



Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) is a program dedicated to putting individuals on a career pathway leading to living-wage employment. Funded annually through Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title II allocations, AEL serves individuals who are at least 16 years of age, no longer in school, and have academic and workforce skill needs. AEL providers assist individuals to become proficient in reading, writing, English language, civics education; and to gain the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to acquire a high school credential, employment, or post-secondary education and training.



AEL Participants and State Support

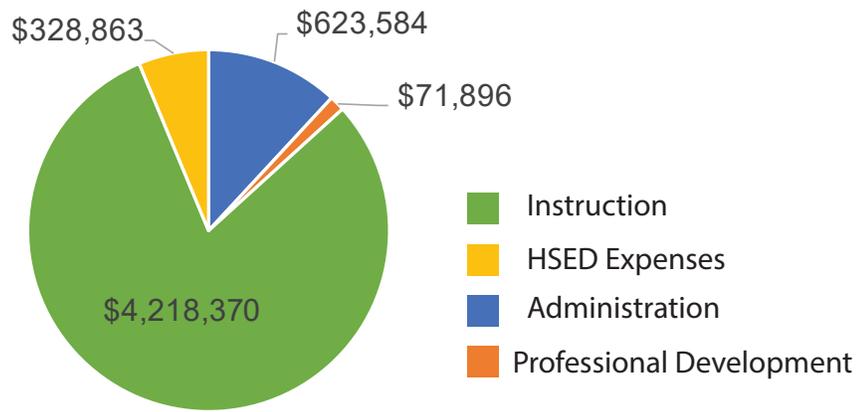
Total Participants
11,039 participants

Adult Basic Education
6,507 participants

English as a Second Language
4,532 participants

High School Equivalency Diplomas
1,756 awarded

State AEL Expenditures \$474.93 per Participant



Total State Funding Fiscal Year 2019 \$5,648,952*

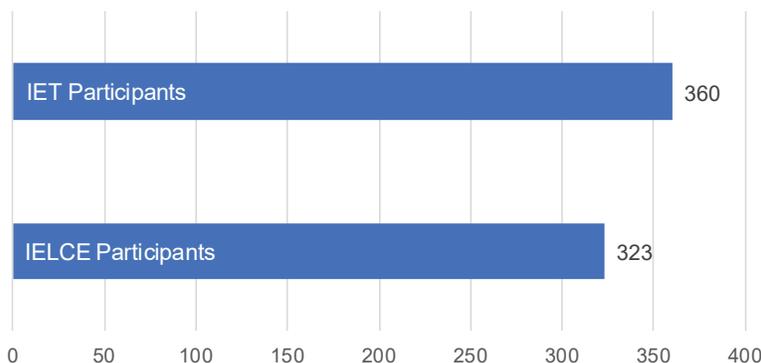
* State Funds unexpended \$406,239



AEL Supported Activities and Outcomes

Integrated Education and Training (IET) and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) are AEL activities that combine basic skills, workplace skills, and specific industry training.

AEL Participants with Supported Activities



A Measurable Skill Gain (MSG) demonstrates participants' progress toward achieving a credential or employment and is a federally measured outcome. Of the 11,039 participants in 2019, 44 percent achieved a MSG.

AEL Outcomes, Measurable Skill Gains





Adult Education and Literacy Participants by Region

AEL Provider	Adult Basic Education	English as a Second Language	Total Participants (total initial participants)
Northeast Iowa	276	42	318
North Iowa Area	180	65	245
Iowa Lakes	113	89	202
Northwest Iowa	98	120	218
Iowa Central	628	292	920
Iowa Valley	165	228	393
Hawkeye	239	652	891
Eastern Iowa	743	240	983
Kirkwood	833	667	1,500
Des Moines Area	1499	1,236	2,735
Western Iowa Tech	341	546	887
Iowa Western	497	82	579
Southwestern	106	49	155
Indian Hills	226	200	426
Southeastern	563	24	587
Total	6,507	4,532	11,039
% of Total	57.7%	42.3%	100%

Each participant is a unique count, however participants may have multiple periods of participation.



Testimonials

Alexandra

When Alexandra immigrated to the United States, she knew she was starting a new life with her American Army Veteran husband and daughter. Still, she never dreamed she would have to start all over with her education. In Germany, she had two college degrees, and lucrative employment. In America, her degrees were not recognized, not even her high school diploma. As her family grew, Alexandra became restless and felt limited by her options in the United States. That's when she made the life-changing decision to walk through the doors of Iowa Lakes Community College to talk about going back to school. With six month old twins, Alexandra was determined to earn her High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED). Alexandra is now enrolled in the Iowa Lakes Community College Accounting Specialist Program.

Sara

Sara dropped out of high school at age 16 in 2002. January 2019, Sara enrolled in HiSET classes at Southeastern Community College's Keokuk Campus. She earned her high school equivalency diploma in March 2019 and was named a member of the National Adult Education Honor Society. In August 2019 Sara enrolled in SCC to pursue her Associates Degree in Business; she finished her first semester with a GPA of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale. Sara's motivation for doing all of this was her family, especially her son. Sara said, "I strive for a nice life for him. I want to do what makes me happy so that he can see his mommy happy and know that financially everything will always be okay. I know it's going to be a long road ahead but finally it's time to do what I need to in order to move into the next chapter in my life."