

A Look at the Big Picture

CAERC OUTLINES PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE OF ADULT ED

It takes a clear plan to make a real impact. For the past two years, CAERC members and partners have worked together to develop a new vision for adult education in the region. These are CAERC's top priorities:

1 Build and expand adult education offerings

CAERC will use **85%** of funding it receives to bring back adult ed classes cut during the recession and expand offerings to meet each community's unique needs. Adult students will see increased offerings in:

- English as a second language
- Adult basic and secondary education
- Career technical education
- Pre-apprenticeship training
- Services for adults with disabilities



2 Develop alignment and pathways

CAERC will coordinate and align programs and pathways. CAERC will develop a Regional Asset Map, an online tool at www.capitaladulthood.org that identifies adult ed programs offered in the region, making for seamless pathways among members and partners.

Adult students can expect these benefits:

- Alignment of curricula
- Easier to enroll & transfer credits
- Clear steps for individual students



3 Increase student support services

CAERC will invest in providing student services to reduce the barriers adult learners may face as they pursue academic or career goals.



4 Enhance data and accountability systems

New data and accountability systems will show the effectiveness of CAERC's work, and the areas in which the consortium can continue to grow:

- Employment & demographic data will help identify community needs
- Student results will be tracked to measure CAERC's success



THE BIG PICTURE

With these improvements, it will be easier than ever for adults to get the education they need to build a better future for themselves and our local economy. More students will be able to access adult education, opening the door to:

- **A stable job**
- **Higher education**
- **A better future for the whole family**
- **A more highly qualified local workforce**



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