

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title II Adult Education Update

Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) Job Seeker Services Meeting

September 23, 2020

Assessment:

- Some ABE programs across the state will be trying to implement online TABE and CASAS assessments this year. This is not a requirement and is optional for programs.
- The National Reporting System (NRS) has [extended the approval of assessments](#) beyond three years.
- Federal request for comments on the system that ABE uses for reporting. [Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; Measures and Methods for the National Reporting System for Adult Education](#). The state ABE office did bring up concerns about the length of the assessments and how it has impacted collaborations with partners in supporting assessment of clients.

Infrastructure Agreements:

Please include the Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB) Adult Basic Education representative in creating these agreements.

Minnesota Career Information System (MCIS):

Some CareerForce Centers use MCIS. Adult Basic Education worked with the staff at MCIS to create a version that is written at the 5th grade level. The checklists were customized and are focused on specific areas (Self-Discovery, Career Exploration, Education Options, Prepare for Employment), topics in the information files are written in a question and answer format and the answers are in short, bullet pointed statements. Changes that were made include less dense text and using basic language.

Training Dates for MCIS Adult Basic Education Version

- Wednesday, October 28 – MCIS Adult Basic Education: Setup and Navigation, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCGYJHH>
- Friday, October 30 – MCIS Adult Basic Education: Setup and Navigation, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJ2YB2G>

Distance Learning Support

Minnesota ABE does have a distance learning team and a [website with resources](#) to support the ABE field. There might be some information that CareerForce counselors find helpful so please share this with them.

Adult Career Pathway Curriculum and Tools

Here is the link for [Adult Career Pathway](#) resources. These include the federal Adult Career Pathway definition, the federal checklist, and close to 200 Adult Career Pathway course curricula.

High School Equivalency Exams

The request for proposals has been posted and will close in October. We will know after that what HSE exams have been approved to be used in Minnesota.