

Joan Broude

Joan Broude, one of the initial founders, served as co-director with Diane Portnoy until she retired in 1998. She passed away in March 2011.

Joan was a certified teacher and a guidance counselor with experience as a program director, counselor, volunteer trainer and pre-school director. She was an educator for 30 years with 18 years in adult education. Joan worked as a guidance counselor at the PREP Center for Adults in Peabody from 1977 to 1991 providing educational, vocational and personal counseling for 1,100 adults annually seeking Adult Basic Education, G.E.D. preparation or English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services. Each year she recruited, trained, assigned and oversaw 40 Literacy Volunteers. From 1991 to 1992, she was the Literacy Coordinator for Everett, MA. She was a frequent presenter at New England Adult Education Conferences.

Joan received her BA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and an MEd from Salem State College. Prior to her involvement with adult education, she spent eight years as a pre-school teacher and was also the director of that school for four years. As a believer in community service, Joan volunteered at numerous organizations.