

City Of Philadelphia
Cherelle L. Parker, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

The City of Philadelphia strongly believes in the importance of education and lifelong learning for our residents in their quality of life as well as their ability to be able to adapt and find success in the workforce. Education is a fundamental right and a cornerstone for personal and community development.

Historical disparities in education funding, however, have deprived generations of Pennsylvanians and some Philadelphians who reside in areas with low property values and incomes of a "thorough and efficient" system of public education. Those generations of once underserved children now make up a significant portion of the estimated 113,000 working aged Philadelphians that have less than a complete high school education, and lack the necessary literacy, numeracy, and digital skills to succeed in today's workforce. An estimated 13% of Philadelphia's 866,793 working aged adults have less than a complete high school education, and lack the necessary literacy, numeracy, and digital skills to succeed in today's workforce.

Adult Education and Family Literacy programs foster intergenerational learning, strengthen family bonds, equip caregivers with the skills needed to support their children's educational success and help break the cycle of low literacy and intergenerational poverty by improving educational opportunities for both parents and children. In Philadelphia, many organizations and institutions are dedicated to offering adult education and family literacy programs that address the diverse needs of our community. These programs contribute to reducing poverty, improving health outcomes, and fostering civic engagement among adult learners and their families. The City of Philadelphia is committed to supporting and promoting adult education and family literacy initiatives that empower individuals and strengthen our community as a whole.


Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of these educational programs and to celebrate the achievements of adult learners, educators, and program supporters.

THEREFORE...

I, Mayor Cherelle L. Parker, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2024 to September 20, 2024 to be

ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK

in Philadelphia, and urge all residents to be aware that investing in adult education and family literacy programs strengthens communities, enhances workforce development, and promotes economic self-sufficiency.



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Mayor

Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Philadelphia on this _____
day of September, two thousand and
twenty-four