

# Appendix B:

## Major Federal Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Programs

Federal agency	Program	Purpose	Fiscal year 1992 funding (in millions of dollars)
Department of Education	Adult Education Act (AEA) Basic Grants	Primary Federal program for adults with inadequate basic skills. Formula grants to State education agencies (SEAs) for adult basic education, secondary education, and English literacy. State set-asides for incarcerated and institutionalized adults, and teacher training and innovation.	\$235.8
	AEA State Literacy Resource Centers	Centers chosen by Governor perform coordinating, research, training, and technical assistance functions.	5.0
	AEA Workplace Literacy Partnerships	Secretary makes competitive grants to partnerships of education providers and private sector partners. Literacy programs for workers with less than high school education. (If appropriations exceed \$50 million, program administered by States.)	19.3
	AEA English Literacy Grants	SEAs receive competitive grants for English literacy programs for limited English proficient (LEP) adults. Secretary also may fund demonstrations of innovative approaches for English literacy instruction.	1.0
	AEA National Programs	Secretary carries out range of national research and evaluations in adult literacy; provides technical assistance; supports demonstration projects; and with Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Department of Labor (DOL), funds National Institute for Literacy.	9.0
	Literacy for State and Local Prisoners	Grants to State or local correctional agencies. Literacy training for inmates.	5.0
	Commercial Drivers Program	Competitive grants to business, labor, apprenticeship programs, and education agencies. Literacy programs help commercial drivers pass mandated test	2.5
	Adult Education for the Homeless	Discretionary grants to SEAs provide basic skills and literacy training for the homeless.	9.8
	Special Programs for Indian Adults	Competitive grants to Indian tribes and organizations improve education below the college level for Indian adults.	4.3

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	Even Start Family Literacy	SEAS receive formula grants for family literacy projects run by local education agencies, community-based organizations, and others. Participants are educationally disadvantaged parents and their children ages 0 to 7 who live in areas eligible for Chapter 1 and Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) grants. Parents taught literacy and parenting skills; children receive education and school readiness.	\$70.0'
	Bilingual Family English Literacy	Competitive grants to educational institutions to help LEP adults and out-of-school youth achieve competence in English, support their children in school, and gain citizenship knowledge. Preference to families with children in Title VII, ESEA.	6.1
	Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) Title VI Library Literacy Program	Secretary makes discretionary grants to State and local public libraries to support literacy programs in public libraries.	8.2
	LSCA Title I Public Library Services	Formula grants to State library agencies. Primary purpose: to expand public library services in underserved areas. States may also use funds to help public libraries provide adult literacy programs and to support model library literacy centers.	83.9'
	Student Literacy corps	Competitive grants to higher education institutions. Projects encourage undergraduates to volunteer as literacy tutors for adults and children.	5.4
	Migrant Education High School Equivalency Program (HEP)	Competitive grants help migrant farmworkers or their children ages 17 or older obtain general equivalency diploma (GED) and proceed to job or higher education.	8.3
Department of Health and Human services	Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS)	Provides Aid for Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients with education and training in order to avoid welfare dependence. State welfare agencies receive entitlements. Services must include basic education, GED education, English as a second language (ESL), and job training. Participation mandated for some parents.	1,000.0'
	State legalization Impact Assistance Grants (SLIAG)	Reimburses States for costs of public assistance, public health, and adult education for newly legalized aliens. Services include basic education, GED education, English literacy instruction, and citizenship instruction.	(\$1,1 <sup>e</sup> =.9' deferred until fiscal year 1993)
	Refugee Resettlement Program	States receive formula grants for social services for eligible refugees. Funds may be used for English language instruction.	83.0'
	Head Start Family Literacy Initiative	Head Start provides education, social services, and school readiness activities for low-income preschool children and their families. As of 1992, HHS requires every Head Start project to integrate family literacy activities into regular practices.	(Minimum for family literacy. Total fiscal y-1992 funding for Head Start was \$2,202.0.)

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Department of Labor	Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Title II-A Training for Disadvantaged Youth and Adults	Aims to increase employability of economically disadvantaged adults and youth ages 16 to 21. States receive formula grants. Governors keep 8 percent for education and training coordination, literacy services, and other activities. Seventy-eight percent of grant distributed to regional service delivery areas (SDAs). Services are primarily job training, but also include remedial, basic skills, literacy, and bilingual education.	\$1,773.5 <sup>a</sup>
	JTPA Title II-B Summer Youth Employment and Training	Summer education and training programs for economically disadvantaged youth ages 14 to 21. States receive formula grants; funds channeled to local SDAs. Private industry councils determine local service providers. Programs must include basic skills and remedial education; other allowable activities are work experience, job training, and employability skills.	495.2 <sup>a</sup>
	JTPA Title III Dislocated Worker Assistance	Grants to States for retraining, education, and readjustment services for workers displaced from jobs. Basic and remedial education, literacy training, and English literacy, as well as job retraining. Secretary also funds special and emergency projects.	577.0 <sup>a</sup>
	JTPA Title IV-B Job Corps	Federal Government directly administers residential Job Corps centers. Program aims to help severely disadvantaged youth ages 14 to 22 become more responsible, employable, and productive. Highly intensive program provides basic education and GED education, along with training, work experience, and support services.	846.5 <sup>a</sup>
	National Workforce Literacy Collaborative	Helps small and medium-sized businesses and labor organizations develop literacy programs tailored to workforce needs. DOL plans to expand to include broader technical assistance.	0 (DOL requests \$1.2 for fiscal year 1993 for this and National Literacy Act duties.)
Department of Defense	Army Basic Skills Education Programs (BSEP) I and II	BSEP I and BSEP II provide basic education to soldiers who need to improve their skills to complete initial entry training, as well as job-related basic skills competencies.	(estimate)
	Navy Skills Enhancement Program	Provides basic skills training to help sailors achieve competency and perform jobs.	(estimate)
Department of the Interior	Bureau of Indian Affairs Adult Education Program	Bureau of Indian Affairs contracts with Indian tribes to operate basic literacy and GED programs for Indian adults.	3.4
Department of Justice	Bureau of Prisons Literacy Program	Inmates in Federal prisons who perform below high school diploma literacy level must participate in literacy program until they meet GED level, or for a minimum of 120 days. LEP inmates must attend ESL program until they function at 8th-grade competency level.	16.1 (estimate)
ACTION	Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) Literacy Cups	Volunteer tutors assigned to adult literacy projects in needy communities. Projects are competitively selected.	4.8

<sup>a</sup> Amounts are for entire program; specific expenditures for adult literacy and basic skills education are not available.

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