

Adult Education (WIOA Title II) Update

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Grant

- \$1,107,282 will be going out in grants starting July 1, 2022
- Grantees should be announced by the end of May
- All grant applications must be reviewed by Local Workforce Development Boards. Thank you to the board directors for facilitating this review.

Federal Adult Education Grants

- Authorizes grantees to receive annual funding
- Grantees should be announced by the end of June
- All grant applications must be reviewed by Local Workforce Development Boards.

Ability-to-Benefit (AtB): State Process submitted by Minnesota State

- Minnesota State has submitted a statewide plan for approval to offer ability-to-benefit to students
- Ability to benefit is a term used in postsecondary education to refer to students who have sufficient competency to benefit from postsecondary education but do not have a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency (HSE) certificate. This allows someone who needs financial aid to access financial aid without a diploma or HSE. There are three ways someone can qualify for AtB. One way is to create a state plan and submit it for approval.
- The goal is to have learners complete a postsecondary program while also obtaining a high school equivalency diploma.
- We hope to pilot this with some campuses this fall.

Afghan Evacuee Community Roundtable

- Transportation is an issue for evacuees.
- Family sizes of 6-12 still need bigger housing units, so do need some leads in the metro area for units to accommodate larger families. Reach out to DHS and Seble.rumicho@state.mn.us for housing leads of 3,4,5, and 6 BR units.
- [Hotel Amazon Wish list](#)
- The Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans has [Ways to Get Involved](#)

Regional Transitions Aid

- There are ten ABE transitions regions in Minnesota. Each region must submit an annual transitions plan to the state ABE office. This plan must describe capacity building activities that support adult learners transitioning to employment, training, or postsecondary. Regions typically receive \$50,000. If you have an idea for an activity please reach out to the [ABE Representative on the Local Workforce Development Board](#) or an [ABE Consortium Manager](#). Regional Transitions Plans are due May 12, 2022.

Office Updates

- The Minnesota Department of Education has moved. The new address is [400 NE Stinson Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55413](#)
- In the process of hiring for a High School Equivalency/Accountability Specialist.
- Will be hiring one more position for High School Equivalency records.

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