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

We are
the adult education system of nearly 65,000 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

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.1

7 million job openings in American could be left unfilled due to a lack of skilled workers.2

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.

74% of adults in our programs are people of color.

73% of adults who participated in federally funded high school equivalency programs and who took all of the HSE subtests attained a HSE or another indicator of high school completion.3

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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