Purpose: The purpose of the California Adult Education Program is to address literacy needs by providing adults with the basic skills and knowledge necessary to become U.S. citizens, exercise their civic responsibilities, and participate in a democratic society.

Employer Skill Needs: Half of all jobs in California are middle-skill occupations that require more than a high school diploma, but not a four-year degree. However, only 40% of California workers have been educated to middle-skill level, and the number of workers prepared for middle-skill jobs has been dropping at a rate of 1% per year since 2006, a trend expected to continue through 2020.

Our learners have the most barriers to employment and literacy, yet we receive limited funding compared to the $10,000 per pupil received by elementary education.