

ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY OUTCOME REPORT TO THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE FOR SFY16

Background

Senate Bill 307 (SB 307), which passed in the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, requires that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) report the educational and employment outcomes for the Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program. Accordingly, TWC is reporting the enclosed outcome information.

TWC funded new statewide contracts for grantees in 2014, which focused on enhanced service delivery for program participants. Specifically, new contracts focused on service delivery models which encouraged more transitions through post-second education and training and into employment and a wider reach of service delivery through strategic partnerships with non-profits, Local Workforce Development Boards, community colleges and libraries. To that end, grantees were given requirements and associated targets for implementation of specific program models that transition individuals into postsecondary education and training, and program models that move individuals through a career pathway, both through new training and certifications and through incumbent worker upskilling and training. Additionally, grantees were given overall enrollment targets and held accountable for these targets through performance funding allocations.

Echoing the advancements made in Texas in 2013, the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 offers new opportunities for enhanced service delivery models through funding for integrated education a training, a model TWC put into its provider contracts in 2014 prior to the signing of the law. Additionally, WIOA provides new requirements for English language learners and models designed to instruct individuals both in the rights and requirements of citizenship but also to train and place them in demand occupations. In addition to these requirements in provider contracts, TWC has invested over \$15 million dollars in funding, both discretionary AEL funding and other workforce funding, towards initiatives that provide integrated education and training opportunities to individuals, both in combination with high school equivalency models and dropout recovery models. Funding has also been invested in initiatives that support capacity building and mentorship for the implementation of career pathways models across the state.

In order to provide a greater amount and more intensity of service, TWC has also invested in distance learning expansion, both by funding distance learning software for each grant recipients and through mentorship opportunities for grantees to learn best practices in distance learning implementation.

Finally, TWC has worked to build a robust accountability model that includes regular monitoring of program quality, data, data integrity, and aligns to substantial professional development and technical assistance efforts across the state. While achievement is still growing under TWC following the transfer of the AEL program from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the face of adult education in Texas has been constructively transformed into a full, valued component of the Texas Workforce Solutions system.

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Customers Served

Customer Type	Number
Number of AEL Customers Served, total unduplicated	94,391
Number of AEL Customers in Career Pathways Models	4,020
Integrated Education and Training Models	2,491
Work-based Models	1,160
Services for Internationally Trained Professionals	376
Number of Individuals Accessing Distance Learning	13,700

Outcomes

Measure	Numerator	Denominator	Rate
AEL Participants Employed in the 1 st Quarter after Program Exit (exiters Oct14-Sep15)	6,014	13,036	46.13%
AEL Participants Employed in the 3 rd Quarter after Program Exit (exiters Apr14-Mar15)	15,613	26,766	58.33%
Percent of High School Diplomas or Equivalencies Issued to Adults as a Result of Program (exiters Jul14-Jun15)	1,597	2,943	54.26%
Percent of AEL Participants who Completed the Level in which They are Enrolled (participants Jul15-Jun16)	42,811	94,094	45.50%