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Literacy Coalition Celebrates National Adult Education & Family Literacy Week

El Dorado – Literacy Coalition South Central Arkansas, in partnership with the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE), invites you to join us in celebrating *National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week*, September 19-23, 2022.

To recognize the accomplishments of adult education and family literacy students, Literacy Coalition will be promoting its R.I.S.E. (Read Into Self-Elevation) Program.

Over 30 million Americans over the age of 25 – or one out of every ten U.S. citizens – do not have a high school diploma. The R.I.S.E. Program is working to change that. Through R.I.S.E, we are working to reach a portion of the 25% of adults within our served communities in need of literacy and employment skills.

Research from the Bureau of Labor Statistics [shows](#) that job growth for individuals without a high school diploma or some college experience is about zero or even negative. By 2024, 48 percent of job openings will be middle-skill and 32 percent will be high-skill. This means that in less than 3 years, nearly 80 percent of all job openings will require more than a high school degree. Adults who participate in R.I.S.E. will also have the opportunity to explore career pathways and hone their skills so that they can advance their careers through postsecondary education or training.

To participate in the program, volunteer for the program, or donate to the program, call 833-GO2-READ (833-462-7323), or contact respectively, Krystal at kry@literacycoalitionsca.org; Devin at dev@literacycoalitionsca.org; Janet at jan@literacycoalitionsca.org (El Dorado, Hampton); and Camillia at cam@literacycoalitionsca.org (Camden, Fordyce).

Adult education and family literacy programs serve adults who need to improve their basic literacy and math skills, improve their oral and written English, obtain a high school equivalence degree, and prepare for postsecondary education or training.

Family literacy programs serve parents and their young children, teaching basic skills, English as a Second Language, and parenting skills to adults while their children are provided high quality instruction. These programs are focused on breaking the cycles of low literacy, low education, and poverty. For more information on family literacy at Literacy Coalition contact Shakerah at sha@literacycoalitionsca.org.

For more information about Literacy Coalition South Central Arkansas visit website: www.literacycoalitionsca.org. Literacy Coalition assists adults and families with becoming self-sufficient, employable, and able to move on to higher levels of education.

The Coalition on Adult Basic Education is the premier national professional association of adult educators. Over 79,000 members strong, COABE's mission is to inspire educators so that adults succeed and communities thrive. Website: www.coabe.org.