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Subject: **National Coalition for Literacy (NCL): New England Regional Symposium on Charting New England's Workforce**

Purpose: The purpose of this issuance is to inform MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Centers, and partner agencies about the upcoming NCL New England Regional Symposium, [NCL New England Regional Symposium - National Coalition for Literacy](#) hosted by the NCL in partnership with the Maine Adult Education

Association. This event will convene adult education, workforce development, career and technical education, and employer partners to explore strategies for building New England's future workforce through adult education and aligned regional collaboration.

Background: The NCL New England Regional Symposium will take place on October 14, 2026, at the Sebasco Harbor Resort in Phippsburg, Maine. The symposium theme, *"Charting the Course Together: Building New England's Future Workforce Through Adult Education,"* reflects a regional commitment to strengthening adult education pathways, workforce readiness, and employer engagement.

The event will bring together stakeholders from across New England to discuss innovative adult education models, workforce system alignment, and regional collaboration opportunities that support economic mobility and talent development. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in sessions focused on policy, practice, and partnership development.

Action

Required: MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Centers, and partner organizations are encouraged to:

- Review event details and determine relevant staff who may benefit from attending.
- Share the symposium information with local partners, adult education providers, and regional collaborators.
- Consider participation to strengthen cross-state learning and support alignment with statewide workforce priorities.
- Register [NCL New England Regional Symposium - National Coalition for Literacy](#) if this seems right for you and/or your team.