Grant Writing 101

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LEARNING TARGETS

- 1. I can identify potential grant funders for my adult education program.
- 2. I can find resources to justify a need and a proposed solution in my grant application.
- 3. I can answer grant application questions completely, clearly, and concisely.



Who has a similar mission to yours......but also has money?

Monroe County Community Schools Adult Education	Organization with money	Potential Funder?
Empowering adult students to enhance career opportunities, further their education, and become global citizens.		





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Community Schools
Adult Education

DWD Adult Education

Potential Funder?

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Potential Funder?	Mission
Dollar General Literacy Foundation	As an extension of Dollar General's corporate commitment to literacy, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation was established in 1993 to help increase the functional literacy of adults, families and children.
Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools	The Foundation of Monroe County Community Schools engages community support to inspire learning, enrich teaching, and enhance educational opportunities for all MCCSC students.
Monroe County Community Foundation	We Invest in a Better Future for our Community .
Smithville Charitable Foundation	The Smithville Charitable Foundation was established in 2007 in outpouring of the family's generosity and desire to enrich the lives of people served by Smithville Communications. The family continues to support the communities around the area. Each year Smithville Charitable Foundation generously gifts to many different causes.

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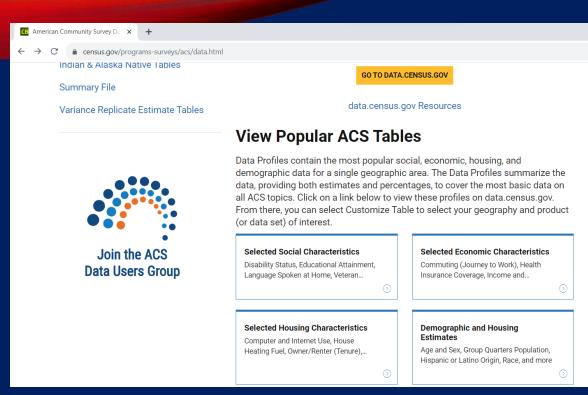
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Our region's educational attainment levels are below state average.

Our adult education program

Our region's levels of educational attainment are at or above state average.





United States Census

American Community Survey

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National Center for Education Statistics PIAAC



Indiana Business Research Center Stats Indiana

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Adults Age 18 to 64 without a High School Diploma or HSE, 2021

Indiana = 424,804 adults (10.4% of total age group)

Number of Adults

266 - 1,500 (28)

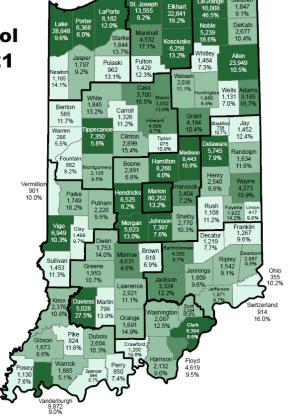
1,501 - 3,000 (31)

3,001 - 5,000 (12)

5,001 - 80,252 (21)

Economic Growth Region

Labels also show the percent of adults in this age group without a high school diploma or high school equivalency (HSE).



Map produced by the Indiana Business Research Center, using the American Community Survey 2017-2021 five-year estimates that were released by the U.S. Census Bureau in December 2022.



Hoosiers by the Numbers Your premier source for labor market information for Indiana.

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County Highlights Quick Stats

Select a county to view a profile containing population and workforce statistics.



WORKFORCE ECONOMY DASHBOARD »

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3,273,100

Total Non-Farm Jobs (SA)



Indiana saw a monthly increase of 6,700 jobs

541,500

Manufacturing Jobs (SA)



increase of 500 jobs

0.2%

Employment (SA) Monthly **Change**



Indiana saw a monthly

3,077

Unemployment Insurance Initial



Indiana saw a weekly increase of 54 claimants

View all indicators here »

2,850,000

Private Sector lobs (SA)



Indiana saw a monthly ncrease of **7,300** jobs

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Unemployment Rate (SA)



Indiana saw a monthly increase of 0.2 points

63.4%

Labor Force Participation Rate (SA)



decrease of -0.10% percent

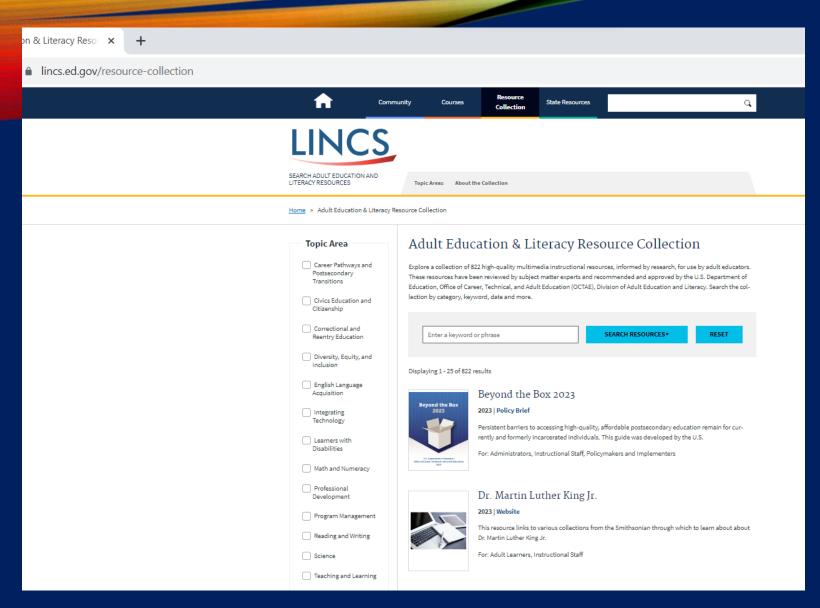
Business Establishments (annual percent change)



Indiana saw a quarterly

Indiana Department of Workforce Development **Hoosiers By The Numbers**





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College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education

Susan Pimentel 2013



Office of Career, Technical, & Adult Education Adult Education Learning Standards

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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STANDARDS FOR
ADULT EDUCATION

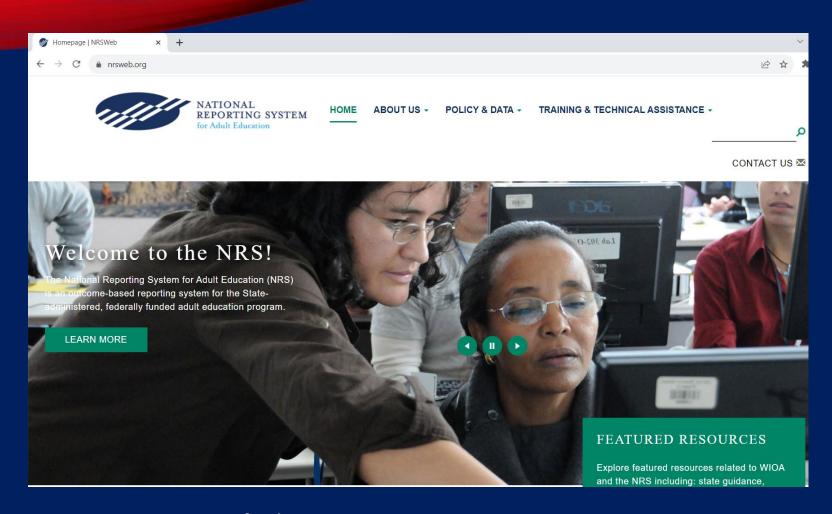
With Correspondences to College and Career Readiness Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy, and Mathematical and Science Practices

October 2016





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Technical Assistance Guide for Performance Accountability under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act National Reporting System for Adult Education MARCH 2021 Division of Adult Education and Literacy Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education U.S. Department of Education Contract No. GS-00F-347CA

US Department of Education National Reporting System



- 1. Keep the grant readers happy.
- Pretend the readers know nothing about your subject or your program.
- Avoid jargon
- Define acronyms
- Explain simply





Consideration IX: Whether the eligible provider's activities are delivered by well-trained instructors, counselors, and administrators who meet any minimum qualifications established by the state, where applicable, and who have access to high quality professional development, including through electronic means.

- 1. Describe the minimum qualifications for employment used by the applicant in hiring:
- a. Instructors; b. Teaching assistants; c. Counselors; d. Life coaches; and e. Administrators.

In accordance with Indiana Department of Workforce Development policy (2015-11), adult education teachers will hold at least a bachelor's degree, and if they teach Integrated Education & Training courses, they will hold the appropriate industry-recognized certifications. Teachers in the Monroe County Community School Corporation and Turning Point Education Center also requires instructors to hold a valid Indiana teacher license. Teaching assistants must have at least a high school diploma or equivalent in accordance with the same policy. Administrators must have at least a bachelor's degree, and MCCSC requires a valid Indiana school administrator's license. Counselors or life coaches must also have at least bachelor's degree.



2. Describe the applicant's professional development plan. Explain how the applicant is ensuring, or plans to ensure: a. Instructors and staff have the opportunity to work collaboratively; and b. Have continual training on research and evidence-based best practices in: i. Adult education; ii. English language acquisition; iii. Workforce preparedness; and iv. College and career readiness.

Professional development is built into teachers' weekly and monthly work schedule by the means of Professional Learning Community and/or program staff meetings, in which teachers work collaboratively to implement evidence-based practices that will address students' learning needs. Secondly, as employees of Monroe County Community Schools or its subcontractors, staff members attend their organizations' in-service events. Topics ordinarily pertain to best practices in instruction that are salient in adult education (e.g., technology, literacy, diversity and cultural awareness, etc.). Thirdly, we will provide staff professional development specific to adult education by attending learning events sponsored by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the Indiana Association for Adult & Continuing Education to learn best practices in adult basic education, English language acquisition, workforce preparedness, and college and career readiness. Fourthly, a Professional Development Facilitator, who is an adult education teacher employed by the Monroe County Community School Corporation or one of its subcontractors, provides technical assistance on topics requested and to teachers who are having trouble producing student outcomes. Finally, the teachers are observed and evaluated by program administrators, and part of the observation and evaluation plan includes rubrics to assess their efforts in working collaboratively, participating in professional development, and implementing best practices in their classrooms.

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Project Design and Evaluation

*Project/Program Design The Monroe County Community Schools will conduct an adult education class by a certified teacher. As a partner organization, the Bloomington Parks & Recreation Department will provide <u>child care</u> for participating parents via its 21st Century Community Learning Center.

The class will be conducted for 12 hours per week at Fairview Elementary School for 30 weeks between July 1, 2014, and April 1, 2015. The number of class hours per week and the number of weeks has been shown by the adult education program to be sufficient in intensity and duration to enable adult students to achieve the outcomes described above.

The class will consist of:

- 1. Targeted recruitment strategies. The adult education program will develop printed materials for distribution to the parents of Fairview Elementary School students. The principal, guidance counselor, social worker, and teachers of Fairview Elementary School will identify children who are lacking grade-level skills and invite their parents to participate in the adult education class.
- 2. Managed enrollment and orientation. The intake process will consist of an icebreaker activity, overview of class attendance expectations, assessment of math, reading, and language skills on the <u>Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)</u>, and setting of goals on an Adult Learning Plan pertaining to the program's measurable outcomes described above.
- 3. Active learning strategies. Since adults typically value learning in a ellaborative structure, each class session will consist of warm-up, introduction, presentation, individual practice, evaluation, and closure activities.
- 4. Technology. Students will be given subscriptions to PLATO Edmentum, an olline remediation tool to use at home between class meetings.
- 5. <u>Pre- and post-testing and follow-up.</u> After every 40 hours of classroom instruction, students' skills will be assessed on a post-test using the TABE. The students' Adult Learning Plan will be updated in terms of goals achieved.

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Monroe County Community School Corporation Multi-Year Adult Education Competitive Grant PY2020

2. Use charts and tables.

Consideration I: The degree to which the eligible provider would be responsive to: a. Regional needs identified in the local workforce plan; and b. Serving individuals in the community who are identified as most in need of adult education and literacy activities, including individuals: i. Who have low levels of English literacy; or ii. Who are English language learners.

1. Describe how the organization/program continues to identify those who are in need of adult education and literacy activities in the communities served by the program. Be specific and discuss any demographic analysis or data analytics utilized by the applicant for this purpose.

Demographic data from the 2018 American Community Survey (5-Year Estimate) of the

United States Census show a need for adult education and literacy services in the counties in

Regions 7 and 8 served Monroe County Community Schools and its subcontractors.

	Brown	Greene	Monroe	Owen	Sullivan	Indiana
	County	County	County	County	County	
Population 25 years of age	2.0%	3.5%	2.1%	4.5%	3.2%	3.7%
and older with less than 9th						
grade education						
Population 25 years of age or	6.8%	8.8%	5.7%	10.3%	8.0%	7.7%
older with 9th to 12th grade						
education but no diploma						
People whose income is below	9.4%	14.0%	24.3%	16.2%	13.1%	14.1%
poverty						
Population who speak a	1.4%	1.6%	10.3%	2.1%	1.1%	8.6%
language other than English						
at home.						
Population who speak English	0.4%	0.9%	4.1%	0.9%	0.4%	3.2%
less than very well						
Population foreign-born	1.7%	0.8%	8.3%	1.3%	0.8%	5.2%
Population 16 years of age	2.7%	3.2%	4.0%	3.3%	3.2%	3.5%
and over, unemployed						
Population age 18-64 with	10.5%	15.3%	9.2%	16.7%	14.6%	11.9%
disability						



2. Explain the concrete steps the applicant will take to meet Indiana's PY2020 performance targets.

We will take the following steps to meet Indiana's PY2020 performance targets:

Performance Area	Steps We Will Take to Achieve
Measurable skill gains	Pre-test using the Test of Adult Basic Education to determine
(post-tests, completion	students' areas of academic need.
of Carnegie Units, and	Use targeted instruction to address the areas of academic need.
entry into postsecondary	3. Utilize social workers and academic & career coach to connect
education or training)	students with childcare, transportation, health, and other
	resources they need to overcome barriers to class attendance.
	Utilize online and other distance education activities to
	accelerate learning.
	Post-test students when they reach attendance hours defined by the test publisher's guidelines.
	Offer both adult high school diploma and high school
	equivalency options to students who lack a secondary
	credential.
	7. Utilize academic & career coaches to facilitate transition of
	adult education students to postsecondary career training
	programs, such as colleges, apprenticeships, military, or short-
	term training for certifications.
Credential attainment	Utilize academic & career coaches to facilitate transition of
	adult education students to short-term training for certifications
	(e.g., Work Ndiana, Next Level Jobs) and other postsecondary
	programs.
	2. Offer a variety of Integrated Education & Training courses to
	adult education students based on Indiana's five in-demand job
	fields (i.e., Advanced Manufacturing, Building & Construction, Health & Life Science, Information Technology & Business
	Services, and Transportation & Logistics).
Employment rate	Credential attainment steps listed above to increase students'
Employment rate	employability.
	Utilize academic & career coaches to offer students workforce
	preparation activities, such as job searching, resume
	development, and interview practice
	3. Refer students to WorkOne career advisors for on-the-job
	training and paid work experiences.
Median earnings	Credential attainment and employment rate steps listed above to
	increase students' eligibility for high-wage, in-demand jobs.
Effectiveness in serving	Partner with WorkOne Business Services to identify employers
employers	who (1) have employees deficient in basic skills and desire to
	maintain jobs or improve performance, or (2) need support in
	hiring and retaining employees.
	Offer at least one Workforce Education Initiative in each county
	in which adult basic education or English Language Learning
	instruction is delivered in partnership with an employer.

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Consideration IV

- (4) The extent to which the eligible provider demonstrates alignment between proposed activities and services and the strategy and goals of the local plan, as well as the activities and services of the one-stop partners:
- 1. Describe how the applicant organization plans to align its services with the workforce development regional plans (local plans). Include an explanation of how the organization plans to ensure continuous alignment with local plans.

The Regional Plan of the South Central Region 8 Workforce Board envisions a workforce development system that helps employers to identify the skilled workers needed to successfully maintain and expand their companies and makes education and training opportunities available to prepare workers to successfully compete for jobs with wages that allow for self-sufficiency. Specifically, the Regional Plan has the following goals. Adult education services that align to those goals are on the right.

Regional Plan Goals	Adult Education Services
1. Region 8 residents will have accessible services	Some WorkOne services will be co-located
from WorkOne partners available close to their	in adult education facilities as available.
homes.	
2. Services will be provided through a coordinated	WorkOne staff and adult education staff
WorkOne system where staff are knowledgeable	will be members of the Region 8 Adult
about services available from partner agencies and	Education Consortium that meets quarterly
share resources effectively to meet the needs of job	to update one another on programs,

seekers and employers.	services, performance, and goals.
3. Customers of the WorkOne system will have an	Adult education students will have an
identified career pathway and a plan to help them	Adult Learning Plan formed jointly with
prepare for regional in-demand occupations by	their teachers and will complete
gaining the education and skills needed by employers.	assessments in Indiana Career Explorer.
4. Work-based learning opportunities will be	Eligible adult education students will co-
available to those who lack the skills necessary to	enroll as WorkOne clients and participate
compete in the labor market.	in paid work experiences and on-the-job training
5. Individuals who lack basic literacy skills and/or	Adult education and WorkOne staff will
a high school diploma or HSE will be connected	cross-refer and co-enroll customers and
with Adult Education and Literacy programs in the	students who are eligible for education and
region so they can focus on earning a diploma or	training services. Adult education and
HSE, and improving their skills to a level where	WorkOne services will be co-located
they can benefit from further training and be	where possible.
competitive in the labor market.	
6. In School Youth will complete high school and	Not applicable. (Adult education does not
graduate with a plan for postsecondary training or	serve in-school youth.)
employment. The WorkOne system will coordinate	
with local schools to ensure high school seniors	
have an opportunity to connect with WorkOne	
services.	D : 0: 0 . 00 4 437 4 D : :
7. Out of school Youth who lack a high school	Region 8's Out-of-School Youth Training
diploma or HSE will be encouraged to enroll in	Coordinator will refer out of school youth to adult education classes. Adult education
Adult Education to earn their diploma or HSE and	to appli contained chapter. I to bit contained
improve basic skills. They will also be encouraged	programs will enroll out of school youth
to pursue postsecondary training that aligns with	who are referred from juvenile probation
the region's in-demand occupations so they can	officers and school districts in each county.
prepare for their future and compete for jobs.	Programs will also refer adult education
	students who are out of school youth to
	WorkOne for training and employment
	services they are eligible for.



Consideration XVI: Whether the integrated education and training services offered by the provider meets the requirements set forth in WIOA (29 USC §3174).

4. Explain which workforce training activities will be used in any proposed IET program(s) for PY2020. a. How will the applicant provide these activities?

Workforce Training A	ctivity	How provided
Occupational skill train	ing	Online and/or teacher-led instruction; whole class or
		individual student depending on setting
On-the-job training		To WorkOne customers who qualify for paid work
		experience or on-the-job training and participate in the IET.
Incumbent worker train	ing	Class is formed with the cooperative effort of WorkOne
		Business Services, adult education program, and the
		employer.
Skill upgrading and reti	aining	Online and/or teacher-led instruction; whole class or
		individual student depending on setting.
Transitional job training	3	To WorkOne customers who qualify for paid work
		experience or on-the-job training and participate in the IET.
Customized training wi	th	Class is formed partnership with an employer through the
employers' commitmen	t to	cooperative effort of WorkOne Business Services, adult
employ individuals upo	n	education program, and an employer.
successful completion		
Training ending in cert	ification	All IETs will offer students the opportunity to take an
or credential		industry-recognized certification or credentialing test.



Multi-Year Adult Education Competitive Grant Application (Request for Application)

- Eligible Individual is defined as an individual (a) who has attained 16 years of age; (b) who is not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under state law; and (c) who—(i) is basic skills deficient; (ii) does not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, and has not achieved an equivalent level of education; or (iii) is an English language learner.
- * Workforce Preparation is defined as activities, or services designed to help an individual acquire a combination of basic academic skills, critical thinking skills, digital literacy skills, and self-management skills, including competencies in: utilizing resources in using information, working with others, understanding systems, and obtaining skills necessary for successful transition into and completion of postsecondary education or training, or employment. (29 USC § 3272 (17)).
- xi Workforce Training may include: (a) occupational skill training; (b) on-the-job training; (c) incumbent worker training; (d) training programs operated by the private sector; (e) skill upgrading and retraining; (f) entrepreneurial training; (g) transitional jobs training; (h) customized training conducted with a commitment by an employer or group of employers to employ an individual on successful completion of the training; (i) training ending in an industry recognized certification or credential; and (j) WorkINdiana training.
- xii Secondary school credentials are defined as a high school diploma (HSD) or its equivalent (HSE).

3. Copy the questions into the narrative.

Consideration XII

(12) Whether the eligible provider maintains a high-quality information management system that has the capacity to report measurable participant outcomes and to monitor program performance:

1. Describe how the applicant organization's current data system is utilized.

Students' general, demographic, pre-test, and goal information is collected on paper forms during the intake process and entered into InTERS, the Department of Workforce Development's student data reporting system. Attendance hours are entered daily from sign-in sheets in each classroom. Information is updated in InTERS when students' information changes, students take a post-test, and goals are achieved. After exiting the program, InTERS is used to record follow-up information on students' employment status, and entry into postsecondary education or training. This data system is used in several ways. First, a Student Enrollment Report is shared with adult education staff weekly to identify students who are eligible to post-test. Secondly, student and classroom performance reports are shared with adult education staff to evaluate the effectiveness of instruction and programming and find areas in need of improvement. In addition, InTERS is used to identify students' focus subjects (i.e., subject most in need of improvement) and the Test of Adult Basic Education Online Individual

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Profile reports identify specific skills students have mastered and not mastered when pre-testing and post-testing. Finally, the Test Assessing Secondary Completion Online Reporting System produces reports that are shared with adult education staff to show subjects and skills in which candidates are showing mastery and non-mastery. These TABE and TASC reports are used to plan and modify instruction.

Describe any data-related training that current instructors, administrators, and data entry staff employed by the applicant organization attend.

Administrators and data entry staff who have access to the InTERS. Client attend data-related trainings that are conducted and required by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Instructors and others who enter data attend training in our local program conducted by the adult education director at the beginning of each program year. Updated training is provided throughout the year as needed. These trainings include the topics of entering data, interpreting data into useful and actionable information, and changes in reporting and follow-up requirements.

3. Explain how the applicant organization will ensure that instructors, administrators, and data entry staff will meet state and federal data entry and management requirements, including timely data entry and the monitoring of data quality.

In addition to the trainings described above, local program policies contained in our Staff

Handbook align to the Indiana Department Workforce Development's Adult Education Data

Collection and Reporting Policy (2013-04), which requires that data be entered by the tenth day
of each month. In reality, local policy requires that attendance is entered daily. Pre-test, posttest, high school equivalency, and Accuplacer assessment data are entered as they are completed.

Goal achievements are updated monthly on students' adult learning plans so they can be entered
into InTERS. Adult Learning Plans and Exit & Follow-up forms document that goals are entered

into InTERS as soon as they are achieved and during follow-up periods identified in state and federal guidelines. The director examines the InTERS clients weekly for errors in data entry and makes necessary corrections.

4. Describe how the applicant organization intends to use program data to evaluate and improve any services delivered to eligible individuals.

Program data is used to evaluate and improve instructional delivery as well as supportive services. We use reports from TABE Online and the TASC Reporting System to identify skills students need more instruction in or different instructional methods. Educational gain reports from InTERS (Tables 4 and 4b) identify needs for professional development that teachers need in order to improve instructional delivery. Core and secondary outcome reports from InTERS (Tables 5 and 11) identify improvements in the employment and training services and referrals our program provides. A "Program Status" report form InTERS (Table 6) and the Needs & Barriers Report from Indiana Career Explorer identify and evaluate the supportive services our program provides to keep students on the pathway to completion of goals.



4. Turn the questions into topic sentences in your answers.

Consideration II: The ability of the eligible provider to serve eligible individuals with disabilities, including those with learning disabilities.

1. Describe how the applicant organization intends to identify eligible individuals with learning disabilities and persistent barriers to employment. This includes students who may not have received an individualized education plan ("IEP") prior to enrollment in adult education.

We will identify eligible individuals at several points. During orientation, new students have the opportunity to identify disabilities and barriers to employment on the Learner Registration Form. Within the first 12 hours of attendance, students complete an Adult Learning Plan with their teachers, on which they can identify factors that might affect their progress. Also within the first 12 hours, students set up their accounts on Indiana Career Explorer, which asks them to identify any needs or barriers to learning. Thirdly, during instruction, if a teacher notices that a particular student seems to have difficulties in learning or finding employment, we refer the student to Vocational Rehabilitation or an on-site psychologist for evaluation for learning disabilities and/or specialized employment services.



2. Explain how the organization/program has met, and plans to meet, the needs of eligible individuals with disabilities, learning disabilities, and persistent barriers to employment (address all three). a. Describe the tools, schedules, curriculum, and services the organization/program has provided, and will provide, this population.

To meet the needs of individuals with learning or other disabilities, we use students' previous Individual Education Plans or Section 504 Plans from their last schools, if available, to identify the tools and services that are needed to serve them appropriately. We also partner with Vocational Rehabilitation to have individuals evaluated for disabilities and accommodations that are necessary. So the tools, schedules, curriculum, and services depend on an individual's disabilities and the accommodations that are recommended by the evaluator. These may include frequent breaks, extended time for testing, individual tutoring for some subjects, use of calculator, use of manipulatives and multi-sensory strategies, large-print books or books printed in Braille, audio or alternate presentation of learning tasks, etc. We also partner with local volunteer literacy organizations for individual tutoring of students with low levels of literacy and numeracy as an instructional accommodation. The classroom sites are compliant with the facility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

To serve students with persistent barriers to employment, our curriculum incorporates workforce readiness activities that include resume writing, communication and teamwork skills, thinking critically, and problem-solving, all taught directly or imbedded into other learning activities. We partner with WorkOne to provide eligible individuals subsidized work experiences and with Vocational Rehabilitation if the barrier to employment is disability-related.

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Explain how the organization/program has met, and plans to meet, the needs of teachers
and staff with disabilities, learning disabilities, and persistent barriers to success.

The adult education providers meet the needs of teachers and staff with disabilities and special challenges to success. The classroom sites are compliant with the facility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Employment processes prohibit discrimination against candidates based on disability. The human resources department of each adult education program provides reasonable accommodations and accessibility to staff with disabilities, such as furniture, parking spaces, communication methods, and technology equipment, as long as they do not present an undue financial hardship on the organization. Staff members may utilize an Employee Assistance Program to receive individualized and confidential assistance with barriers to successful work performance, such as crisis intervention, counseling, mediation, referral to long-term therapy, and recovery from addiction.



*Criteria for Success

The criteria for success and effectiveness for this project are as follows:

- 1. At least 50 eligible adult education students will enroll in the adult education class. "Eligible adult education students" is defined by the U.S. Department of Education as persons who are 16 years of age who have left high school. "Enroll" means to accumulate at least 12 hours of class participation.
- 2. At least 30 students will increase their literacy or numeracy skills by two equivalent grade levels as measured on the Test of Adult Basic Education given as a pre-test upon registration and as a post-test after 40 hours of instruction.
- 3. At least 25 students will earn the Indiana High School Equivalency Diploma by passing the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (which replaced the GED Tests and diploma in Indiana in January 2014).
- 4. At least 40 students will increase their involvement in their children's literacy activities by reading to them, purchasing books, and visiting the library. This outcome will be measured by an initial goal-setting conference with each student and follow-up during each month of instruction.
- 5. At least 40 students will increase participation in their children's education by helping with homework, conferencing with teachers, and participating in schoolwide activities. This outcome will be measured by the same <u>goal-setting</u> and follow-up procedures described above, as well as by reports from the children's teachers at Fairview Elementary School.

These criteria are based on the 2014-2015 goals for Indiana's Region 8 Adult Education Consortium, to which Monroe County Community Schools Adult Education Program belongs.



5. Make the narrative visually appealing and easy to read.

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Behavioral Health	Centerstone. Hamilton Center. Open Arms Family & Educational
	Services social worker.
Food and Nutrition	Family & Social Services Administration IMPACT program.
	Community Kitchen and other food pantries
Career Planning	WorkOne South Central; Ivy Tech; Vocational Rehabilitation; U. S.
	armed services recruiters.
Disability assessment	Vocational Rehabilitation.
and evaluation	

Consideration XII: Whether the eligible provider maintains a high-quality information management system that has the capacity to report measurable participant outcomes and to monitor program performance.

Describe how the applicant currently tracks program data. a. Explain how the applicant
uses program data to evaluate and improve any services offered to eligible individuals.

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showing mastery and non-mastery. These TABE and TASC reports are used to plan and modify instruction based on student performance.

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Explain how the applicant ensures that instructors, administrators, and data entry staff
will meet state and federal data entry management requirements, including timely data entry
and the monitoring of data quality.

Our local program policies contained in our staff handbooks align to the Indiana Department Workforce Development's Adult Education Data Collection and Reporting Policy (2013-04), which requires that data be entered by the tenth day of each month. In actual practice, attendance is entered daily. Pre-test, post-test, high school equivalency, and Accuplacer assessment data are entered as they are completed. Goal achievements are updated monthly on students' adult learning plans so they can be entered into InTERS. Adult Learning Plans and Exit & Follow-up forms document that goals are entered into InTERS as soon as they are achieved and during follow-up periods identified in state and federal guidelines. The adult education directors in each subgrantee program examine the InTERS reports weekly for errors in data entry and makes necessary corrections.



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Administrators and data entry staff who have access to the InTERS. Client attend data-related trainings that are conducted and required by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. Instructors and others who enter data attend training in our local programs conducted by the adult education director at the beginning of each program year. Updated training is provided throughout the year as needed on the topics of entering data, interpreting data into useful and actionable information, and changes in reporting and follow-up requirements.

Consideration XIII: Whether local areas have a demonstrated need for additional English language acquisition programs and civics education programs.

1. Describe how the applicant measures the need for English language acquisition services in the community that it <u>serves</u>; a. If the applicant does not provide, and does not intend to provide, English language acquisition services, describe how the applicant uses, or plans to use, partnerships to ensure those services are provided to eligible individuals in need.

According to demographic data from the 2018 American Community Survey (5-Year Estimate) of the United States Census, a pocket of need exists for English language acquisition services in Monroe County, owing to the high percentages of residents who are foreign-born, of Asian or Hispanic or Latino background, who speak a language other than English at home, or are non-citizens.

Population Characteristic	Indiana	Brown	Greene	Monroe	Owen	Sullivan
		County	County	County	County	County
Foreign born persons	5.2%	1.7%	0.8%	8.3%	1.3%	0.8%
American Indian and	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%	0.9%
Alaska Native						
Asian	2.7%	0.6%	0.6%	7.9%	0.8%	0.7%
Hispanic or Latino	6.8%	1.7%	1.4%	3.4%	1.2%	1.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Pacific Islander						
Speak English less than	3.2%	3.6%	0.9%	4.2%	0.9%	0.4%
"very well"						
Not a U.S. Citizen	3.1%	0.4%	0.5%	6.0%	0.5%	0.1%

In addition, we used the enrollment data in the existing adult education programs for the past two complete years to measure the need for English language acquisition in the communities we serve. In each of the past three program years, between 16 and 19% of the counties' adult education enrollment was comprised of students who pre-tested into English as a Second Language educational functioning levels. The largest population of English Language learners over those past three years have had the lowest level of English proficiency.

Educational Functioning Level	Enrollment	Enrollment	Enrollment	Total
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020 to date	
ELL Beginning Literacy (Level 1)	38	41	32	111
ELL Beginning Low (Level 2)	17	14	16	47
ELL Beginning High (Level 3)	30	24	20	74
ELL Intermediate Low (Level 4)	20	29	16	65
ELL Intermediate High (Level 5)	30	27	38	95
ELL Advanced (Level 6)	19	11	8	38
Total ELL Enrollment	154	146	130	430
Total Adult Education Enrollment	811	873	793	2,477
Percentage ELL Enrollment	19%	17%	16%	17%

Consideration XIV: Whether the applicant is in compliance with §427.1.2.b of the General Education Provisions Act (20 USC §1228a).

1. Attach a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participation in, its federally assisted program (.pdf or .doc format). This attachment does not count toward the RFA narrative length maximum.

Our description of the steps we are taking to ensure equitable access is attached.

Consideration XV: Whether the eligible provider has the capacity to meet the Indiana Department of Workforce Development's goal of having twenty percent (20%) of program enrolled eligible individuals participating in integrated education and training (IET); and has a strategic plan to: a. Develop integrated education and training curriculum; and b. Ensure that integrated education and training offerings are aligned with employment opportunities available in the counties it (IET) is offered:

1. Describe the type(s) of integrated education and training services the applicant currently offers, and/or plans to offer.

Currently, we offer the following IETs: Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair, Certified

Nurse Aide, Computer Numeric Control, Home Health Aide, Retail Industry Fundamentals,



 Explain how the applicant identified, and/or plans to identify, the types of IET programs that it offers.

We identify IETs to offer from the following sources. First, we use the WIOA Plans for 2016-2020, in which Regions 7 and 8 identified these top six industry sectors for employability: Education Services, Manufacturing, Health Care and Social Services, Accommodation and Food Services, Retail Trade, and Government. These industries account for over 70% of the total employment opportunities available within each region. Growth projections for 2022 indicate these key industry sectors will continue to expand and more workers will be needed to fill openings. Secondly we use Indiana's 3- to- 5-flame occupations as listed on Indiana Career Ready, in which flame rankings are calculated for each occupation by using short-term (2018-2020) and long-term (2016-2026) job projection data. Thirdly, we glean our IET offerings from Indiana's five high-growth, high-income job categories identified on Next Level Jobs:

Advanced Manufacturing, Building & Construction, Health & Life Science, IT & Business Services, and Transportation & Logistics.

b. Describe the process by which the applicant ensures, and/or plans to ensure, that IET programs are aligned with the employment demands of the communities in which they are offered.

We ensure that our IET courses are aligned with the employment demands in our communities in two ways. First, the local adult education director for Monroe County Community Schools reviews each IET application from its subcontractors to validate that the

area of training is in demand according to the WIOA plan for Regions 7 or 8 as well as Indiana's flame rankings as described above. Secondly, we endeavor to have an employer partner in each IET training program when possible in order to connect adult learners with job opportunities.

c. List the career pathways the applicant's proposed IET programs lead to.

Career Pathways/Occupation Sectors	Proposed IET Programs
Advanced Manufacturing	Welder, Quality Assurance Technician, Automotive
	Maintenance & Light Repair, Computer Numeric
	Control
Health & Life Science	Certified Nurse Aide, Certified Clinical Medical
	Assistant, Home Health Aide
Information Technology & Business	Administrative Assistant, Microsoft Word,
Services	Microsoft Excel, QuickBooks, Google Suite
Education Services	Teacher Assistant, Child Development Associate
Accommodations & Food Services	ServSafe Food Manager, Hospitality Careers
Retail Trade	Retail Industry Fundamentals
Transportation & Logistics	CDL-A
Building & Construction	Construction Trades, Electronics Systems
	Technician, Electrician's License, and Master
	Electrician License.

Consideration XVI: Whether the integrated education and training services offered by the provider meets the requirements set forth in WIOA (29 USC §3174).

 $1. \ \ What specific occupation or occupational sector will applicant's proposed IET for PY2020 \\ cover?$

Our proposed IETs for PY2020 and the occupation sectors they cover are listed in the table in Consideration XV above (Question 1, Part C).

Describe the intensity and quality of the adult education and literacy component of current and proposed IET course(s).

To maintain a high level of intensity, each IET class is designed to meet 9 to 12 hours per week for 9 weeks, for a total of 81 to 108 hours of instructional time. According to the guidelines of the publisher of the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE), these hours represent more than a sufficient amount of class participation to make a measureable skill gain in literacy



6. Use transition and sequencing words.

3. Explain how the applicant intends to ensure that all eligible individuals who desire adult education and literacy activities will be served.

As per Indiana Code 22-4.1-20, we will register individuals who are 16 years of age or older, not attending a K-12 school, and have a basic academic skill deficit into our adult education programs. In order to identify these eligible individuals, we will carry out the following activities. (First,) we will continue and expand our partnerships with community organizations who serve eligible individuals so we can cross-refer clients (e.g., libraries and literacy organizations, colleges and other post-secondary career training organizations, military recruiters, school corporations, probation and corrections officials, employers, WorkOne offices, housing authorities, and social service agencies). Secondly, we will enable individuals to selfidentify their eligibility by making our adult education services known through various forms of media (e.g., print, online, and broadcast). (Finally, we will conduct new student orientation activities that will identify participants' age, educational status, and basic skill strengths and deficiencies, and empower them to set appropriate education, training, and career goals.



4. Describe the applicant's outreach plan for PY2020.

As part of our marketing and recruiting efforts in PY2020, we will distribute literature and announcements to family literacy programs, elementary schools, social service agencies, county community corrections departments, the Ivy Tech admissions department, and places of business patronized by our target and priority populations. Secondly, we will maintain social media presences through websites, Facebook, and Twitter accounts to make eligible individuals aware of adult education and training services. (Thirdly,) we will reach out to employers (identified below in Consideration XVII, Question 2) to partner with them for incumbent worker training. Finally, we will offer Integrated Education & Training classes to attract new individuals to adult education beyond the "traditional" population of those who need a high school credential or English language instruction only.



c. Describe the steps the applicant will take to increase the use of distance education in their program(s).

To increase the use of distance education, we will take the following steps. First, we will acquire seats and licenses in instructional software products that can be used for distance learning (e.g., PLATO Edmentum, Burlington English, WIN). (Secondly, we will train teachers in the use of those instructional software products, learning management systems (e.g., Canvas, Google Classroom), video conferencing platforms (e.g., Zoom), and in the proper documentation of student attendance hours in distance education (Thirdly, we will include an expectation of distance learning activities in student attendance policies. Finally, we will monitor teachers' use of distance education through observation and documentation on federal adult education performance reports.



7. Follow the instructions for formatting.

Application

All applications for the PY2020 AE grant submitted to DWD must:

- 1. Use 12-point font;
- 2. Be double spaced;
- 3. Not exceed thirty five (35) pages in length¹²;
- 4. Be submitted electronically; and
- 5. Include all of the following:
 - a. Part I: Program information and cover sheet **embedded in the narrative**¹³;
 - i. Allocations and funding request document (submitted separately);
 - b. Part II: Narrative:
 - i. Demonstrated effectiveness data template (submitted separately);
 - ii. GEPA plan (submitted separately and in .pdf or .doc format);
 - iii. Narrative response to IOODE distance education section if applicable (submitted separately in .pdf or .doc format) 1415;
 - iv. The narrative responses to all considerations that apply to the applicant ¹⁶;
 - c. ABE Partnership attachment¹⁷ (submitted separately);
 - d. Subcontractor attachment if applicable (submitted separately);
 - e. Itemized budget attachment (submitted separately);
 - f. Signed assurances document (submitted separately); AND
 - g. Signed administrative cap waiver, if the applicant is requesting that more than five percent (5%) of the potential grant allocation be designated for administrative costs.



8. Get a proofreader or two.

The class will consist of:

- 1. Targeted recruitment strategies. The adult education program will develop printed materials for distribution to the parents of Fairview Elementary School students. The principal, guidance counselor, social worker, and teachers of Fairview Elementary School will identify children who are lacking grade-level skills and invite their parents to participate in the adult education class.
- 2. Managed enrollment and orientation. The intake process will consist of an ice-breaker activity, overview of class attendance expectations, assessment of math, reading, and language skills on the Test of Adult Basic Education, and setting of goals on an Adult Learning Plan pertaining to the program's measurable outcomes described above.
- Active learning strategies. Since adults typically value learning in a collaborative structure, each class session will consist of warm-up, introduction, presentation, individual practice, evaluation, and closure activities.
- 4. Technology. Students will be given a <u>subscription</u> PLATO Edmentum, an online remediation tool to use at home between class meetings.
- 5. <u>Pre- and</u> post-testing and follow-up. After every 40 hours of classroom instruction, students' skills will be assessed on a post-test using the TABE. The students' Adult Learning Plan will be updated in terms of goals achieved. The project will be conducted with 12 instructional hours each week per student for 30 weeks during the 2014-2015 school year. The <u>particular timeline</u> of activities is as follows:

June 2014: Employ the teacher and purchase instructional <u>resources</u>, <u>and</u> develop the curriculum.



9. Submit the whole application by the deadline.

Timeline

The below chart shows the timeline established by DWD for this RFA:

Event	Date
RFA Issued	Friday, February14, 2020
RFA Questions Due	Monday, February 24, 2020
RFA FAQ Released	Monday, March 2, 2020
RFA/Grant Application Submission Deadlin	Friday, March 27, 2020 5:00PM EST (GMT – 5)
Award Decisions Issued	Early May

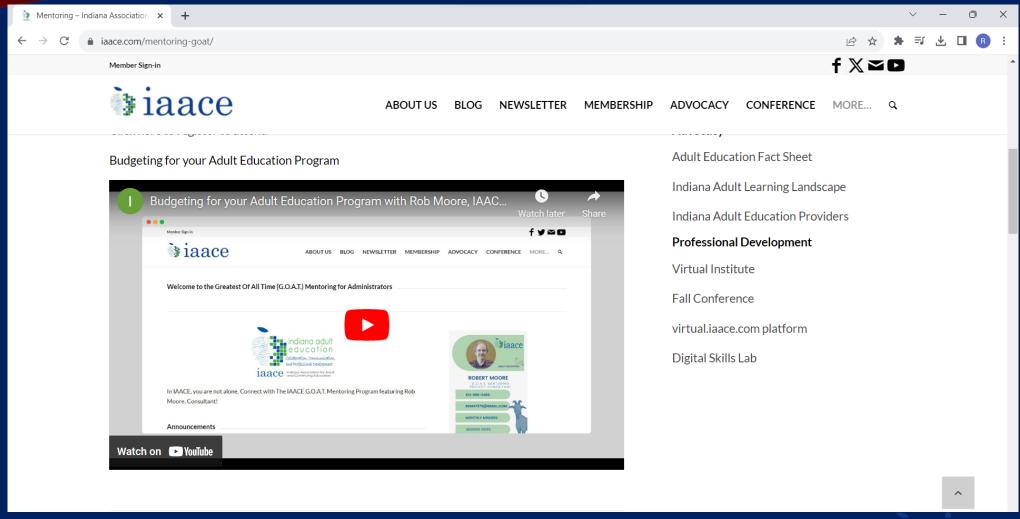
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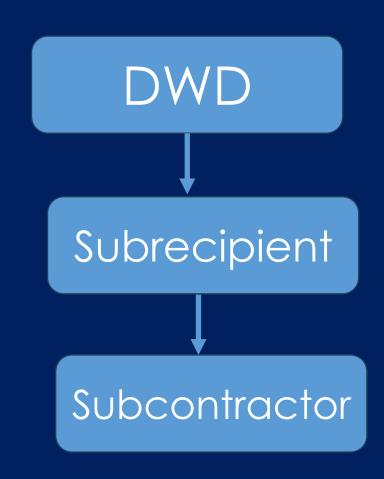


THE BUDGET



A WORD ON SUBCONTRACTING

- Less than 80 students.
- Ways to subcontract: by geography, by service, by...
- Subcontractor's performance is your performance.
- Collaborate, guide, monitor, but don't govern.
- Identity
- Fiscal agent fee?
- Allocation
- Memorandum of Understanding





WHAT TO DO STARTING NOW

- Read the past Request for Application and start writing. http://amplifyae.org
- Get your demographic and economic data together.
- Read your regional workforce development plan.
 https://www.in.gov/dwd/compliance-policy/plans-resources/lp/
- Research adult education best practices.
 https://www.proliteracy.org/resources/
 https://lincs.ed.gov/









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