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## **Governor Noem Proclaims Sept. 19-23 Adult Education and Family Literacy Week**

PIERRE, S.D. – **Governor Kristi Noem** has proclaimed Sept.19-23, [Adult Education and Family Literacy Week](#) in South Dakota.

The goal of this week is to increase public awareness of how adult education and family literacy supports jobs and higher wages, benefits the economy and business productivity, and helps our residents reach their full potential to achieve stable employment.

“Through a network of partnerships, we have served more than 2,750 students in adult education programs since July 2021,” said state **Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman**. “This includes 249 students who received their GED® credential and nearly 700 who studied English as a Second Language.”

In South Dakota, more than 15% of adults experience literacy issues and 24% of adults experience numeracy issues.

“Such deficiencies may greatly impact their lives and the lives of their families,” said Secretary Hultman. “Our programs emphasize these skills, along with writing, English language competency, problem-solving, digital literacy, and family literacy. These efforts lead to an educated, well-trained workforce and economic self-sufficiency.”

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Program, under Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, supports these services and activities. [Read success stories](#) to learn how employers and individuals have found workplace success.

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