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### **Welcome to Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (NEKLS)!**

NEKLS's humble beginnings started with Eva Warner in the mid 1960's as an Office of Economic Opportunity adult literacy program. By 1968, NEKLS had become the regional adult basic education program and in 1990, NEKLS incorporated as a Vermont non-profit corporation. As a nonprofit, NEKLS is governed by a Board of Directors with membership comprised of residents from Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties, with persons representing various professions and businesses, former students and elected officials.

In 2016, the NEKLS Board of Directors and staff collaborated to refine the mission and vision that represents the NEKLS of today. We are proud to share that it is the mission of NEKLS to *inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond* and it is NEKLS's vision for a *community of lifelong learners, reaching their full potential*. NEKLS strives to meet this mission and vision by adhering to our values: *we nurture team, family and community relationships, we cultivate and celebrate growth and learning, we engage in genuine and transparent communication, we embrace and drive change, we model humility and kindness, we creatively do more with less, and impossible is our favorite kind of possible!* NEKLS's motto is "*Learning Happens Everywhere*". Consistent, convenient access for students and families has always been the goal of NEKLS. While adult education remains our core program in the decades following incorporation NEKLS broadened its services to include a mobile lab, K-12 tutorial program, early intervention and family support services and programs that address tobacco and substance abuse.

NEKLS is still a relatively small nonprofit but we remain a people centered organization that believes our success should be defined only in terms of the success of the people and communities we serve. NEKLS will always remain close to its communities, sensitive to their needs and ready to help.

*Our mission is to inspire and empower learners, birth and beyond.*

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