

# **Maryland Adult Education Fact Sheet 2017**



### Need for Adult Education in Maryland According to the U. S. Census Bureau!

- Over 500,000 adults in Maryland lack even a high school diploma.
- 13% of Marylanders speak a language other than English at home.
- 5% of the population of Maryland speaks English less than "very well."
- Estimated number of adults in Maryland needing Adult Education and Literacy Services = 750,000 – 810,000.



### What Maryland Adult Education Services Have Accomplished!

- Approximately 1,452 high school diplomas earned in FY 2016 including GED® Test and National External Diploma Program
- 53% have increased literacy skills on standardized pretest and posttests in FY 2016



## **Economic Impact of Adult Education**

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, median weekly wages increase from \$493 for a non-high school graduate to \$678 for a graduate!
- According to the Longitudinal Study of Adult Learning (LSAL) conducted by Dr. Stephen Reder, adults who attended an average of more than 100 hours of instruction averaged \$10,000 more in annual income. See https://www.proliteracy.org/Resources/Need-for-Literacy-Research.



## **About Maryland Adult Ed Learners!**

- 34,862 total adult learners in FY 2016
- Adults waiting for services reached 3,389 in FY 2016
- 85% minority African American, Hispanic, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, or Asian
- 29% aged 16 to 24
- 34% employed and 21% unemployed
- 17% in correctional education programming



#### Maryland Adult Learners' Skill Levels at Time of Enrollment

- **39%** Adult Basic Education (from preliterate to 8<sup>th</sup> GLE)
- 10% Adult Secondary Education (from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> GLE)
- 51% English Language Learners



#### **Maryland Adult Education Professionals**

- Approximately 93% of Teachers are part-time
- Approximately 65% of Administrative/Principals/Supervisory/Professional Development personnel are part-time
- Over 89 volunteers



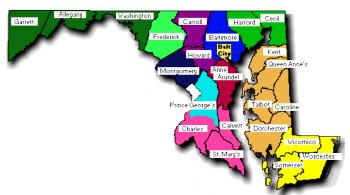
### **Our Funding Sources**

- \$9.0 M Federal WIOA Title II (Compared to 17.5 M in PA and 12.5 in VA)
- **\$8.0 M** State

# **Programs Across Maryland**

# 26 state grantees, including

- community colleges
- local public school systems
- community based organizations
- government agencies



See https://www.dllr.state.md.us/gedmd/programs.shtml to find programs throughout **Maryland** 

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