

Adult Education Report—January 2017

Enrollment Update

Enrollments continue to trend similar to our FY16 numbers. As of the end of the 2nd quarter, we have had 1163 students enter our program, which above enrollment at the same time last year. Our federal enrolled number is about even with last year's numbers. We are trending a little behind on our post-test rate, but seeing improvement in our student performance in our ABE testing.

Building Cultural Awareness

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Changing Faces of Iowa Workshop held on Kirkwood's main campus on January 20th. Dr. Grey's presentations are always very informative. We will be using the information we have learned here to help guide discussions in the program, and to look at how we need to modify our teaching strategies with assistance from our next presenter for staff in March.

New Attendance Requirements Effective January 1st

Effective January 1, 2017, students enrolling in the adult education program will be asked to commit to a weekly schedule. They will need to identify a minimum number of hours they will attend either in person or work online in approved programs. Our hope is to increase the success of these students in their programming with this change, particularly in our county center locations.

New Course Offerings in Iowa City

We have expanded our Pathways to Success course to students in the ABE/HSED program in Iowa City. Students interested in enrolling in the program will be required to attend the Pathways course, as they are also doing at the Cedar Rapids Main Campus. We also started a health care communication ESL course in January that focuses on improving health care knowledge in addition to assisting with English language skills.

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IAC Layoff

Our programs in Iowa City have also seen a number of students looking to enroll as a result of the IAC layoff. We are working with our WIOA partners on some potential additional offerings to assist these individuals with their desire for additional training.

Desktop Monitoring

Kirkwood will be having its annual desktop monitoring visit on February 7th. This is the method used by the Dept. of Education to ensure program compliance with the provisions of our WIOA Title II grant. Following the visit, the adult education will receive information on commendations as well as recommendations for improvement if any are necessary.