



U.S. Department of Education
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Fact Sheet Series

Adult Basic and Literacy Education



National Reporting System for Adult Education

Background

The Workforce Investment Act, AEFLA, requires a means for measuring the effectiveness of adult education programs. The Office of Vocational and Adult Education established the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS) to meet federal accountability requirements for the state-administered adult education program.

Overview

NRS measures the effectiveness of state-administered, federally funded adult education programs. The national accountability system identifies measures for national reporting and their definitions, establishes methods for data collection, develops standards for reporting, and develops training materials and activities on requirements and procedures. The NRS will improve the accountability of the adult education program by documenting its ability to meet federal policy and programmatic goals. The NRS project is being managed by the American Institutes for Research.

Outcomes and Products

- Web-based guides and training materials on data quality and using data collected through the NRS
- Analysis of state performance data

The OVAE Fact Sheet Series highlights efforts currently underway at the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) to support the principles of the President's *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. The principle(s) supported by this effort are checked.

- Increase Accountability and Academic Achievement
- Increase Options and Involvement for Parents and Students
- Increase Flexibility and Reduce Bureaucracy
- Focus on What Works

- Workshop series for state officials on data quality
- Data quality standards for the collection and reporting of program data.
- Development of a distance education course.

Timeline

- October 2007- September 2010

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