



SUCCESS STORIES

Adult education meets current challenges, stimulates the economy, connects talent to employers, and is an integral part of the workforce system. Additionally, it unifies all four WIOA titles and provides wraparound services to the most marginalized populations.



Charlene Lull

Charlene, a recently divorced mother of three, enrolled in the federally funded Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program which provides funding for basic needs, including gas to attend adult education classes. At NWACC Adult Education she received the

support she needed to obtain her HSE and earn her Tech Certificate in Criminal Justice in May of 2022. After being connected with the Career Pathways program, Charlene discovered her love for the legal system and will attend law school in the fall.



Maria Guerrero

Maria entered the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) program which provides immigrant and refugee adults with instruction in English language acquisition, civics, workforce preparation, and training. Maria wanted to learn English, improve

her communication skills, and expand her job opportunities in this country. She obtained her HSE, and then pursued degree at the university level while working as a student coordinator at Hope Works. Maria said, "This program gave me a second chance to build a career in this country." Her next goal is to obtain her real estate license and provide for her family.

ADULT LEARNER POPULATION

Displaced Homemakers Re-entering the Workforce / Homeless / English Language Learners / Ex-Offenders / Runaway Youth / Individuals Exhausting TANF / Long-Term Unemployed / Low-Income / Migrant and Seasonal Farm workers / Individuals with Disabilities / Single Parents / Youth in Foster Care

NATIONAL TOTAL IET PROGRAMS (4 YEAR DATA)

207,061 National total of IET participants

155,791 Achieved an industry recognized credential

“Integrated Education Training (IET)

is a service approach that provides adult education and literacy activities concurrently and contextually with workforce preparation activities and workforce training for a specific occupation or occupational cluster for the purpose of educational and career advancement”

(Final WIOA regulations at 34 CFR §463.35).

ADULT EDUCATION PROVIDES SOLUTIONS

75.1 million are low-skilled in numeracy

51.4 million are low-skilled in literacy

43 million lack the basic skills to compete in the workforce

30 million lack a high school diploma; yet all colleges and 63% of all U.S. jobs require at least a HS diploma

28 million lack the basic digital skills to operate a computer

https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/perspectives/PE300/PE342/RAND_PE342.pdf

UNDERFUNDED

Adult education receives **\$580** on average per adult learner of federal funding compared to **\$10,000** per pupil for elementary education.