



Arizona Department of Education

La Paz County

ARIZONA ADULT EDUCATION

Program Year
2009-2010



Adult Education delivers literacy services to out-of-school adults who are 16 years of age and older and who are not enrolled in a K-12 school.

In Arizona, only providers who meet rigorous standards and produce positive student outcomes are funded. **La Paz Career Center** is the program certified to provide Adult Education throughout La Paz County. The Arizona Department of Education – Adult Education Services allocated **\$76,343** to La Paz County for adult education services for the Program Year 2009-20010.

The Need for Adult Education in La Paz County

Of the over 20,000 people living in La Paz County, 81% (16,304) are 18 years and older. Of these, 26% (4,182) lack a high school credential. 9% (17,757) of the population 16 to 19 years old are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

5% of individuals 18 years and older (805) live in “linguistically isolated” households (*all members of the household 14 years and older have at least some difficulty with English.*)

Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009



La Paz County Adult Education Data ■ Program Year 2009-2010

- 55 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 4,344 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$17.57 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$1,388.05 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 perK-12 student*)
- 64% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 70% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 82% who sought a job found employment
- 69% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 88% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data: 9** Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

La Paz County was an early adopter in linking Adult Education and Workforce Development. During Program Year 2008-2009, the La Paz Career Center received \$58,811 in performance based incentive funding to integrate Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the Allied Healthcare field for the residents of La Paz County. Lessons learned from the La Paz County model have been implemented in Arizona’s current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.



Data provided by Arizona Department of Education, Adult Education Services

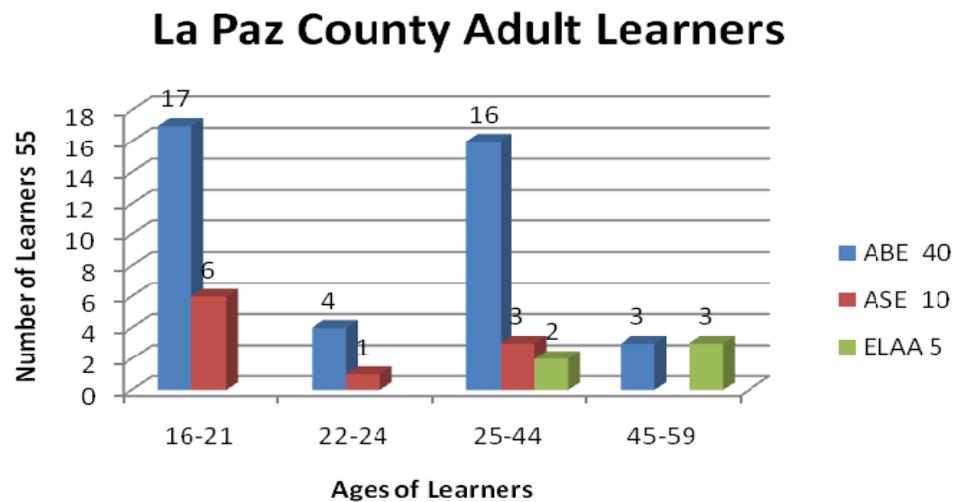
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SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in La Paz County

- The U.S. Department of Labor-Bureau of Labor Statistics has determined the 2008 median annual earnings difference between no diploma and a high school credential to be \$8,580. The 9 individuals in La Paz County earning a GED® represent a potential increase in taxable income of over \$77,200.
- 38% of adult learners in La Paz County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 29% of adult learners in La Paz County are employed.
- Of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in La Paz County, 11% (1,716) have no secondary credential. The 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy research confirms once again that the educational attainment of the parents, particularly that of the mother, has a direct bearing on the educational achievement of a child.
- 2,622 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. La Paz County reported 774 high school students (grades 9-12) and a dropout rate in 2007-2008 of 6% (78) for grades 7-12. ADE-AES served 28 people under the age of 25, of whom 82% (23) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 73% of adults enrolled in La Paz County enrolling in Adult Education classes had reading, writing, and/or math proficiency skill levels at eighth grade or below.

Improving an adult's skills in reading, writing and/or math SIGNIFICANTLY increases his/her earning potential and ultimate contributions as a member of a family, the workforce, and the community.



ABE = Adult Basic Education
Instruction in reading, writing, & math through 8th grade level.

ASE = Adult Secondary Education
Instruction in reading, writing, math, science & social studies. May lead to a high school equivalency diploma.

ELAA = English Language Acquisition for Adults
Instruction in listening, speaking, reading & writing for non-native English speakers.

EL/Civics – Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is provided throughout Arizona Adult Education programming.