

# Adult Education Programs

## **Who do Adult Education Programs serve?**

*Adults wanting to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency.*

## **What is the purpose of Adult Education Programs?**

*To increase independence, employability, and functionality of adults through education.*

## **Where are Utah's Adult Education Programs located?**

- *School Districts*
- *Libraries*
- *Community-Based Organizations*
- *Correctional Facilities*
- *Private Sector Employers*

## **Why Adult Education Programs?**

*Adult Education programs provide:*

- *Math and literacy skills for adults functioning below the ninth grade level.*
- *Instruction leading to a high school diploma or GED for adults.*
- *Basic English proficiency skills for adults to improve communication skills.*

## **How do Adult Education Programs support families?**

*Adult education may be the single most important tool for moving employable adults successfully off public assistance and out of poverty, as well as reducing the number of new crimes committed by former prison inmates. Educated, literate parents are the foundation for literate, educated children.*

# Utah Adult Education Overview

## STATEWIDE TOTALS 2002-2003

- 32,886 adult students served in Utah
- 10,650 English as a Second Language adult students served in Utah

## ADULT EDUCATION OUTCOMES

- High School Diplomas----- 3,763
- GEDs----- 5,076
- Credits Earned-----40,546

## For More Information, Contact

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# A Real Success Story

"My name is Juanita. I am a single mother of four beautiful children, who I love very much.

"I dropped out of school in my senior year due to the fact that I wasn't going to graduate with my class. School never seemed important to me. My mother tried everything she could to keep me in school, but I didn't care about getting an education.

"I never saw the importance of it, with the lifestyle I was living. Little did I know, back then, that not having an education kept me in the lifestyle I lived up until now.

"I've been in and out of prison three times. I put myself in situations and facilities where I couldn't attend school, and honestly, I was okay with that.

"Last year I called home, and found my oldest son had gotten in some trouble in school and was expelled for a school year. That broke my heart, so I talked to him about school. It was me all over again. I knew then that I needed to change my life and set a positive example for my children. I put in to move to a different facility, to make a new start. At Wasatch County Jail I started attending school—a GED class—and then found out I only needed three credits to graduate. I got so excited that I completed them, and here I am graduating. I want my children and family to know that I love them very much and thank them all for standing by my side and never giving up on me. I MADE IT, and I am determined to make a better life for myself and my children.

"I want to enroll in a community college and further my education, and become a dental assistant or go into the medical field.

"I want to thank my teachers for helping me make this possible. I MADE IT!!!!"

## Partnerships

- Literacy Centers
- Community-Based Organizations
- Community Action Centers
- Justice Centers
- Housing Authorities
- International Rescue Centers
- Mental Health Centers
- Elementary Schools
- Adult Probation & Parole
- Independent Living Centers
- Tribal Centers
- County Jails
- Head Start
- Prisons
- Resettlement Agencies
- Businesses
- Salvation Army
- Drug & Alcohol Rehab Centers
- Public Libraries

## Opportunity Matters

**“Adult education leading to a skilled workforce is an important economic investment.”**

**Tom Guinney  
President, Utah Gastronomy  
Restaurants, Inc.**

*Adult*  
**EDUCATION**

## HOW DOES ADULT EDUCATION BENEFIT THE STATE?

- *According to a Legislative Fiscal Analyst’s report, Adult Education increases the employability and earnings of adults. Each diploma or GED generates \$779 in additional state income taxes. This would be the equivalent of about \$4 million in revenue per year.*
- *Graduating from high school decreases the likelihood of needing public assistance by 75 percent.*
- *According to a Department of Economics study at the University of Utah, every dollar spent on Corrections Education programs results indirect savings of approximately \$11 in costs by reducing the number of new crimes committed.*
- *Numerous studies have documented that parent literacy is critical to developing school-ready and literate children.*

The more educated the parent, the more educated the child.

## 2003-2004 Report to the State

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# Adult Education

“Leave No Student Behind”  
Parents Matter



## UTAH ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

# REPORT CARD

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Literacy in the Home Begins with the Parent(s)