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For more than ten years CAAL has been a catalyst for transforming adult education: steering the two-year blue ribbon National Commission on Adult Literacy and its final report, <u>Reach Higher</u>, <u>America</u>; conducting a major task force study and report on strengthening the links between adult education and community colleges; completing a wide range of other research projects; carrying out extensive federal and state policy development work; publishing more than four dozen groundbreaking reports and other resources; maintaining two websites that are used extensively by the field; sponsoring over a dozen working group and roundtable meetings (on ESL, community college and job transition, workforce readiness, the corporate role, certification and credentialling, and other topics); and creating a climate for widespread reform at all levels.



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## Here's what others are saying about CAAL's value--

- "Who are you going to call? This question is more than a movie and song tag line. When the subject is adult literacy, the answer for me is always 'Call CAAL.' It's very important to sustain CAAL's momentum." Mark Musick, Chairman Emeritus, Southern Regional Education Board, Chair, Georgia Work Ready (WIB)
- "I want to see a U.S. economy where not a single employer can say that work was moved offshore because there were no qualified American workers....CAAL's leadership is irreplaceable." Morton Bahr, President Emeritus, CWA
- "The world of adult education is complex, diverse, and often beset by narrow and conflicting agendas. That CAAL could cause the Commission to be formed and then steer 25 plus leadership organizations into supporting a bold report <u>(Reach Higher, America</u>) is a testament to its effectiveness. Even more impressive (and unlike most other commission reports), CAAL keeps the report <u>alive</u> by continuing to educate and advocate for its realistic recommendations." Sam Halperin, Founder & President, American Youth Policy Forum
- "As president of a large urban community college, it is critical that I understand both the

practical and policy issues in adult literacy....It is this kind of information from CAAL that I hear from nowhere else, and it inspires me to action and advocacy." Gail Mellow, President, LaGuardia Community College

 "My colleagues and I in California rely heavily on CAAL's in-depth analyses of systemic issues underlying the often formidable barriers that impede the process of educating adults. CAAL is unique in the way it brings educators, captains of business and industry, and policymakers to the same table to focus on issues of common interest. The resulting insights and recommendations have unassailable validity and can be applied nationwide across the broadest spectrum of program models." Ed Morris, Executive Director, Division of Adult and Career Education, Los Angeles Unified School District.

Impartial and freestanding, CAAL is in a unique position to bring all parties to the table, pave the way for reform in adult education, and make the Commission's recommendations a reality. With a small staff, we manage to make a big difference. Like all nonprofits, we depend solely on grants and individual donations.

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