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History of Adult Basic Education in NORTH DAKOTA



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- The first Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs began in 1967-68
- The first ABE state office was located at the UND campus.
- Later the office was transferred to DPI in the 80's.



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- The initial programs started (evening programs as they were known then)- 2-3 nights for 2-3 hours long.
- Only handful of programs were established in schools and on some college campuses.



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- The Adult Basic Education (ABE) program later became the Adult Basic and Secondary Education (ABSE) program to offer GED preparation.
- The demand for these programs grew every year and several full time programs were established. Part time evening programs still remain in several communities.

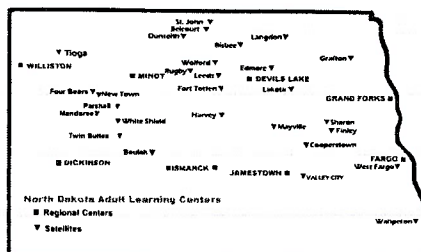


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- Currently we have 18 funded programs and over 30 sites in ND. However, services in many areas are not available.
- Based upon the federal guidelines ND citizens 16 and older can participate in the programs.



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Funding History

\$125,000/year state funding was appropriated

- Later increased to \$450,000/year in 1992
- Current state funding available is \$560,000/year



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History of Adult Education Funding in North Dakota

Year	Federal	State
2007	1,210,412	560,000
2006	1,219,745	560,000
2005	1,210,412	560,000
2004	1,167,014	560,000
2003	1,150,416	560,000
2002	1,264,609	450,000
2001	1,110,596	450,000
2000	1,000,568	450,000
1999	999,588	450,000
1998	980,407	450,000
1997	777,673	450,000
1996	783,641	450,000



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ADULT ED. ENROLLEMENT and ACHIEVEMENTS

Year	# Enrolled	Improved Basic Skills	Passed GED	Retained on GED Job	Entered Post-Secondary
2007	1776	757	715	154	95
2006	1925	564	686	273	86
2005	2063	565	609	330	73
2004	2154	520	619	427	73
2003	2,154	871	717	602	170
2002	1,135	643	569	176	176
2001	2,124	1,498	733	613	5
2000	1,964	1,395	572	579	23
1999	2,831	1720	615	759	171
1998	3,190	2000	660	862	218
1997	3,356	1701	496	487	201
1996	3,229	1,292	457	338	166



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What do the centers offer?

- Basic Skills Development (*English, Math, Science, Reading etc.*)
- Preparation for the GED or High School Diploma
- Career and Personal Counseling (*Aptitude Assessment, Resume writing, How to find jobs, Resources, How to enter higher education, etc.*)
- English as second Language (ESL)



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- English Literacy and Civic Education
- Referral for Jobs and Post Secondary Education and Training
- Displaced Homemakers program services



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WHO ATTENDS THESE PROGRAMS?

Any North Dakota citizen who is 16 years of age or older
and not in school and
wishes to upgrade their basic education skills and/or
wish to earn their GED or High School Diploma and
wish to learn career development skills and/or
wish to learn English



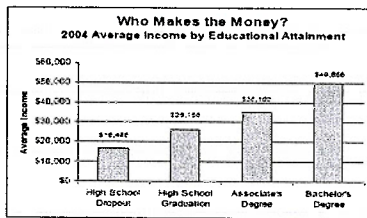
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Earning power of drop outs.

- Following research data from the Alliance for Excellent Education



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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2005



Estimated Annual Income by High School Dropout & Bachelor's Degree

State	High School Dropout (2004)	Bachelor's Degree (2004)
Alabama	\$16,442	\$40,856
Alaska	\$16,442	\$40,856
Arizona	\$16,442	\$40,856
Arkansas	\$16,442	\$40,856
California	\$16,442	\$40,856
Colorado	\$16,442	\$40,856
Connecticut	\$16,442	\$40,856
Delaware	\$16,442	\$40,856
District of Columbia	\$16,442	\$40,856
Florida	\$16,442	\$40,856
Georgia	\$16,442	\$40,856
Hawaii	\$16,442	\$40,856
Idaho	\$16,442	\$40,856
Illinois	\$16,442	\$40,856
Indiana	\$16,442	\$40,856
Iowa	\$16,442	\$40,856
Kansas	\$16,442	\$40,856
Kentucky	\$16,442	\$40,856
Louisiana	\$16,442	\$40,856
Maine	\$16,442	\$40,856
Maryland	\$16,442	\$40,856
Massachusetts	\$16,442	\$40,856
Michigan	\$16,442	\$40,856
Minnesota	\$16,442	\$40,856
Mississippi	\$16,442	\$40,856
Missouri	\$16,442	\$40,856
Montana	\$16,442	\$40,856
Nebraska	\$16,442	\$40,856
Nevada	\$16,442	\$40,856
New Hampshire	\$16,442	\$40,856
New Jersey	\$16,442	\$40,856
New Mexico	\$16,442	\$40,856
New York	\$16,442	\$40,856
North Carolina	\$16,442	\$40,856
North Dakota	\$16,442	\$40,856
Ohio	\$16,442	\$40,856
Oklahoma	\$16,442	\$40,856
Oregon	\$16,442	\$40,856
Pennsylvania	\$16,442	\$40,856
Rhode Island	\$16,442	\$40,856
South Carolina	\$16,442	\$40,856
South Dakota	\$16,442	\$40,856
Tennessee	\$16,442	\$40,856
Texas	\$16,442	\$40,856
Utah	\$16,442	\$40,856
Vermont	\$16,442	\$40,856
Virginia	\$16,442	\$40,856
Washington	\$16,442	\$40,856
West Virginia	\$16,442	\$40,856
Wisconsin	\$16,442	\$40,856
Wyoming	\$16,442	\$40,856
United States	\$16,442	\$40,856



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Number completed GED by year

Year	Total # Completed	Age 21 and under
2007	1751	1081
2006	1815	1406
2005	994	767*
2004	1731	1320*
2003	1807	1127*
2002	1377	1078*
2001	1460	1163*
2000	1846	1219

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Some Questions to Ask

- Are we going to have drop outs? YES
- Are there many alternatives for drop-outs to complete there schooling- NO
- What happens if ND drop-outs do not finish there schooling - Don't Know

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Questions for the committee to consider

- Should there be alternatives programs for drop outs to complete their schooling to be productive members of our state?
- How to provide adequate state funding to maintain current and expand Adult Education programs?

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Issue/Recommendations

1. Current system (Foundation aid Program) does not provide mechanism to fund Adult Learning Centers for those who are pursuing a GED diploma.
2. Provide legislative authority and funding to adequately support Adult Learning Centers for 16-21 year of age, from the Foundation aid, who attend ALC.s & complete there GED.



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- How to provide additional opportunities for drop outs to finish their schooling?
- Provide schools/ Regional Education Agencies incentives to offer additional opportunities for drop-outs throughout the state.
- Early intervention for drop-outs?
- Fund early identification and reporting of school drop-outs.



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- Strengthen Interagency referral system
- Support a statewide counseling program for all schools.