

Adult Education at a Glance

FISCAL YEAR
2004-2005

Division of Community Colleges & Workforce Education

Adult Education Programs and Services

Demand or Need

According to the 2000 U.S. Census:

- Florida has a population of 15,982,000 and is ranked fourth most populous in the nation.
- From 1995 to 2000 Florida experienced a net increase of 1.1 million people, the second largest net gain in the nation.
- 80% of this growth was attributed to migration and immigration.
- 734,000 adults in Florida have an educational level less than 9th grade.
- 1,480,726 adults in Florida have an educational level of 9th grade or higher but less than a high school diploma.

The State Adult Literacy Survey (SALS), conducted by the Educational Testing Services (ETS) in August 1994, concluded that of the five levels of literacy:

- 21-23% of the respondents from Florida demonstrated skills in the lowest level (Level 1) of prose, document, and quantitative proficiencies; and
- 27-31% performed skills in the next highest level (Level 2).

Purpose of Adult Education

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, created a partnership among the federal government, state, and localities to provide, on a voluntary basis, adult education and literacy services, in order to:

- (1) assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency;
- (2) assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children; and
- (3) assist adults in the completion of a secondary education.

Eligible Providers

Community-Based Organizations
Community Colleges
Consortiums of agencies and organizations described as Eligible Providers
Department of Corrections
Department of Juvenile Justice
Institutions of Higher Education
Libraries
Local Educational Agencies
Public/Private Nonprofit Agencies
School Districts
Volunteer Literacy Organizations

Supporting Partners

Adult Education Practitioners' Task Forces
Regional Adult Professional Development Councils
Regional Workforce Boards
State and Regional Adult Literacy Centers

STATE INITIATIVES

Academics

Educational skills such as literature, writing, mathematics, sciences, and reasoning that serve as the basis for further education.

Assessment

Measurements which demonstrate a student's initial academic level placement, or one's academic progression.

Basic Academic Skills

The core academic skills of reading, writing, and mathematics required to function in a literate society.

Career Development

Guidance in the development and identification of careers through career awareness, exploration, job preparation, and work exposure activities.

GED

Courses in writing, reading, social studies, science, and mathematics for students who have not graduated from high school, and who want to receive a State of Florida High School Diploma.

High School Completion

Instruction and courses through which a student may receive credits leading toward an adult high school diploma.



Life Skills

The core skills including reading, writing, mathematics, speaking, listening, and problem-solving that enable students to successfully contribute toward home, family, workforce, and the community.

Reading

Instruction that includes phonemic awareness, systematic phonics, fluency, and reading comprehension which prepares students to function in a literate society.

Research-Based Studies

Include rigorous, systematic, and objective methodology to obtain reliable and valid knowledge relevant to education activities and programs.

Staff Development

Training in critical program areas to improve the quality of instruction for adult education and literacy providers.

Technology (E-Learning)

Use of technology, distance learning and technology-based applications, products, and services to increase one's knowledge and/or technical skills for the classroom and workplace.

Workplace Skills

Basic skills needed to perform entry-level occupations, or skills to adapt to technological advances in the workplace.

Writing

Instructional techniques and activities which foster writing skills through real world contexts, activities, and applications.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Adult Basic Education (ABE) provides reading, language, and mathematics instructional courses at the 0-8.9 educational grade levels.

Adult Secondary Education (ASE) includes credit courses required for regular high school completion.

Adult Vocational English for Speakers of Other Languages (VESOL) provides principles of English language acquisition that help to develop skills that are useful in the workplace.

Adults With Disabilities provides instructional courses and activities for the special needs adult who cannot be mainstreamed into traditional classes, and who may or may not have workforce intent.

Citizenship provides instruction to help immigrants become citizens.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) provides English instruction for adults with limited English proficiency. Skills are integrated into reading, writing, speaking, and listening formats and include workplace, life, and academic applications.

English Literacy and Civics Education (EL Civics) includes integrated programs or services that incorporate English literacy and civics education.

Family Literacy provides programs, activities, and services designed to assist parents in their children's educational development.

General Educational Development (GED) Preparation provides courses in the five subject areas of the official test that include reading, mathematics, language arts, writing, science, and social studies.

General Educational Development (GED) Testing Service provides accurate and timely scoring services to GED candidates across the state of Florida while ensuring that all GED Test Centers operate in accordance with the policies of the GED Testing Service and American Council on Education.

General Educational-Promotion includes adult high school credit courses required for graduation in which adult students and co-enrolled students (K-12) may enroll.

Senior Adult Learners provides instruction for adults 55 years and older that relate to the elder adult including the aging process, health care, workforce education, social services, and other related topics.

Vocational Preparatory Instruction (VPI) provides instructional courses to help students achieve the minimum basic skills requirements that are established as exit criteria for vocational certificate programs.

Workforce Readiness provides instruction to improve the employability of adult education students.

ENROLLMENTS

USDOE National Reporting System (NRS) Annual Performance Report – FY 2004-2005

Total 348,116

STATE EXPENDITURES

School Districts \$251,509,705
Community Colleges \$73,133,051

Total \$324,642,756

FEDERAL ALLOCATIONS

Adult Education Basic Grant \$28,088,633
English Literacy and Civics Education \$6,463,839

Total \$34,552,472

PROFILE OF ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS

School Districts 53
Community Colleges 17
Community-based Organization 34
Universities 2

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<http://www.fldoe.org/cc>

Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education (Workforce home page)
<http://www.firn.edu/doe/workforce>

State Adult Literacy Resource Center
<http://www.floridaliteracy.org>

Adult and Community Educators (ACE) of Florida, Inc.
<http://www.aceofflorida.org>

Florida TechNet
<http://www.floridatechnet.org>

National

National Institute for Literacy (NIFL)
<http://www.nifl.org>

National Center for Family Literacy
<http://www.famlit.org>

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