

## **ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

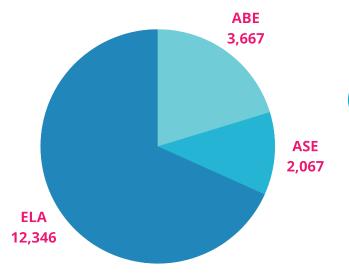
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**Purpose:** WIOA Title II federally funded adult education programs provide quality-driven literacy, numeracy, digital literacy, and workforce readiness skills to learners that lead to post secondary education, a family sustaining wage, and economic self-sufficiency.

**Employer Skill Needs:** By 2024, 48 percent of job openings will be middle-skill and 32 percent will be high-skill. In less than three years, nearly 80 percent of all job openings will require more than a high school degree<sup>1</sup>. Adult education provides a significant opportunity to bridge the workforce supply-and-demand gap.





## **Adult Student Populations:\***

Adult Basic Education (ABE): Grade Levels **0-8.9**Adult Secondary Education (ASE): Grade Levels **9-12**English Language Acquisition (ELA): Students for whom English is not their native language.

Correctional Education Programs: # of students 927

\*as defined by the National Reporting System (NRS)

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

\$590 Federal funds per adult learner.

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.

\$10,239,266

In total annual federal funding.

18,080

Total adult education enrollment.

## **OUR PERFORMANCE**

774 High School Credentials (NRS)

3,499

**High School Credentials** (Testers)

8,494

Individuals improving one or more skill levels (Measurable Skills Gains)

**441**,666 Number of adults in the state who do not speak English well or at all

**365,347** Number of working-age adults (18-64) in the state without a high school credential

23,593 Working-age adults

(18-64) without a high school diploma and are unemployed

