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## **Governor Noem Proclaims Sept. 15-21 Adult Education and Family Literacy Week**

PIERRE, S.D. – Governor Kristi Noem has officially designated Sept. 15-21, 2024, [Adult Education and Family Literacy Week](#) in South Dakota to spotlight the critical need for and immense value of adult education and family literacy programs.

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is recognized to raise awareness about the importance of providing accessible learning opportunities for adults and families. With an estimated 15% of adults in South Dakota lacking essential literacy skills, this week underscores the need for robust educational programs that foster lifelong learning and personal growth.

“We believe education is a powerful tool for change,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is an opportunity to bring attention to the critical need for educational resources and to celebrate the achievements of those working to improve their lives and communities.”

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.

“Our programs emphasize earning a GED<sup>®</sup>, along with writing, English language competency, problem-solving, digital literacy, and family literacy,” said Hultman. “These efforts lead to an educated workforce and higher quality of life.”

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