

## From the Queens One Stop Career Center

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### Queens One Stop Hosts Reception Celebrating Collaborations around Early Literacy

Queens, NY, June, 2002 - In celebrating the Community Literacy Network initiated by Literacy, Inc. (LINC) in Queens, NY, the Queens One Stop Career Center and LINC will host a reception in the Queens One Stop facility on June 24, 2002, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. LINC will announce the receipt of a \$10,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation to continue its work in Community School District 28, Queens. Light refreshments will be provided by Toys "R" Us.

Some 40-50 members of the South Jamaica Literacy Network are expected to attend the reception to celebrate their collaborations around early literacy. Neil Kreinik, Superintendent of Community School District 28, Sheila Evans-Tranum, Associate Commissioner for the NYS Education Department, and Richard Fish, Director, Mayor's Office of Adult Literacy bring greetings to expected principals, teachers, community based organizations and parents.

The Queens One Stop Career Center is working with LINC to create a family literacy framework within the center's comprehensive education and employment support services for adults. LINC is developing local networks around targeted Queens' elementary schools to plan and promote early reading activities. The "One Stop" will provide exciting new opportunities for adults to get involved in their children's learning as they enhance their own workforce skills.

Literacy, Inc. (LINC) is a unique organization that organizes parents and local community groups around elementary schools, in New York City Neighborhoods, to help children learn to enjoy reading. The One Stop is a member of the Community Literacy Network initiated by LINC in South Jamaica. The Queens One Stop is the first facility of its kind in New York City, with similar centers planned for other boroughs.

