

# ADULT EDUCATION FACT SHEET

## A SNAPSHOT OF ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

**3,000** INDIVIDUALS SERVED

An average of 3,000 adult students benefit from the Adult Education and Literacy programs in South Dakota each year.



### PROGRAMS



Seven providers offer Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, English Language Acquisition, and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education.

South Dakota Adult Education programs consistently rank in the top for employment data:

- 4<sup>th</sup> in 2nd quarter employment rates
- 5<sup>th</sup> in employment 12 months after exit
- 8<sup>th</sup> in median earnings

### EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS



### INVESTMENT PER LEARNER




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S.D. Average per participant: \$763  
U.S. Average per participant: \$1,529

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# THE IMPORTANCE OF ADULT EDUCATION

## LOW SKILLED ADULTS ARE:

- 2X** more likely to be unemployed
- 3X** as likely to be in poverty
- 4X** as likely to be in poor health
- 8X** as likely to be incarcerated



## KEY COMPONENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



### South Dakota ranks 3rd in the nation for Second Quarter Median Earnings

Employment earnings are reported in the 2nd quarter after an Adult Education Student completes participation in the program.



More than **40,000** adults in South Dakota do not have a high school credential, limiting their financial potential and ability to become strong members of the workforce.

A person with a high school diploma or equivalent earns an average of \$9,620 more per year than a nongraduate.

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