep, and Family Literacy Learning

Jacqueline Aguilera, Literacy Texas

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Veramendi A

BREAKOUT SESSION #2 (90 min)

Meet the Moment – Motivation to Success for GED Students

Kelli G. Rhodes, MBA, Restore Education

Gabriela Tobias M.Ed, Restore Education

Omar Jimenez, Restore Education

Veramendi B

Grasping Education & Developing Adults in the GED (Part 2 of 2)

Denise Sumlin-Johnson, TCALL

Veramendi C

Differentiating on the Fly in the Multi-Level Adult ESL Classroom

Denise Guckert, TCALL

3:15 PM

Spring Lake A & B

FAREWELL, door prizes

Don't forget to visit special guests:

- ✦ *Aztec Software*
- ✦ *Burlington English*
- ✦ *Cambridge University Press & Assessment*
- ✦ *Essential Education*
- ✦ *GED Testing Service*
- ✦ *Literacy Coalition of Central Texas*
- ✦ *National Geographic Learning*
- ✦ *Pearson ELL*
- ✦ *Texas State Technical College (TSTC)*

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