

ADULT EDUCATION IS AN ECONOMIC CATALYST TO FILL JOBS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR TODAY

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

43
million

working age Americans lack the skills needed for many of the nation's fastest growing and highest paying jobs.ⁱ

7
million

job openings in American could be left unfilled due to a lack of skilled workers.^v

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

72%

of adults with a stated goal of receiving a high school diploma or equivalent achieved their goal through participation in a federally-funded Adult Education program in 2017ⁱⁱ

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

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