FOR ADULT LEARNERS

WHY YOUR **STORY MATTERS**

Your story is powerful. By sharing your journey as an adult learner, you're not only honoring your own resilience, you're helping others see what's possible. Importantly, stories can bring voice to the data that policy makers and other leaders use to inform decisions about resource allocation for adult learner programs. When you share your lived experience, you:



Inspire others who may be waiting for the right moment to take their own next step in education.



Celebrate you by honoring your hard work, sacrifices, and victories in a way that recognizes the full depth of your journey.



Shift perceptions by showing that adult learners are resourceful, determined, and full of potential.



Shape change by helping educators, policymakers, employers, and other leaders understand the real barriers and opportunities that matter most.



Leave a legacy for your family and community by showing that persistence, courage, and growth are part of who you are.



Your voice matters. Your story matters. And by telling it, you may be the spark someone else needs to begin.