

Urbana Adult Education

*Annual Summary of Activities
Prepared for Urbana School Board Meeting
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- 1) Last year, we served a total of 1430 Adult Education students
 - 88 of our students earned their high school diploma
 - Urbana Adult Education students made up 26% of the Urbana High School 2008 Graduating class
 - 25 of our students earned their GED
 - 88 of our students earned their CNA Certificate

• Our number of students has increased this year: March, 2009: 1399 compared to March, 2008: 1,343
In fact, our number of students this year is higher than it has been since 2002-03
- 2) We were able to re-start our Even Start Family Literacy Program this year. It serves parents of children under 4 who need a high school diploma or ESL services, and it provides classes for adults, childcare for children, door-to-door transportation, and Parent And Child Together (PACT) activities
- 3) We have begun to revamp our APL (Adult Performance Level) Curriculum to include a Pre-APL Component due to the quickly growing number of 16-18 year-olds enrolling
- 4) We have implemented two Workplace Education programs this year (at Herff-Jones and at the U of I Food Service Program)
- 5) Using WIA Youth Program funds, we were able to employ a Job Skills Specialist last year, and additionally, a Life Skills Coach this year
- 6) We had an increase in our TAOEP funds this year which helped us to fill the Yankee Ridge Outreach Worker position to 5 hours per day ... something we have been trying to do for several years. It also allowed for professional development funds to be paid for through the grant instead of district funds. Currently we are in our third year of a 3-year grant for TAOEP, so we are in the process of writing another grant in order to continue it ... we will again be considered a "new" program application and will be competing with other programs in the same situation as well as any new program submitting an application. We have been fortunate over the years to be re-funded for these grants so I am hopeful. But, the State is in a serious budget situation, so I am cautiously optimistic.

Restructuring

This year is a planning year during which we are considering how to bring the Storefront School/staff to the Urbana Adult Education site while continuing to offer the instructional options we have now.

Concerns

1) Funding continues to be a real concern (see other side). The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) is our major source of funding, and due to the current funding formula, funding for our APC has dropped steadily since 2001-02, when the Adult Education program in Illinois was shifted from the Illinois State Board of Education to the Illinois Community College Board. An ICCB committee is currently looking at that funding formula as to whether to keep or change it.

Due to these funding decreases, we have had to be especially creative in looking for other grant funds (such as the WIA Youth Program and Even Start), as well as in restructuring our current programs in order to continue to meet the growing needs of our students. In the past three years we have lost four full-time and four part-time staff members due to budget cuts (mostly through attrition, by not filling positions as someone has left).

- 2) The rapidly growing numbers of our youngest students has required a great deal of staff professional development to help our staff to better understand our youth culture and ways to improve our effectiveness with this group.
- 3) Space has become an issue as a cost factor of renting instructional space (for ESL and Storefront programs), and the potential change of the Columbia School site for our Even Start program.

URBANA ADULT EDUCATION
ENROLLMENT COMPARISON

<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Storefront	31	43	58	66	71	78	84			
Adult Basic Education	636	809	884	933	1078	1227	1315			
*Public Aid Portion	*167	*211	*253	*287	*327	*367	397			
Community Education	<u>587</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>663</u>	<u>665</u>	<u>984</u>	<u>1085</u>	<u>1123</u>			
	1254	1502	1605	1664	2133	2390	2438			
<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Storefront	51	63	66	68	83	86	94	100	100	
Adult Basic Education	570	748	879	909	1061	1153	1249	1330	1330	
*Public Aid Portion	*137	*191	*236	*253	*293	*328	*369	*394	*402	
Community Education	<u>707</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>765</u>	<u>765</u>	<u>1232</u>	<u>1344</u>	<u>1407</u>	<u>1468</u>	<u>1484</u>	
	1328	1557	1710	1742	2376	2583	2750	2898	2924	
<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Storefront	69	85	96	99	105	112	117	125	125	125
Adult Basic Education	625	794	867	905	1081	1157	1256	1312	1315	1315
*Public Aid Portion	*177	*259	*285	*304	*356	*362	*410	*431	*447	*448
Community Education	<u>738</u>	<u>806</u>	<u>841</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>1424</u>	<u>1528</u>	<u>1603</u>	<u>1625</u>	<u>1632</u>	<u>1642</u>
	1432	1685	1804	1847	2610	2797	2976	3062	3072	3082
<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Storefront	44	51	59	65	73	85	94	102	103	103
Adult Basic Education	603	737	817	857	1007	1094	1200	1276	1279	1290
*Public Aid Portion	*128	*171	*194	*209	*256	*277	*312	*345	*360	*364
Community Education	<u>748</u>	<u>812</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>848</u>	<u>1506</u>	<u>1625</u>	<u>1689</u>	<u>1708</u>	<u>1711</u>	<u>1718</u>
	1395	1600	1724	1770	2586	2804	2983	3086	3093	3111
<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Storefront	61	69	77	81	86	91	96	96	98	98
Adult Basic Education	573	725	807	833	994	1106	1217	1246	1282	1306
*Public Aid Portion	*118	*159	*188	*198	*256	*272	*326	*335	*344	*353
Community Education	<u>830</u>	<u>964</u>	<u>976</u>	<u>988</u>	<u>1773</u>	<u>1926</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>2031</u>	<u>2039</u>	<u>2049</u>
	1464	1758	1860	1902	2853	3123	3310	3373	3419	3453
<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Storefront	62	70	81	88	103	109	114	116	116	
Adult Basic Education	597	753	847	866	1030	1106	1185	1245	1253	
*Public Aid Portion	*180	*237	*275	*291	*326	*358	*407	*430	*438	
Community Education	<u>768</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>869</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>1614</u>	<u>1822</u>	<u>1897</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1998</u>	
	1427	1662	1797	1828	2747	3037	3196	3298	3367	
<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Storefront	73	87	99	104	132	144	157	161	161	
Adult Basic Education	665	805	908	935	1117	1233	1318	1356	1366	
*Public Aid Portion	*478	*483	*486	*487	STAIRS system error					
Community Education	<u>679</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>839</u>	<u>1744</u>	<u>1900</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2049</u>	<u>2069</u>	
	1417	1681	1843	1878	2993	3277	3475	3566	3596	

(Public aid portion overstated-due to, one of many that has not been fixed by the state)