

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

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

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Assessment:

- Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment
- Online remote assessments (Initial feedback is that it is cost prohibitive)
- This fiscal year there is a pilot for online assessment for programs that are interested. This is for in-person assessment.
- TABE is being considered as a college placement instrument at the federal level

Referrals:

- Trying to strengthen referrals to the CareerForce Centers.

High School Equivalency Exams:

- The competition for one or many high school equivalency (HSE) exams is tentatively scheduled for completion by June 30, 2021. The current provider is GED Testing Service©.

Adult Basic Education Providers:

- The federal competitive application will be in 2022. All current ABE Consortia will need to submit an application for federal ABE funds. This is also an opportunity for new providers to apply.

Career Focused Online Statewide Classes:

- ABE is working on delivering Adult Career Pathway courses online so that ABE learners across the state can access the training opportunities instead of being geographically based. Currently there are classes on CNA, Medical Terminology, manufacturing, building maintenance, ParaPro Plus certification, office support, TEAS prep, Health Care Core Curriculum available to learners.