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- A unifying vision for literacy from birth to adulthood.
- A call to action for state, school, and community partners to prepare all learners effectively for success in the 21st century.
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- A collection of resources to support comprehensive literacy plan development and implementation.

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3 Things you can do today...

1. VISIT the Literacy for ME website to learn more: www.maine.gov/doe/literacy-for-me
2. SHARE the Literacy for ME plan with family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors.
3. CONTACT the Maine Department of Education for additional information.
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