

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

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

March 24, 2021

WIOA Local and Regional Plans:

- ABE is a core WIOA partner, please include the ABE partners in the development of the plan
- ABE can assist in answering several questions but specifically the following questions:

13C. Describe how the local area board will facilitate the development of career pathways, co-enrollments (as appropriate) and activities that lead to industry recognized post-secondary credentials that are portable and stackable.

16C. Describe how the local area board will facilitate access to services provided through the one-stop delivery system, including in remote areas, through the use of technology and other means.

22. Describe how the local area board will coordinate workforce investment activities carried out under this title in the local workforce development area with the provision of adult education and literacy activities under title II, including a description of how the local area board will carry out, consistent with subparagraphs (A) and (B)(i) of section 107(d)(11) and section 232, the review of local applications submitted under title II.

33. State the Local Board's vision for utilizing the area's workforce development system to address employment disparities based on race/ethnicity, age, or educational attainment in your area. Please also include the following in this statement: strategies to address disparities; strategies to address diversity and inclusion among your workforce system's staff; strategies to ensure inclusion in the operation and service of the workforce system in your area.

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 Federal Competitive Grant:

- The federal competitive grant 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.

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Federal Competitive Grant:

- The IELCE competitive grant application will be opened in 2022. This grant can serve professionals with degrees from other countries who need to learn the English language.
- The following ABE programs have been awarded IELCE grants in the 2019 grant competition. These grants will begin in the 2019-2020 program year and will be renewable for two additional years (program years 20-21 and 21-22).

- Adult Options in Education, Hopkins
- Great Rivers Adult Education, South Washington County
- Hmong Cultural Center
- International Institute
- Mankato Adult Education
- Metro North ABE, Anoka-Hennepin
- Metro South ABE, Bloomington
- Minneapolis ABE
- Minnesota Literacy Council
- Neighborhood House
- Saint Paul ABE
- Southeast ABE, Owatonna

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. Please see the attachment for a list of upcoming classes. The person identified as the “contact” on the spreadsheet can provide more information about the class and if it would be a good fit for a client. Remember, if the client is eligible for ABE services there isn’t any cost to the client for the class instruction.