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WE HAVE A WINNER! **The DeNeuille Learning Center** **has been chosen to receive the** **2008 Award for Excellence in** **Adult Literacy Service.**

Congratulations to the **DeNeuille Learning Center (DLC)** of Memphis, whose *GED* program was selected to receive the Tennessee Literacy Coalition's **2008 Award for Excellence in Adult Literacy Service**. DeNeuille is a non-profit agency in Memphis with a *GED* program that serves women from diverse backgrounds and cultures who are living in poverty, are unemployed or underemployed, and have not completed high school. Staff and volunteers teach academic and computer skills in very small classroom settings, with one-on-one attention as needed.

The award review panel considered a group of excellent applications from programs that are making a strong impact in Tennessee, but ultimately selected DeNeuille because they were able to show not only excellent student progress in grade level gains and *GED* graduation, but also tracked students in significant numbers into job placement and/or college enrollment beyond DLC program completion.

When she was notified that DeNeuille Learning Center would receive the third annual Award, Director Sr. Lakshmie Napagoda said, "We are so excited about the award. It is nice to know the work we do makes a difference in people's lives." To learn more about DeNeuille Learning Center and the full range of services offered, visit www.deneuillecenter.org.

The Award for Excellence in Adult Literacy Service was established in 2005 to recognize the outstanding work done in Tennessee by service providers that help adults who lack adequate literacy skills. Previous Award winners are Read To Succeed (Murfreesboro) and the Memphis Literacy Council.

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