

Adult and Community Learning Services

Out-stationing of Adult Basic Education Staff in Career Centers FY'09

GOAL: Out-stationing of ABE staff in One-Stop Career Centers has occurred since FY'2001. The goal of the effort is to provide service to career center customers who require adult basic education in order to qualify for employment or to access post-secondary education. This service serves adults who are ready, willing, and eligible to enroll in an ABE program, not to all undereducated adults who access the career center for services. The range of duties for the out-stationed staff varies from region to region, but focuses on serving this population's ability to gain access to the educational services they need.

PARTNERS: Out-stationing of ABE staff in career centers is the DOE preferred option in the MOU that ACLS has with local WIBs and their Career Centers. It is not mandated, but recommended. The decision to pursue this option is based on mutual agreement among the LWIB Director and Career Center Directors, the Administrator of ACLS, and area adult basic education programs.

PARTICIPATING REGIONS: To date, the regions listed below have chosen this option; the education provider listed is the one that outstations staff at the career center. Some regions split the responsibility between two ABE programs with each doing 4 hours per week (unless ACLS has approved changes in that arrangement). The decision of full or half-day coverage is based on the collaborative decision-making of the ABE programs and the career center in meeting the needs of undereducated adults within the region.

FUNDING: This year, budgets were level funded. Costs for the activity are embedded in the grants for FY'09 (Fund Code 340/345). The costs for this activity were identified in the program plan.

Region	ABE Agency Providing Out-stationed Staff*
1. Berkshire	So. Berkshire Education Collaborative (8 hours)
2. Bristol	Taunton Public Schools/Bristol Community College (4 hours)
3. Brockton Area/CareerWorks	Training Resources of America (Brockton) (8 hours)
4. Cape Cod & Islands	ACCESS Program at Cape Cod Community College (8 hours)
5. Franklin/Hampshire	The Literacy Project (8 hours)
6. Greater Lowell	Lowell Public Schools (8 hours)
7. Hampden	FutureWorks/Springfield –

	Valley Opportunity Council (8 hours)
	Career Point/Holyoke - Holyoke Public Schools/Juntos Collaborative (8 hours)
8. New Bedford	New Bedford Public Schools (4 hours) University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth (4 hours)
9. North Central	Mount Wachusett Community College (4 hours)
10. North Shore	Operation Bootstrap (Lynn Career Center) (8 hours) and Training Resources of America (Salem Career Center) (4 hours)
11. Central Mass	Workforce Central Quinsigamond Community College (8 hours)
12. South Coastal	Rockland Public Schools (8 hours) – Quincy Career Center
13. Merrimack Valley	ValleyWorks Career Center/Lawrence: Lawrence Public Schools (8 hours) ValleyWorks Career Center/Haverhill Community Action, Inc.) (8 hours)

* All agencies provide staff during the K-12 academic year only (no services in school vacation weeks)