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An Investment in America's Future

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A collaboration of the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) and the National Council of State Directors of Adult Education (NCSDAE)

we are

the adult education system of nearly 55,000 leaders, administrators, and educators preparing adults to succeed in a global culture and economy by delivering a world-class education.

we champion

increased access and investment in adult education, leading to higher quality instruction and greater student outcomes. We employ innovative and effective strategies to reach more adults who struggle with literacy, numeracy, and problem solving.

we lead

a results-driven adult education system that provides:

- Academic instruction aligned to college- and career-readiness standards
- Preparation and coaching for next steps (i.e., college and career) for:
 - *Individuals without a high school diploma*
 - *Individuals with a high school diploma with emergent needs*
 - *English language learners (ELL) (literacy and civics)*
 - *Individuals participating in integrated education and training*
 - *Individuals in corrections facilities*

we equip

adult educators with:

- High-quality professional development
- Innovative instructional strategies
- Research-based models
- Leadership development

the challenge ...

Low-skilled adults are:

2X more likely to be unemployed

3X as likely to be in poverty

4X as likely to be in poor health

8X as likely to be incarcerated

36 million adults in the U.S. have limited English or reading skills and more than 60 million can't perform simple math.

65% of all jobs in 2020 will require some level of postsecondary education.

Low education and skill levels of adults are a fundamental barrier to every major challenge facing the United States, including early childhood education, education reform, economic development, and improving the health and well-being of the nation's families and communities.

the results ...

1.5M students are enrolled in adult education programs

20% decrease! in # of adults without high school diploma or equivalent – from 2000 to 2015

A person with a high school diploma or equivalent earns an average of \$9,620 more per year than a non-graduate.