ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY WEEK
SEPT. 26 — OCT. 2, 2016

Economic and demographic changes are dramatically increasing the need for adult education, literacy, and English as a Second Language programs. Millions of Illinois residents lack the literacy skills that they need to obtain good jobs and to function well in an increasingly complex society.

There is a direct correlation between higher literacy levels and higher income, numbers of weeks worked, children's success in school, and individual and family health. Large numbers of immigrants have come to this country seeking education, work, and a higher quality of life, yet many of these immigrants do not have the English literacy or other skills to enable them to meet social, educational, and work demands.

To address the scope and diversity of need for adult education and literacy skills by both individuals and employers requires a strategy involving a variety of providers. Community colleges, public schools, community-based organizations and others are each uniquely suited to provide the education and services needed by various groups of adult learners.

WCC SUCCESS STORY

More than 16 years ago, **David Kabanda** (pictured above) came to the United States from the west African Republic of the Congo to follow his dream of both obtaining a better life for himself and using his experiences in the U.S. to improve the lives of those back in his home country.

Having first lived in Florida and California, David settled in Oswego, Illinois and enrolled in the GED Enhanced program at Waubonsee Community College in Aurora, Illinois in October of 2013. He earned his GED just two months later and began college classes. He eventually plans to build a career in Computer Science or Information Technology - a career he believes he can use to help create opportunities that will make life easier for the citizens of the Congo.

Currently, David is a Financial Representative with Northwestern Mutual. He is working on his securities investment certification, with the goal of continuing his college education while helping others make sound financial plans.

CALL TO ACTION!

- Call on your elected representative to support adult education.
- Support your local adult education program.
- Urge employers to invest in adult education.

CHICAGO ADULT EDUCATION RALLY

Come Support Adult Education, Friday, September 30th at the Thompson Center, 11 A.M.— 1 P.M. !

Adult Education & Family Literacy Week Proclamation

For more information on registering for Adult Education classes in your area, visit our Program Locator.

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