



# National Coalition For Literacy

Dear Colleagues,

The adult education and literacy field has been heard through a survey about National Institute for Literacy (NIFL) services, conducted by the National Coalition for Literacy. In the largest response to any survey conducted by the Coalition, nearly 800 tutors, teachers, program and project managers, adult learner leaders, professional development professionals, state staff, librarians, and others, weighed in on what they value as the most critical services the Institute provides to the adult education community. An interim report was posted on the NCL web site on May 29, and the final report can now be accessed by visiting:

[http://www.national-coalition-literacy.org/NCL\\_NIFLReport061209.pdf](http://www.national-coalition-literacy.org/NCL_NIFLReport061209.pdf)

This report details the services as ranked by the field overall and within major service categories. A narrative follows which includes a summary of comments for each service, followed by Appendices that provide A) the numerical and percentage response data and B) all respondent recommendations and comments.

In response to these findings, the Coalition is developing a set of policy recommendations for services, structures, and governance for a national institute or center to meet the research, professional development, and technical assistance needs of the field.

With the possibility that NIFL will cease operations in 2010, we will remain active in working for continued services that are reflected in the survey results. We encourage you to also work on behalf of these priorities and to respond to calls for support as alerts are initiated from the Coalition and its members.

The National Coalition for Literacy strives to advocate for a strong adult education and literacy field through the united efforts of its members. Please visit our web site (<http://www.national-coalition-literacy.org/>) for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherrie Claiborne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Dear COABE Members,