Adult Education Transforms Lives

The National Coalition for Literacy is an alliance of the leading national and regional adult education organizations dedicated to advancing adult education.

MISSION AND VISION

NCL's mission is to advance adult education, family literacy, and English language acquisition in the United States by increasing public awareness of the need to increase programs and funding; by promoting effective public policy; and by serving as an authoritative resource on national adult education issues.

We envision a nation in which all adults are able to fulfill their potential and meet their goals through access to high quality adult education and literacy services provided by an integrated and well-developed system.

Our Impact

NCL influences legislation and public policy by

- Working with staff on Congressional committees and in Senators’ and Representatives’ offices
- Hosting Congressional briefings in partnership with the House Adult Literacy Caucus
- Communicating with agencies such as the U. S. Department of Education Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE)
- Providing policy updates and alerts that engage the adult education community in the legislative process

NCL promotes partnerships and raises awareness of adult literacy by

- Conducting the annual National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week advocacy campaign
- Leading workshops and panel presentations at national and regional conferences
- Communicating with advocates through social media and newsletters to promote public policy
- Participating in partnerships focused on issues that affect adult learners

Major Initiatives

- **#AEFL Week**: NCL sponsors National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week in September each year and works with Congress to have the week recognized through House and Senate resolutions. Advocates use this opportunity to elevate adult education and family literacy with policymakers, the media, and the community. Visit national-coalition-literacy.org/adult-education-and-family-literacy-week/ for information and resources.

- **The House Adult Literacy Caucus**: NCL works with House Adult Literacy Caucus members to bring federal-level attention to adult education and family literacy and promote local, national, and global adult literacy initiatives. Caucus members elevate the connections between adult literacy and national priorities such as health, employment, and digital equity. NCL ensures that members are aware of research-based adult education solutions and understand the return on investment in adult education and family literacy.

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