October 18-23, 2009 is Adult Education and Family Literacy Week! Recently passed by the U.S. House of Representatives (http://clerk.house.gov/floorsummary/floor.html/thisweek.htm), this is a one-time only dedication to raise public awareness of adult education and family literacy, assist adult learners in need of literacy services, and support increased access to adult education and family literacy programs. Use this opportunity to elevate adult education and family literacy nationwide with policymakers, the media, and the community.

The National Coalition for Literacy has created a resource collection in the NCL Advocacy Clearinghouse and Toolkit (www.ncladvocacy.org/aefl.html), to support your efforts to raise awareness and celebrate the week.

Resources include the latest fact sheets, sample press releases, and commemoration ideas for raising awareness for program directors, instructors, and partners.

Join the U.S. House of Representatives and NCL in honoring adult learners nationwide. Show your support for increasing access to adult education and family literacy programs to ensure a literate society.