



# “Creating Pathways for Adult Learners”

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# For Today:

- Overview of Adult Education
  - Programs
  - Services
  - Funding
- Key Data and Statistics
- New Direction and Vision
  - “Strategic Plan for Adult Education”

# What is Adult Education?

- 16 years and older, not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school, and to provide instructional and support services that are designed to:
  - Assist adults to become literate,
  - Assist adults in completion of their secondary school education, and
  - Assist adults in learning the English Language.

# Adult Education Programs

- 90 programs throughout the state
  - CBO's
  - Community Colleges
  - School Districts/Regional Offices of Education
  - IDOC

# Services Offered

- **Adult Basic Education (ABE)**
  - Functioning below a 9.0 GLE
- **Adult Secondary Education (ASE)**
  - Functioning above 9.0 GLE
- **English as a Second Language(ESL)**  
(Six levels)

# Other Services

- Vocational Training
- High School Credit
- Bridge Programs
- Integrated Models
- Workplace Literacy
- Volunteer Literacy
- Family Literacy
- Spanish GED
- Career Awareness

# Adult Education Funding

- **Federal Funding - \$ 18 million**
  - Federal Basic
  - Federal EL/Civics
- **State Funding – \$32 million**
  - State Basic
  - State Public Assistance
  - State Performance

# Adult Education Funding

- Approximately \$50 million in funding distributed to programs
- Results in about \$470 per student
  - FY2011 figures



# Numbers Served in Adult Education

In FY2011 – Served Approximately 106,000 students with approximately

- English as a Second Language -55%
- Adult Basic Education - 23%
- Adult Secondary Education - 17%

# Adult Education Statistics

- Almost 1.8 million Illinois residents have less than 12 grades of formal education
- More than 2.61 million Illinois residents speak a language other than English
- 639,000 immigrants currently reside in Illinois.
- Some Adult Education programs have wait lists
- Some are entering programs to advance in jobs, enter postsecondary and the workforce

# Federal and National Focus

- Accountability
- Research Based Practices
- Continuous Improvement
- Transitions to Post-secondary
- Career Awareness
- Changes to the GED® Tests
  - New Test in January 2014
  - More rigorous content aligned with Common Core and College Readiness Standards
  - Cost increase to approximately \$120.00

# National and State Focus

- Need to better prepare student for employment.
- Need to provide instructional offerings that meet with industry needs.
- Need to better prepare students to enter postsecondary education.

# Illinois Statistics

- 22% of those in Adult Education with a goal of postsecondary education and training actually transition.
- 62% of adults without a high school diploma currently participate in the workforce
- Of Illinois' 8 million adults in Illinois over the age of 18, 44% have not completed any college coursework.

# For Adult Education – What does it all mean?

- Modify, Expand, and Create a better delivery of instruction to Adult Education students
  - Strategic Plan for Adult Education
  - Alignment with Common Core and College Readiness Standards
  - Examine the use of Career Pathway Programs
    - I-BEST Models through Accelerating Opportunities
    - Bridge Programs (Expansion of Bridge Programs)
  - Partnerships

# Strategic Plan Guiding Principles and Recommendations

- **Eight Guiding Principles:**

- Responsiveness
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Alignment
- Contextualization
- Accountability
- Evidence-based Teaching and Learning
- Professional Development

- **Six Recommendations:**

- Assessment, Curriculum, and Instruction
- High Quality Teaching and Professional Development
- Support and Follow-Up Services
- Partnerships
- Research, Data, and Accountability
- Program Design



# Adult Education Strategic Plan

Approved by the Illinois Community College Board in November 2009

Full implementation July 1, 2010 (FY2011)

[http://www.iccb.org/pdf/adulted/Adult\\_Education\\_Strategic\\_Plan\\_11-12-09\\_Final.pdf](http://www.iccb.org/pdf/adulted/Adult_Education_Strategic_Plan_11-12-09_Final.pdf)





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