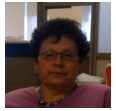


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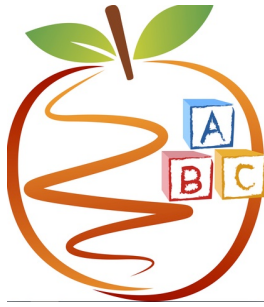
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### **CLOSING CAAL: A Message from Gail Spangenberg**

Our latest CAAL Blog post is a personal message from founder and president Gail Spangenberg about the coming closure of the Council for Advancement of Adult Literacy ([blog.caalusa.org](http://blog.caalusa.org)).





## OCTOBER IS HEALTH LITERACY MONTH

October will be the 15th year of National Health Literacy Month. Adult educators are essential participants in developing health literacy awareness, material, and services, and you may want to plan special activities, possibly in cooperation with researchers and medical clinicians. A wide variety of action ideas and information is available from a range of sources to help guide such efforts, including the [Center for Disease Control](#), the [Health Literacy Month Organization](#), and the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS). Other resources that might be useful are [Building Health Literate Organizations: A Guidebook to Achieving Organizational Change](#) from Unity Point Health and [Teaching Patients with Low Literacy Skills](#) by Leonard and Cecilia Doak (available in PDF from Harvard University). Other reports and articles are [available from HHS](#), including an information-rich article published in 2012: *New Federal Policy Initiatives To Boost Health Literacy Can Help The Nation Move Beyond The Cycle of Costly 'Crisis Care'*. Readers not already subscribed to the [Health Literacy Discussion Listserv](#) operated by the Institute for Healthcare Advancement may also wish to consider signing up to join or follow ongoing discussions of practitioners, researchers, curriculum designers, program planners, and others active in this area of Adult Education.



## OTHER NEWS

▶ The Pell Institute has developed the [Evaluation Toolkit](#) to help Adult Education planners, including community colleges, evaluate their programs. It is designed for outreach programs that want to demonstrate accountability through "small scale, high quality evaluations" that show program effectiveness and can guide improvements. The

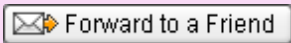
Toolkit has several major strands: Evaluation 101 (The Basics), an Evaluation Guide (which covers developing, collecting, and analyzing data), and Communicating Effectively. Illustrative program examples are also given, along with other helpful resources.



A collaborative effort of the U.S. Departments of Education, Labor, and HHS will hold a [National Dialogue on Career Pathways](#) on September 23rd. The session will be streamed live (via the above link). Federal leaders will speak about the importance of career pathways as a job training strategy, and there will be various other presentations and panel discussions for the benefit of students, workers, program planners, and business. Adult educators at all levels are encouraged to tune in. A main goal is "to increase the number of states that are building comprehensive career pathways systems for youth and adults." A new technical assistance service will be announced during the session. For a meeting agenda, contact [hastings.sara@dol.gov](mailto:hastings.sara@dol.gov).



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