Indiana’s Adult Student Outreach and Support

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Our Mission and Goal

• Our strategic plan calls for a system of higher education that is student-centered, mission-driven, and workforce-aligned.

• Indiana’s Goal: that 60 percent of Hoosiers hold a degree or credential beyond high school by 2025.
  – To meet the Big Goal: 200,000 adults must go back to higher education and complete by 2020.
Higher Education’s Role

• Promoting personal prosperity and well-being.

• Meeting employer and community needs – especially in high-demand areas.

• Helping the State economy grow.
Educational Attainment in Indiana

• **1.4 million** Hoosiers between the ages of 25 and 64 have a high school education or less.

• **750,000** have some college credit, but do not have an associate or bachelor’s degree.
  – (Of these, about **170,000** have a high-quality certificate.)

• In total, **more than half** (59.1%) of working age adults do not have a high-quality certificate, associate, or bachelor’s.

Source: Lumina Foundation
Link Between Education and Employment

Percent Employed By Education
Age 25 and Over

- College Graduates
- Some College
- High School Graduates, No College
- High School Dropouts

Source: BLS
After losing 5.6 million jobs in the recession, the economy has added only 80,000 jobs for workers with a high school education or below (and 8.4 million for college graduates).


Note: Employment includes all workers age 18 and older. The monthly employment numbers are seasonally adjusted using the U.S. Census Bureau X-12 procedure and smoothed using a four-month moving average.
Workforce Training and the Commission

• Identify high-demand, high-paying skills.

• Remove affordability as an obstacle.

• Encourage student-friendly approaches.

• Engage and coordinate with partners.
Supporting Adult Students

• **You Can. Go Back.**
  – Awareness campaign to encourage adults to return to higher education and complete their degree

• **Adult Student Grant**
  – $1,000 grant available to qualifying students

• **Financial Aid for PLA**
  – State aid will cover Prior Learning Assessment fees

• **Flexibility for SAP**
  – Some adults can still receive aid if they don’t meet SAP

• **Workforce Ready Grant**
  – Covers tuition and fees for high-value certificates
You Can. Go Back.
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- **Statewide campaign** that aims to help the 750,000+ Hoosier adults with some college but no degree finish what they started.
  - Direct Student Outreach
  - Partnership with Indiana Colleges
  - College Match Website
  - Employer Engagement
  - Community Engagement
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LIKE YOU, FOR INSTANCE.

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- Designed to assist adults starting or completing an associate degree, bachelor's degree, or certificate by providing a $1,000 grant on a first come, first serve basis. It is specifically designed to meet the unique needs of working adults.
Flexibility for SAP
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• Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress to receive federal aid.
• Most states link state aid to SAP as well.
• Returning adults are often “sapped out” of aid due to their previous academic records.
• In 2017, the Indiana General Assembly partially decoupled the Adult Student Grant from SAP requirements.
Financial Aid for PLA
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- Prior Learning Assessments help experienced adults earn degrees faster and cheaper.
- State and federal aid often do not cover PLA fees. Students must pay out-of-pocket.
- In 2017, the Indiana General Assembly allowed state aid to be used for fees associated with PLAs.
Workforce Ready Grant
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• Designed to assist adults starting a high-value certificate by **fully covering tuition and fees** on a first come, first serve basis.

• **It is credit-agnostic:** it can be used for credit-bearing non-credit-bearing certificates and certifications.

• The State determines which programs are high-value.
Workforce Ready Grant

• A student-friendly, “one-stop shop” will help adults determine which program is right for them.

• This Grant ties together several new and existing funding sources and training programs in a cohesive manner.
Questions?