

State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, there are 225,550 working-age (18-64) Connecticut adults without a high school credential, and of those, 14,900 are unemployed; and

WHEREAS, there are 210,671 Connecticut adults who do not speak English well or at all; and 103,092 Lawful permanent residents are eligible to naturalize; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2024, 48% of Connecticut job openings will be middle-skill and 32% will be high-skill, and in less than 3 years, nearly 80% of all job openings will require a high school credential; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs contribute to solving these challenges by helping residents move along the continuum in their educational journey to achieve basic skills and provide a significant opportunity to bridge the workforce supply and demand gap; and

WHEREAS, Adult Education programs offer low cost, high value programs with certified teachers that upgrade the skill set of Connecticut residents with the most barriers to employment and literacy; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut celebrates Adult Education and Family Literacy Week as a proud participant in the national Educate & Elevate Campaign which helps our citizens learn about all of their Adult Education options to attain their professional and personal goals; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of September 18th – 24th, 2023, to be

**ADULT EDUCATION
AND
FAMILY LITERACY WEEK**

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR