Illinois Reporting Period: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Purpose: Adult education programs in Illinois 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: 841,017
- Number of working-age adults (18-64) in the state without a high school credential: 393,796

Our Enrollment: 61,402
- Adult Basic Education: 37,241
- Adult Secondary Education: 5,462
- ELA: 18,699

Our Performance:
- High School Credentials awarded to those enrolled in our program: 373
- Postsecondary Credentials awarded to those enrolled in our program: 32
- Individuals improving one or more skill levels: 26,182

Challenges Facing Our Population:
- Working-Age Adults (18-64) Without High School Diploma and Unemployed: 72,235
- Working-Age Adults Without High School Diploma and Not in Labor Force: 338,784
- Working-Age Adults Without High School Diploma on Public Assistance: 25,210
- Youth (16-24) Without High School Diploma, Not Enrolled in School and Unemployed: 15,092
- Percentage of Children Living in Household Headed by Adult Without High School Diploma: 11%

Our Funding:
- Federal: $20,583,361
- Non-Federal: $16,227,265

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