



*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. **Northland Pioneer College** is the program certified to provide Adult Education throughout Navajo County. The Arizona Department of Education – Adult Education Services allocated **\$199,432** to Navajo County for adult education services for the Program Year 2009-2010.

## The Need for Adult Education in Navajo County

Of the approximately 113,000 people living in Navajo County, 67% (75,770) are 18 years and older. Of that number, 23% (17,585) do not have a high school credential. 11% (850) of the 16 to 19 year olds are not enrolled in school and do not have a high school credential.

5% of individuals 18 years and older (3,689) live in “linguistically isolated” households (*all members 14 years and older have at least some difficulty with English*).

*Source: American Community Survey 2005-2009*



## Navajo County Adult Education Data ■ Program Year 2009-2010

- 352 adults enrolled in Adult Education classes
- 18,476 instructional hours were provided in Adult Education classes
- \$10.79 of Adult Education funding was expended per instructional hour
- \$566.57 of Adult Education funding was expended per adult student (*compared to over \$6,000 per K-12 student*)
- 65% of enrolled students improved more than two grade levels
- 88% who sought a high school equivalency credential passed the GED® Test and earned a diploma
- 71% who sought a job found employment
- 85% who sought to retain or improve employment were successful
- 74% who had a goal of entering post-secondary education or training went on to further education
- **GED® Testing Data:** 254 Arizona High School Equivalency Diplomas were issued.

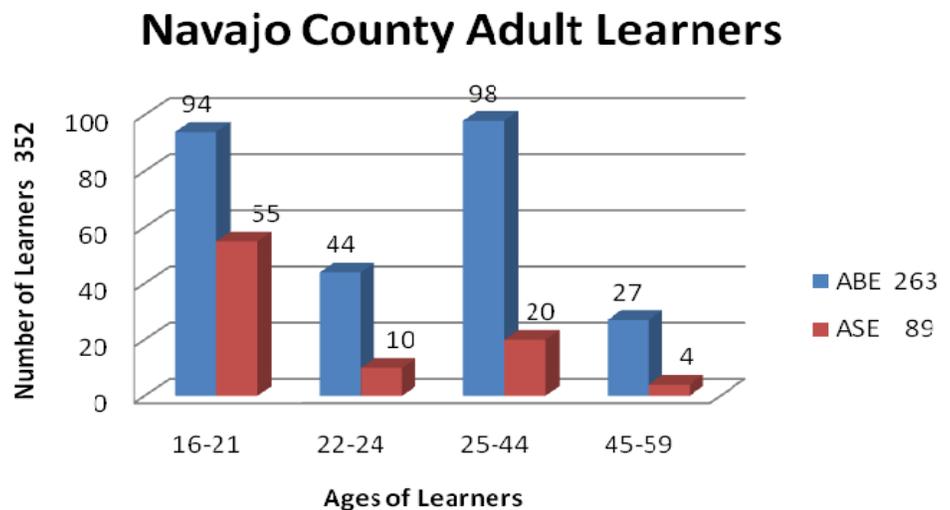
Navajo County was an early adopter in linking Adult Education and Workforce Development. During Program Year 2007-2008, Northland Pioneer College received \$70,781 in performance-based incentive funding to integrate Adult Education and Post-secondary training in the Allied Healthcare field for the residents of Apache and Navajo Counties. Lessons learned from the Navajo County model have been implemented in Arizona’s current statewide initiative to build Adult Career Pathways in targeted industry sectors.



## SNAPSHOT: Adult Education in Navajo 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 254 individuals in Navajo earning a GED® in Navajo County represent a potential increase in taxable income of almost \$2,180,000.
- 34% of adult learners in Navajo County are between the ages of 25 and 44.
- 27% of adult learners in Navajo County are employed.
- Of the population 18 and over representing child-bearing and employment ages in Navajo County, 8% (6,048) have only an elementary education. 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.
- 19,632 students were enrolled in public pre-school through high school during the 2009-2010 school year. Navajo County reported 6,624 public high school students (grades 9-12) and a dropout rate in 2007-2008 in grades 7-12 of 7% (767). ADE-AES served 203 people under the age of 25, of whom 73% (149) were between ages 16 and 21.
- 75% of adults in Navajo 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.