

Maryland Adult Education Program

Quick Facts FY 07

Results

- 6,176 High School Diplomas Awarded
- 66% Increased Literacy Skills (at least 2 Grade Level equivalents)

Program Performance

- Met Federal performance targets for 7 consecutive years
- 14 of 16 federal performance measures are measures of academic achievement
- Generated over \$2.8M in Federal Incentive Funds for MD (FY02 – 06)

Return on Investment

- Earnings gains (\$1,817 to \$2,579) within 6 quarters after completing instruction (*Stepping Up to the Future: Moving from the Margins to the Mainstream - Superintendent's Panel on Excellence in Adult Education*)
- \$3 to \$1 return on state investment

Target Population

- 794,192 adults over age 16, out of school without a high school diploma or without the ability to speak English well (*RTI Study*)
- 20% of the MD population (*State Assessment of Adult Literacy*)
- MD is one of the top 10 destinations for foreign born individuals (*US Census Bureau*)
- 77% of MD foreign born speak a language other than English at home (*US Census Bureau*)
- 22% of MD foreign born speak English "not at all" or "not well" (*US Census Bureau*)

Enrollments

- 35,000 to 36,000 annually
- 5% of the target population
- Annual waiting list of 5,000 (82% of the waiting list students are ABE or ELL students, 17% Diploma Options, 1% Family Literacy)



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Demographics of Students

- 80% Minority - African American, Hispanic or Asian
- 39% Out of School Youth (ages 16 – 24)
- Parents to 21,944 school age children
- 50% Employed
- 24% Unemployed
- 26% Incarcerated
- <1% WIA Title I Referrals (26 students)
- 2% with Disabilities
- 89 Native languages

Student Literacy level at Enrollment

- 44% Adult Basic Education (From preliterate to 8th GLE)
- 14% Adult Secondary Education (From 9th to 11th GLE)
- 42% English Language Learners (22% with beginning level English language skills and 11% with more than 12 years of education)

Instructional Personnel (Local)

- 1,094 Teachers (91% Part-Time)
- 212 Administrative/ Principals/Supervisory/Professional Development (44% Part-Time)
- 442 Volunteers

Resources

- \$9.2 M - Federal WIA Title II
- \$6.4 M - State
- \$3.1 M - Local (FY 06) *

Delivery System

- Competitive grants
- 34 grantees – Local school systems (44%), community colleges (26%), government agencies (9%), and community based organizations (21%),
- 62 family literacy centers statewide (Judy Hoyer Centers, Even Start programs, Friends of the Family/Early Head Start Centers)



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