

151B.408 Adult education and literacy system -- Services -- Duties and responsibilities of the Office of Adult Education.

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 - (a) The Office of Adult Education shall promulgate necessary administrative regulations and administer a statewide adult education and literacy system throughout the state. The adult education and literacy system shall include diverse educational services provided by credentialed professionals, based on the learners' current needs and a commitment to lifelong learning.
 - (b) Services shall be provided at multiple sites appropriate for adult learning, including vocational and technical colleges, community colleges, comprehensive universities, adult education centers, public schools, libraries, family resource centers, adult correctional facilities, other institutions, and through the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University. Services shall be targeted to communities with the greatest need based on the number of adults at literacy levels I and II as defined by the 1997 Kentucky Adult Literacy Survey and other indicators of need.
 - (c) Access and referral services shall be initiated at multiple points including businesses, educational institutions, labor organizations, employment offices, and government offices.
 - (d) Multiple funding sources, program support, and partnerships to administer the adult education and literacy system may include student scholarship and grants; fees for services rendered; and other general, agency, local, state, federal, and private funds.
- (2) Services included as part of the adult education and literacy system shall include but not be limited to functionally-contexted workplace essential skills training based on employers' needs, leading to a competency-based certificate indicating proficiency in critical thinking, computing, reading, writing, communicating, problem-solving, team-building, and use of technology at various worksites regarding basic skills.
- (3) In administering an adult education and literacy system, the Office of Adult Education shall:
 - (a) Assist providers with the development of quality job-specific and workplace essential skills instruction for workers in business and industry, literacy and adult basic education, adult secondary education, including High School Equivalency Diploma program preparation, English as a second language, and family literacy programs, in cooperation with local business, labor, economic development, educational, employment, and service support entities;
 - (b) Provide assessments of each student's skill and competency level allowing assessments to be shared with other educational and employment entities when necessary for providing additional educational programs, taking into consideration student confidentiality;
 - (c) Assist adult educators to meet professional standards;
 - (d) Create an awareness program in cooperation with the Administrative Office of the Courts to ensure that District and Circuit Court Judges are aware of the

provisions of KRS 533.200 and the methods to access adult education and literacy programs for persons sentenced under the statute;

- (e) Develop administrative regulations including those for business and industry service participation and mechanisms for service funding through all appropriate federal, state, local, and private resources;
- (f) Require and monitor compliance with the program's administrative regulations and policies; and
- (g) Develop and implement performance measures and benchmarks.

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