

Adult Education Report—November 2016

Enrollment Update

Enrollments continue to trend at or above our FY17 numbers. As of November 7th, we have had 1070 students enter our program, which above enrollment at the same time last year. Our federal enrolled number is slightly below last year's number. However, we had a very large number of students begin classes at the end of October, which will not be reflective in our federal enrollment numbers until December.

Building Cultural Awareness--Update

We are happy to announce that Dr. Mark Gray will be presenting to our staff on Friday, January 20th from 9 AM to Noon. His session will be on the Changing Faces of Iowa. This will take place in Iowa Hall and if you are interested in attending, please let us know as we will likely have space available for others to attend. In March, we will follow up Dr. Gray's presentation with a workshop for instructors and staff on effective teaching strategies for English Language Learners on March 10th. Laura Smith-Hill, Education Program Coordinator at the Lutheran Social Services Center for New Americans in Sioux Falls, will be leading the session that day.

National Council for Workforce Education Annual Conference

Marcel Kielkucki attended the annual conference sponsored by the National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) in Atlanta, GA, in October. There were a number of sessions focusing on building career pathways for immigrants and refugees. This is an emerging topic, where best practices are still emerging. Work is being done by a number of organizations across the country—such as NCWE—to develop pilot projects, as well as to conduct research in this area of program development.

Professional Development Opportunities

The Department of Education sponsors professional development for adult education instructors and staff throughout the year. So far this year, Kirkwood has had staff attend a number of different sessions, including topics such as collaborative learning strategies, engaging mathematics lessons, and basic reading assessments. Most of these workshops are offered at no cost to programs, sponsored by WIOA Title II state leadership funding.