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To: Basic Skills Program Directors  
Volunteer / Community Based Literacy Organization Directors

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Subject: New Publications

Enclosed are two publications I believe will be of interest to you.

***Phonemic Awareness and the Teaching of Reading***

This new position statement from the International Reading Association defines phonemic awareness and distinguishes it from phonics. Although aimed at young children, the statement contains much information that could also apply to adults. The new federal Adult Education and Family Literacy Act refers to both phonemic awareness and phonics, so this position statement may help you clarify the two terms. *(Additional copies can be purchased from the International Reading Association.)*

***What Works: Integrating Basic Skills Training into Welfare-to-Work***

The National Institute for Literacy reviewed 84 programs across the country that submitted information about their efforts to create innovative responses to welfare reform legislation. ***What Works*** contains an overview of federal welfare policy and descriptions of 6 programs considered to be exemplary. *(Additional copies can be requested from NIFL.)*

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