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Governor Rhoden Proclaims Sept. 13-19 Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

PIERRE, S.D. – Governor Larry Rhoden has officially designated Sept. 13-19, 2026, as [Adult Education and Family Literacy Week](#) in South Dakota to highlight the critical need for and immense value of adult education and family literacy programs.

“Education truly changes lives,” said **Governor Larry Rhoden**. “Adult Education and Family Literacy Week puts a spotlight on the importance of education. It is an honor to celebrate the strong South Dakotans who are working hard to build brighter futures for their families.”

Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is recognized to emphasize the importance of making learning opportunities more accessible for adults and families. With an estimated 15% of adults in South Dakota lacking essential literacy skills, this week reminds us of the continued need for strong educational programs that promote lifelong learning, skill development, and personal growth.

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Program, under Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, supports these services and activities by funding basic skills courses and helping local providers offer targeted skill-building programs to strengthen employability and self-sufficiency.

[Read success stories](#) to learn how employers and individuals have found workplace success.

“Our programs open doors to opportunity by supporting GED® completion and strengthening skills in writing, English, problem-solving, digital literacy, and family literacy,” said state **Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman**. “Together, these efforts empower individuals, strengthen families, and build a stronger workforce and brighter future for our communities.”

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