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Cascadia Taking Part in Adult Literacy Week

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Cascadia Community College is joining with Hopelink and other community colleges in East King County to promote Adult Literacy Week, October 19-25. Throughout the week and continuing into November, staff from Cascadia, Hopelink, Bellevue Community College, and Lake Washington and Renton Technical Colleges will be making presentations to local businesses and organizations to raise awareness around this important issue.

This year's theme—Better Skills. Better Jobs. Better Lives.—communicates the crucial connections between education, employment, and improved economic conditions for individuals, families, and communities. In Washington, one out of every six adults lacks the skills needed to obtain a better paying job. According to state data, adults with high school diplomas or GED's earn 24 percent more over their lifetimes than those without.

"The programs and services we provide at Cascadia assist adults in gaining the skills and knowledge they need to be better informed employees and family members, and more effective community members. When one person learns, everyone benefits," said Gail Miulli, Dean for Student Learning.

Cascadia offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, courses for completing a GED, and adult basic skills classes in reading, writing, and math, as well as workforce training and a unique program that leads to a certificate in Office Skills and combines education in college-level computer applications with basic business communication skills.

For more information about adult literacy programs and services or to schedule a presentation on this important topic for your business or organization, contact Adrienne Lugg at (425) 352-8573 or alugg@cascadia.edu.