

**ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
FISCAL YEAR 2002 ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY
REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The need for Adult Education and Family Literacy is great.

- ▶ In Fiscal Year 2001, the U.S. Department of Labor estimated that 85 percent of future jobs that will support a middle class family will require access to post-secondary education. In that same year it was estimated that 27 percent of adults in Illinois—2.6 million—have low literacy skills that put them at risk of not qualifying for these jobs.
- ▶ Just over 1.7 million adults in Illinois have completed less than a 12th grade education according to the 2001 Census. Included in this number are more than 675,500 people with less than a 9th grade education. (*Census, Index of Need, 2002*)
- ▶ Around 2.2 million adults, almost 20 percent of Illinois residents, speak a language other than English as the primary language in their home. Of these people, 1.1 million report that they speak English less than proficiently. Hence, one in every 12 Illinois adults needs improved English literacy skills. (*Census, Index of Need, 2002*)

The number of individuals served in Adult Education programs increased in FY2002 by 14 percent to 151,112 students over FY2001.

(Illinois Community College Board, 2002)

Students Served in Adult Education

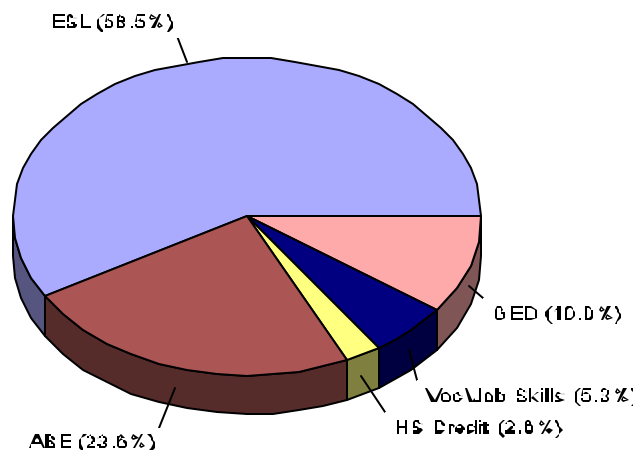
English-as-a-Second Language	87,448
Adult Basic Education	34,697
Adult Secondary Education/GED	18,347
High School Credit	2,474
Vocational Training/Job Skills	<u>8,146</u>
Total Students Served	151,112

Adult Education and Family Literacy helps reduce welfare dependency.

- ▶ 23,071 individuals receiving public assistance were enrolled in Adult Education and Family Literacy programs during Fiscal Year 2002. This represents 15.3 percent of total Adult Education and Family Literacy enrollments. (STAIRS)
- ▶ Adult Education and Family Literacy students receiving public assistance gained skills which helped reduce or cancel their public assistance grants that amounted to millions of dollars in welfare savings. (Illinois Community College Board 2002 and Illinois Common Performance Management System)

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Adult Education and Family Literacy Units of Instruction



Units of Instruction Provided

<u>Units of Instruction Provided</u>	<u>Units</u>
English-as-a-Second Language	798,059
Adult Basic Education	321,596
Adult Secondary Education/GED	136,077
High School Credit	35,588
Vocational Training/Job Skills	<u>72,745</u>
Total Units of Instruction	1,364,065

Adult Education in Illinois exceeded Federal Performance Targets.

► In 2002, Adult Education and Family Literacy helped Illinois become one of a select group of states in the nation that met their federal performance targets under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). In meeting this high standard of performance the Adult Education and Family Literacy system, in partnership with Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act and WIA Title I, qualifies the State to receive a federal incentive grant award.

English-as-a-Second Language enrollments continue to increase.

► English-as-a-Second Language enrollments increased to 87,448 in FY2002 due in part to new federal funds for English Literacy and Civics which allowed programs to serve more students.

► An English Literacy and Civics Institute was conducted to address the multiple learning needs of English-as-a-Second Language learners. The Institute provided excellent professional development opportunities for instructors. The focus was on using cooperative structures and participatory techniques in the ESL/Civics classroom as well as strategies for incorporating ESL/Civics content into curricula.

Administrative Progress Continues at the ICCB.

► An Adult Education and Family Literacy System Funding Task Force was formed to review the current funding methodology used in the allocation of state and federal resources. The Task Force represents all provider types within the Adult Education and Family Literacy system, including community based organizations, community colleges, school districts, Regional Offices of Education, and Department of Corrections. Recommendations by the Funding Task Force are to be completed by June 2003.

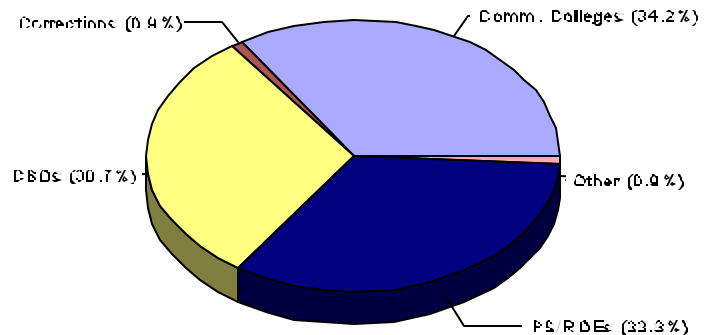
► The Adult Education and Family Literacy

Advisory Council continues to provide vision, guidance, and advice to the ICCB on issues relative to adult education. The Council is composed of representatives from community-based organizations, community colleges, school districts, Regional Offices of Education, the Governors Office and General Assembly, Departments of Corrections and Human Services, Illinois Workforce Investment Board, and other stakeholders.

A strong system of diverse providers respond to the multiple learning needs of adults.

<u>Provider Group</u>	<u>Count</u>
Community College Districts	39
Public Education Affiliates/ Regional Offices of Education	38
Community-Based Organizations	35
Correctional Institutions	1
Other Non-profit Organizations	1
Total	114

Adult Education and Family Literacy Providers



► The GED Illinois Online Project is now fully operational and available to all trained

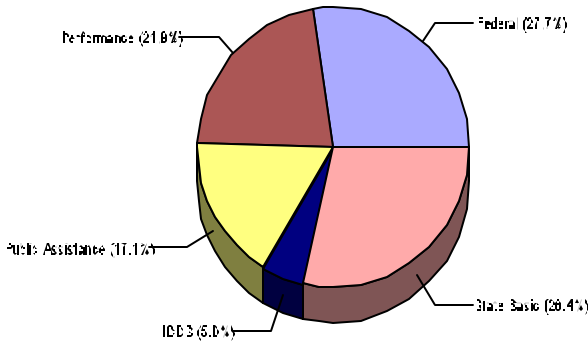
Illinois Adult Education and Family Literacy programs. This cutting edge online tool will allow programs to expand and reach out to students in ways never before possible. Promotional materials and an introductory video were distributed to Adult Education and Family Literacy providers and libraries in Illinois. The internet address for this project is <http://www.gedillinois.org>.

Allocation of Funds by Sources

Federal Basic	\$15,934,009
State Basic	\$16,337,100
Public Assistance	\$ 9,818,200
Performance	\$12,599,998
ICCB EL/Civics	\$ 2,889,553
Total	\$57,578,860

State Reimbursement Rates for Community-Based Organizations.

Allocation of Funds by Source for Adult Education and Family Literacy



Regional Offices of Education, and School Districts

Adult Basic Education	\$76.00
Adult Secondary Education	\$68.40
Vocational Skills Training	\$95.00

State Reimbursement Rates for Community Colleges

Adult Basic Education	\$66.22
Adult Secondary Education	\$58.62
Vocational Skills Training	\$85.22

Section 10-22.20 of the Illinois School Code requires that community colleges deduct the state funding for ABE/ASE/ESL received through the ICCB. In FY 02, that rate was \$9.78.

Criteria for Program Approval

Proposals for funding are reviewed by staff of the Illinois Community College Board and state entities familiar with Adult Education and Family Literacy programming. The review criteria include the quality of the proposed programs and services in the following areas:

- Service to target populations.
- Quantifiable need in the service area.
- Access to a diversity of services.
- Use of effective and diverse instructional strategies.
- Provision of needed support services.
- Coordination with other funding sources.
- Past performance, particularly in relation to student recruitment, retention and learning gains.
- Funding requests in relationship to programs offered, students served, and performance outcomes to be achieved.

Future Challenges

- Develop a new comprehensive data collection system that will strengthen data quality and can be used as a tool for program improvement.
- Develop an updated five-year state plan that incorporates new requirements as a result of Title II Adult Education and Family Literacy Act reauthorization as well as recommendations from the Adult Education and Family Literacy Funding Task Force.
- Place further emphasis on improving curriculum, instruction, and assessment used in the classroom.
- Intensify services that address the needs of individuals requiring English-as-a-Second Language assistance through increased professional development opportunities for staff and instructors.