PURPOSE: Adult education programs in Colorado assist adults in building skills and earning credentials that lead to postsecondary education, sustainable employment and economic self-sufficiency.

EMPLOYER SKILL NEEDS: By 2020, 65% of all jobs in the United States will require some form of postsecondary education. It is projected by the American Action Forum that, by 2020, the United States will be short an estimated 7.5 million private sector workers across all skill levels.

OUR ADULT EDUCATION POPULATION

321,055 126,439

Number of working-age adults (18-64) in the state without a high school credential

Number of adults in the state who don’t speak English well or at all

OUR ENROLLMENT: 8,460

ELA

4,806

3,108 Adult Basic Education

546 Adult Secondary Education

Adult student populations, as defined by the National Reporting System (NRS):

- Adult Basic Education (ABE): Grade Levels 0-8.9
- Adult Secondary Education (ASE): Grade Levels 9-12

English Language Acquisition (ELA)

ELA students are those for whom English is not their native language.

Number of enrolled students served in correctional educational programs: 477

Number of enrolled students exhausting TANF within two years: 84

OUR PERFORMANCE

High School Credentials awarded to those enrolled in our program: 401

Postsecondary Credentials awarded to those enrolled in our program: 14

Individuals improving one or more skill levels: 2,349

Challenges Facing Our Population

20,370

Working-Age Adults (18-64) Without High School Diploma and Unemployed

112,882

Working-Age Adults Without High School Diploma and Not in Labor Force

6,982

Working-Age Adults Without High School Diploma on Public Assistance

5,255

Youth (16-24) Without High School Diploma, Not Enrolled in School and Unemployed

11%

Percentage of Children Living in Household Headed by Adult Without High School Diploma

OUR FUNDING

$7,089,369 FEDERAL

$3,651,778 NON-FEDERAL

Sources: American Community Survey, 2013-17, 5-year estimate; National Reporting System; Recovery by Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce; Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center