



Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) Job Seeker Services Meeting
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title II: Adult Basic Education (ABE) Update
June 16, 2021

Adult Basic Education receives \$10 million additional funding:

- This investment will strengthen Adult Basic Education (ABE) programming statewide to ensure access to, enhance the quality of, and increase the ABE programming available. This will fund expanded ABE programming beginning this summer and any remaining funds can be used in fiscal year 2022 in order to build and help sustain enhanced programming year-round.
- Possible uses:
 - Increase ABE programming statewide, including English language learning, standard adult high school diploma, high school equivalency preparation, adult career pathway programming, etc.
 - Help purchase devices and internet access hotspots for adult learners.
 - Provide more high school equivalency testing.
 - Launch additional or more robust programming that is currently too expensive (i.e., adult career pathway programming).
 - Collaborate with workforce development partners, postsecondary institutions and employers to expand career services, navigation services, and integrated education and training programming to help adults, including English learners, reenter the workforce.
- If you have ideas on how to collaborate to serve clients please reach out to the ABE managers in your region. If you do not know who those individuals are contact me and I can provide you with the information. Julie.Dincau@state.mn.us

High School Equivalency (HSE):

- An announcement will be made in July regarding the selection of High School Equivalency exams.