



# 2017 Summer Institute

## MDE ABE Office Update

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# Thank You

- Co-sponsoring organizations
  - Literacy Action Network
  - Minnesota Community Education Association
- Summer Institute Planning
  - Chairs Traci and Sarah
  - Planning and Sub-Committee Members
  - Presenters, Poster Presenters, Vendors
  - Volunteers
- Everyone participating



# Ongoing Working Groups

- Support Professional Resource Advisory Committee (SPARC)
- Distance Education Virtual Task Force
- PANDA Disabilities Advisory Committee
- PD Advisory Committee
- Regional Transitions Coordinators
- Adult Diploma Working Group
- CCRS Implementation Team



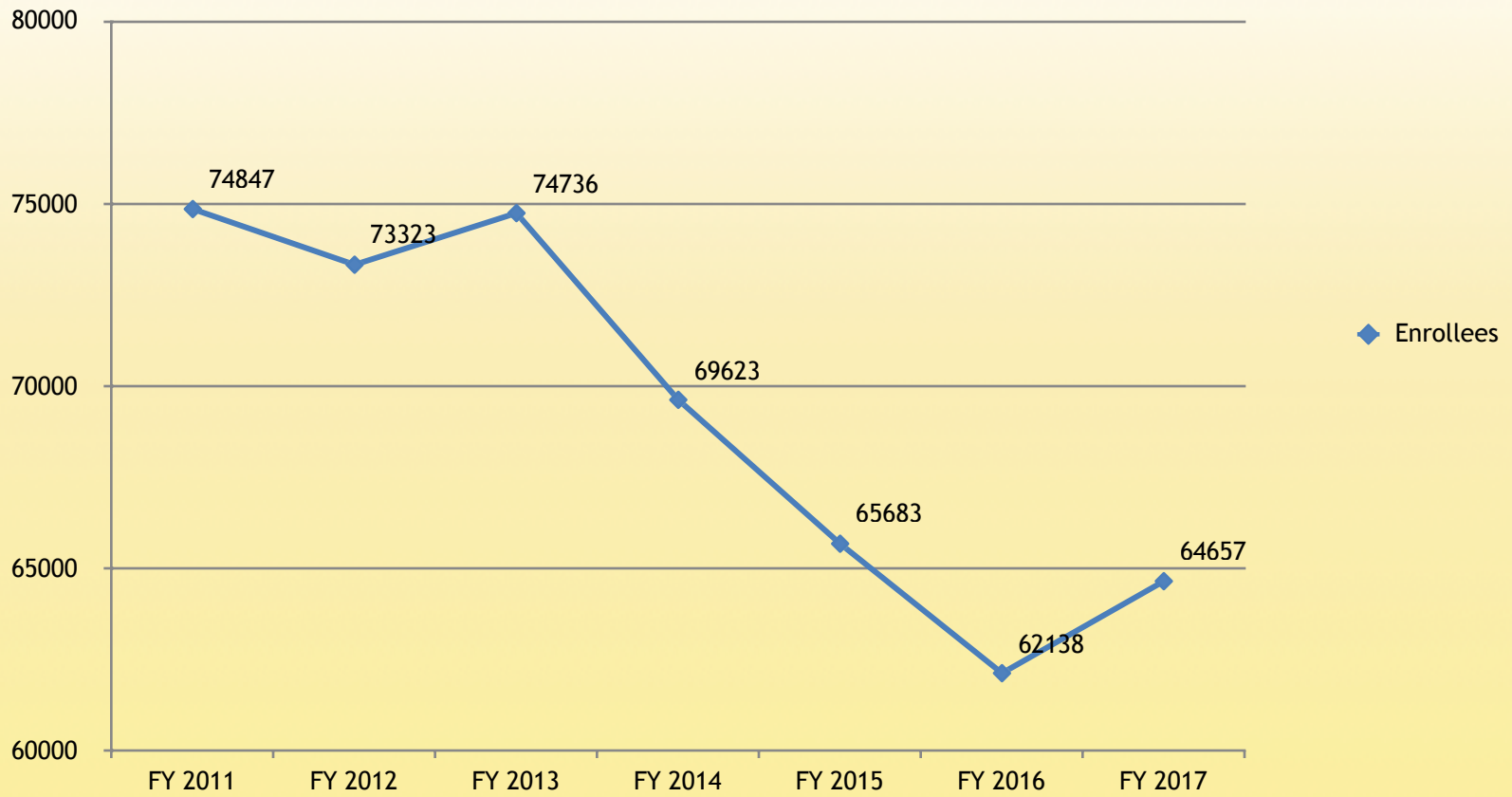
# The Numbers

- Indicators
  - Enrollees
  - Contact Hours
  - Average Contact Hours
  - State and Federal Funding
  - GED



# Enrollees

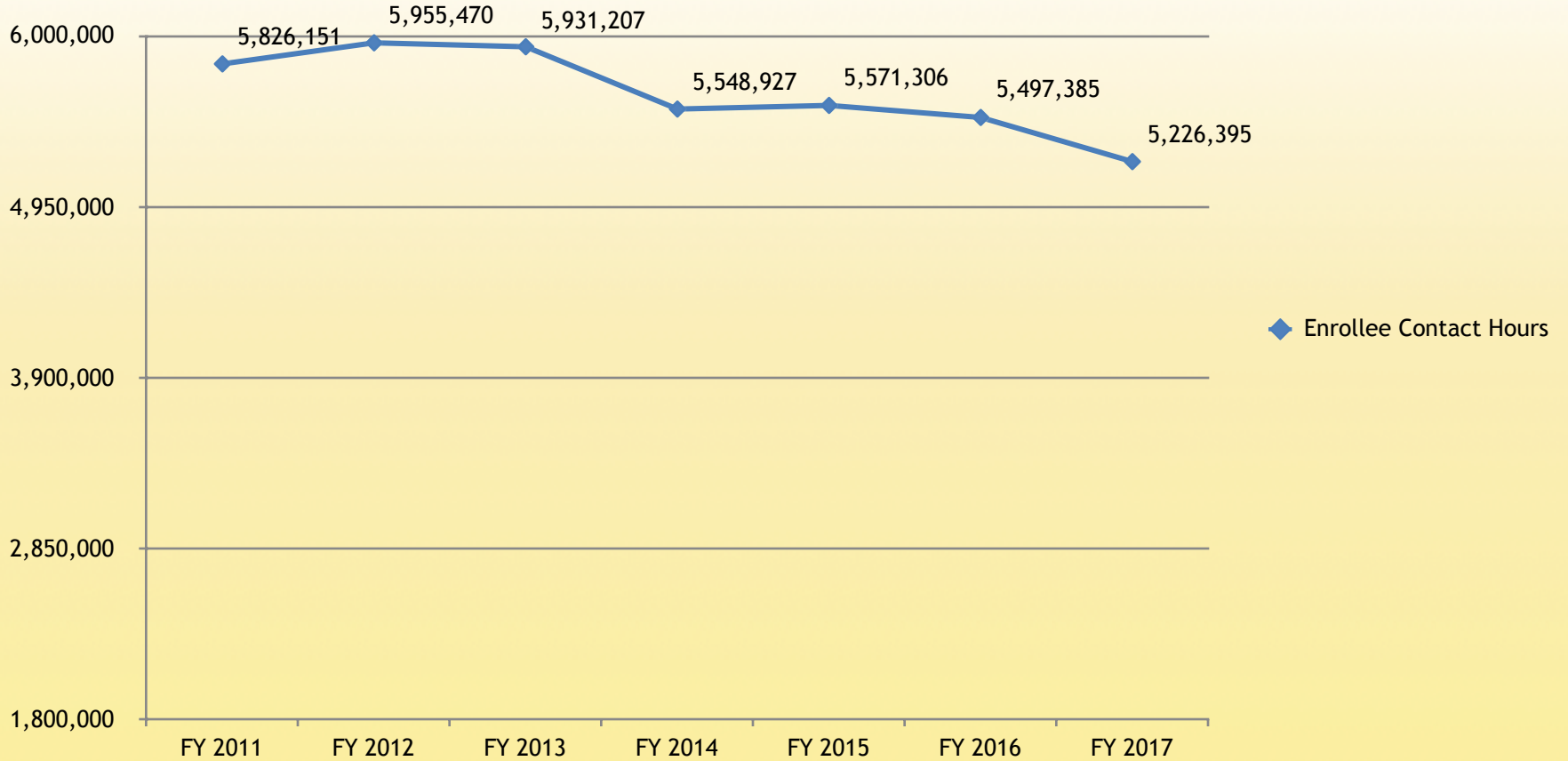
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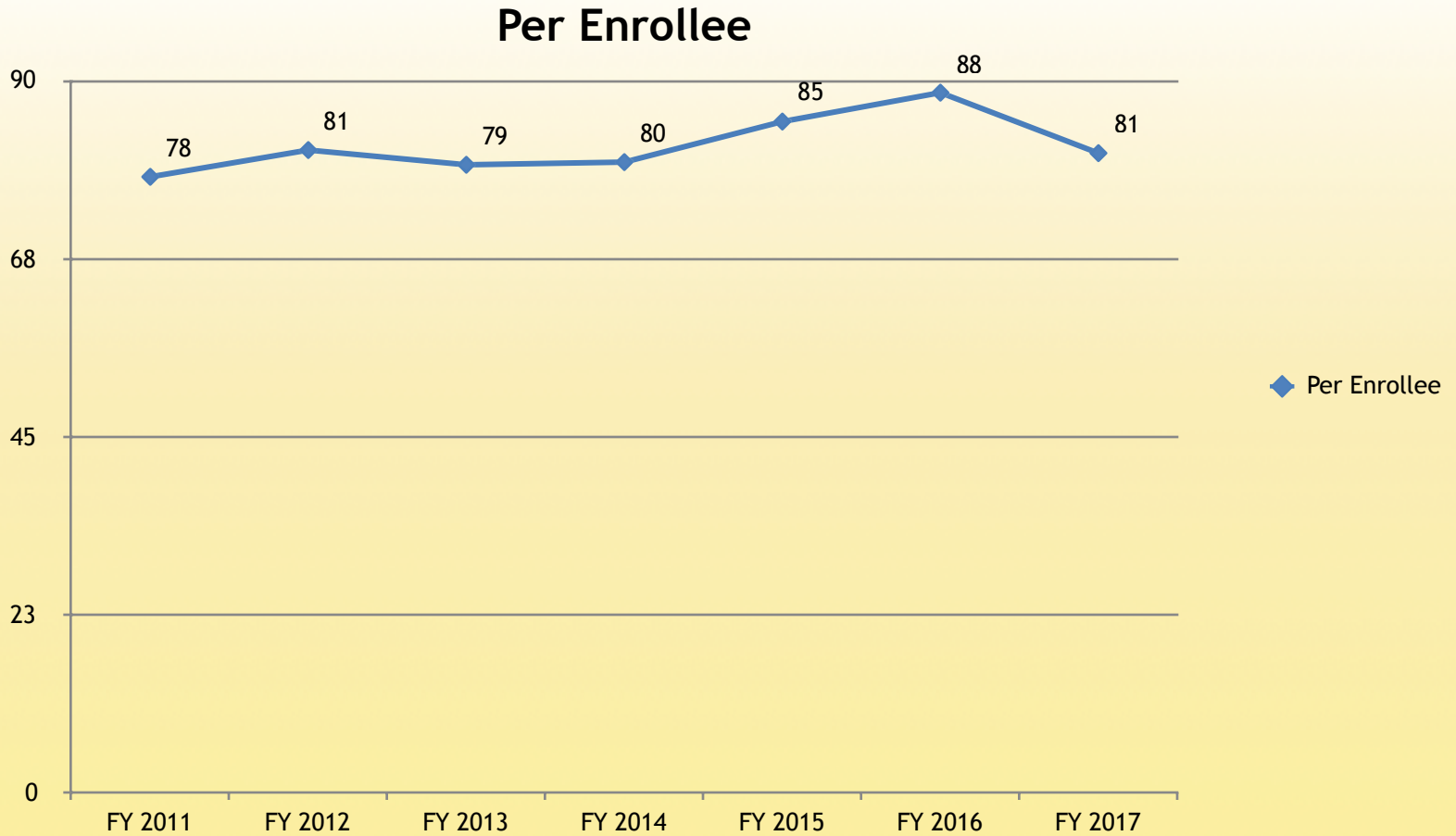
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## Enrollee Contact Hours





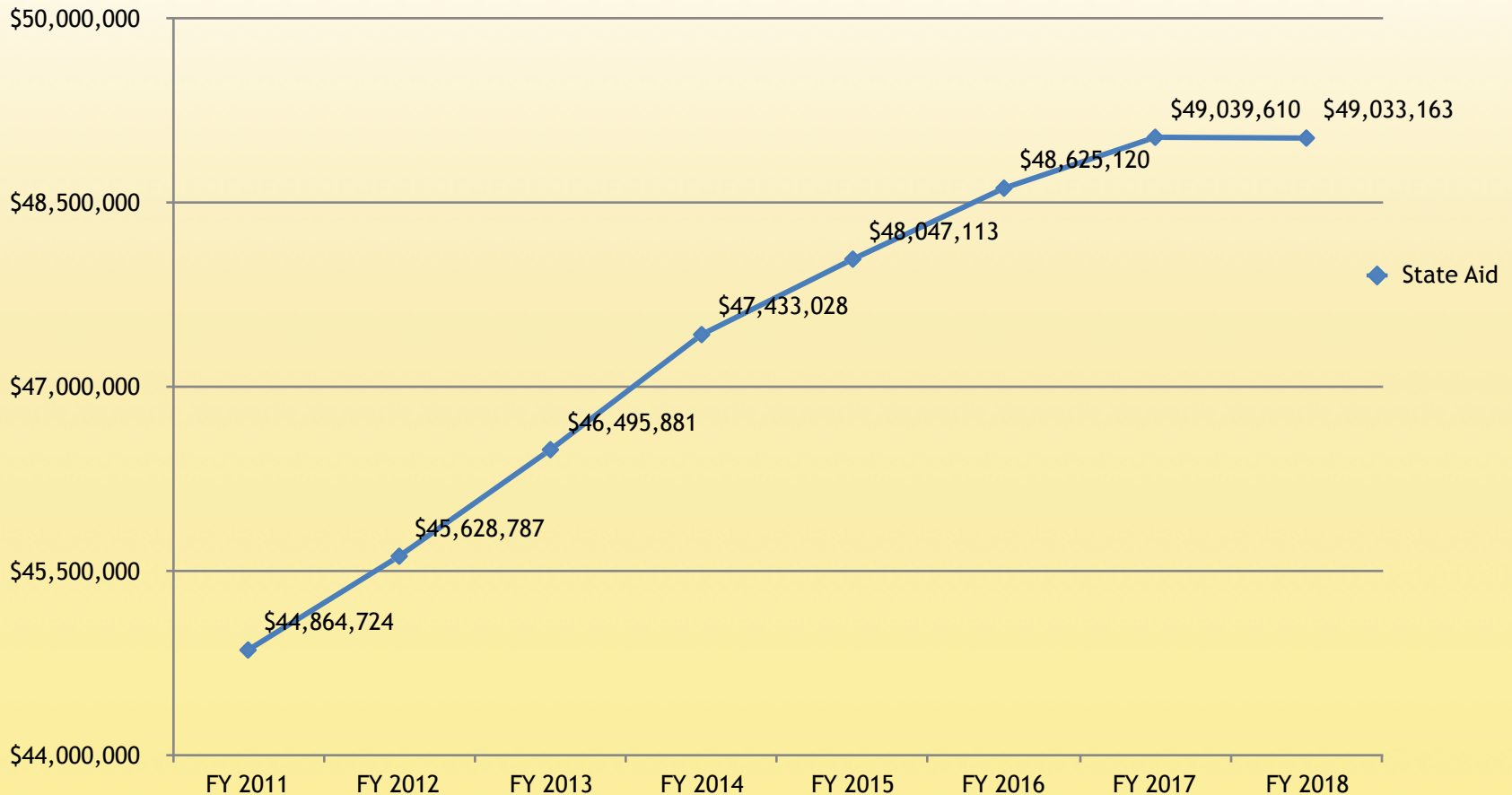
# Average Hours





# State Funding

## State Aid

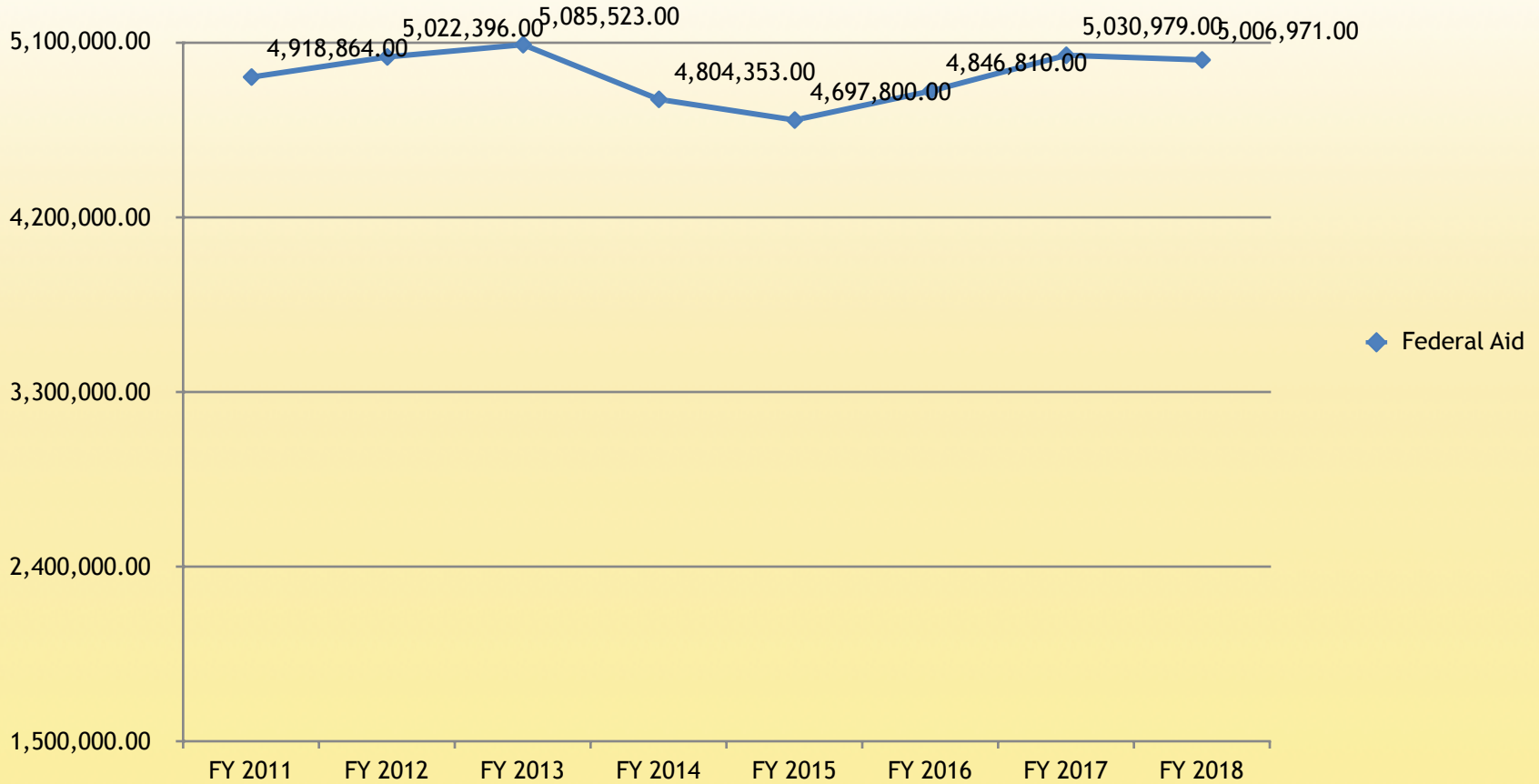






# Federal Funding

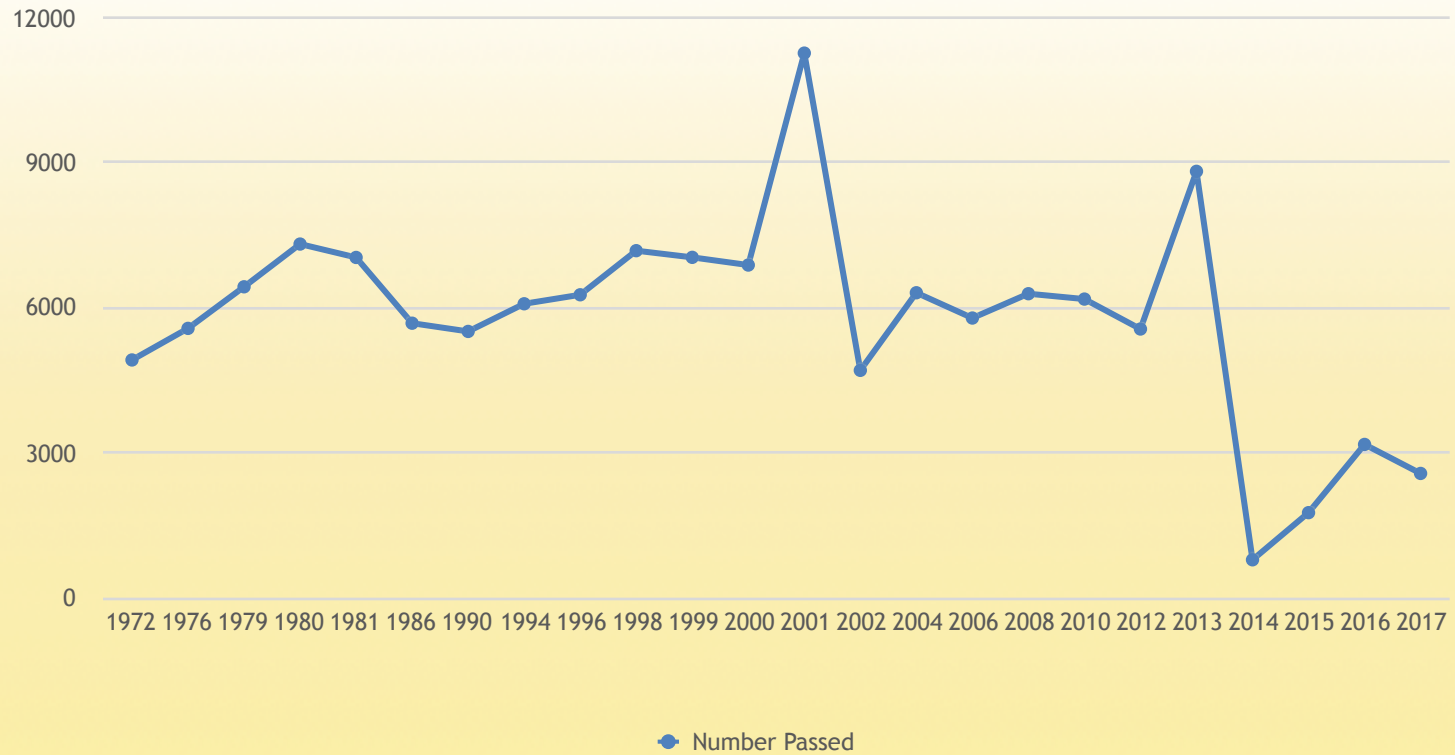
## Federal Aid





# GED thru Summer 2017

## Number Passed





# Numbers Take-away

- Folks are working
  - Employers have relaxed demand for secondary credentials and post-secondary enrollment is down
  - Programs/students may be trading flexibility for intensity leading to a small decline in average hours
  - Level state and slowly declining federal funding is likely to continue



# Law and Policy

- State Statute:
  - “The commissioner, in consultation with ABE stakeholders, must select a high school equivalency test.”
- Federal funding
  - Budget proposals



# Search Institute Assets

- “...identifies a set of skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviors that enable young people to develop into successful and contributing adults.”
- “the more Developmental Assets young people acquire, the better their chances of succeeding in school and becoming happy, healthy, and contributing members of their communities and society.”



# Assets

- Search Institute (Youth)
  - Assets that are the building blocks to healthy development
    - External e.g. family support, safe environments
    - Internal e.g. planning, cultural competence
- Adults
  - Assets needed to function successfully as an adult
    - External, e.g. labor market, wages, housing
    - Internal, e.g. literacy, “soft” skills, specific job skills



# Adult Basic Education

- Purpose:
  - Empower adults to attain/improve their “internal” assets and access external assets
- Key Assets:
  - “Foundational Literacy Skills”
  - Secondary Credential
  - “Post-secondary” education/training
  - Industry Recognized (Post-secondary) Credentials
  - Access to “external” supports



# Key Asset: Literacy Skills

- Literacy: College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS)
- Soft Skills: Academic, Career and Employability Skills Standards (ACES)
- Digital Literacy: North Star Digital Literacy Standards





# Key Asset: Secondary Credential

- Standard Adult Diploma
- Credit Completion
- Testing-based Secondary Credential



# Post-Secondary Education/Training

- “Tipping Point”
  - 1 Year of Post-secondary education/training
  - Industry Recognized (Post-secondary) Credential



# Asset: External Supports

- Adult Career Pathway Programming
  - Coordinate as many resources as possible in support of students
    - Navigation
    - Participation in related programs, e.g. workforce, human services, that provide housing, childcare, tuition, supports



# Assets are Cumulative

- Traditional view:
  - Some assets are pre-requisites to others
  - Some assets are more critical than others
- Assets accumulation view:
  - Building skills in any asset area leads to increased functioning
  - Different asset profiles can result in comparable functioning



# ABE Program Assets

- All ABE program have assets that are used to empower students in building their assets:
  - Staffing
  - Program structure/design
  - Curricula/lessons
  - Instructional methods and tools
  - Coordination/Partnerships
- We need to build our assets in order to empower students to build theirs



# Supplemental Services

- Minnesota Literacy Council
  - technology, volunteer training, distance learning
- ATLAS
  - professional development
- Literacy Action Network
  - program quality, administrator support
- SW ABE
  - assessment training, support professional training
- PANDA
  - disability resources & assistance
- MWCA
  - transitions



# Supplemental Services

ABE Supplemental Service Activities	Provider for 2017-18
<p><b>Professional development (PD) services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional PD activities</li><li>• PD and resources on literacy: writing, evidence-based reading instruction (EBRI), including STAR</li><li>• PD and resources on effective adult numeracy instruction (MNI - MN Numeracy Initiative), including language and math</li><li>• PD and resources on effectively integrating transitions skills into ABE instruction (ACES)</li><li>• PD on career-focused contextualized basic skills instruction &amp; programming</li><li>• PD on Adult Career Pathways programming &amp; course development</li><li>• PD on effective adult ESL instruction, including ESL Study Circles (low-literacy, pronunciation)</li><li>• PD and support for implementation of College &amp; Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) for Adult Education</li><li>• Online resource libraries</li><li>• Coordination of MN ABE PD communications, including the MN ABE Calendar of Events and <i>MN ABE Connect</i> e-newsletter</li></ul>	<p><b>ATLAS</b> <a href="http://www.atlasABE.org">www.atlasABE.org</a></p> <p>Patsy Egan</p> <p>Kristine Kelly</p> <p>Marn Frank</p> <p>Amber Delliger</p> <p>Marisa Geisler</p> <p>Gail Rutan</p>



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<p><b>Volunteer and outreach services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adult Literacy Hotline</li><li>• Volunteer training, outreach and recruitment</li><li>• Volunteer management support</li></ul>	<p>Minnesota Literacy Council <a href="http://www.mnliteracy.org">www.mnliteracy.org</a></p> <p>Cathy Grady</p> <p>Rob Podlasek</p> <p>Wendy Roberts</p>
<p><b>Technology integration &amp; distance learning services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PD on educational technology</li><li>• Online orientation to distance learning (DL)</li><li>• PD on distance learning best practices (including DL 101)</li><li>• Administration and training for state-supported distance learning platforms</li><li>• Facilitation of assessment of curricula for inclusion under distance learning policy</li><li>• Communication of distance learning information and resources to the ABE field</li><li>• Training on integrating digital literacy skills into instruction</li><li>• Online course development and delivery</li><li>• Online learning resources, including OERs</li></ul>	<p>Minnesota Literacy Council <a href="http://www.mnliteracy.org">www.mnliteracy.org</a></p> <p><b>MN ABE Distance Learning</b> <a href="http://www.mnabe-distancelearning.org">www.mnabe-distancelearning.org</a></p> <p>For all distance learning questions: <a href="mailto:support@mnabedistancelearning.zendesk.com">support@mnabedistancelearning.zendesk.com</a></p> <p>Susan Wetenkamp-Brandt</p> <p>Renada Rutmanis</p> <p>Tom Cytron-Hysom</p>





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<p><b>Disability training and support services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PANDA's ABE disabilities website (<a href="http://mn.abedisabilities.org">http://mn.abedisabilities.org</a>)</li><li>• Training on Universal Design for Learning (UDL)</li><li>• Training on disability topics at regionals and statewide events</li><li>• Lending library of resources and adaptive technology</li><li>• Self-service online adult learner intervention system and disability screening and referrals process on PANDA's website</li><li>• Consultation on serving students with disabilities</li><li>• Facilitation of disabilities outreach and advisory committee</li></ul>	<p><b>PANDA - MN ABE Disability Specialists</b> <a href="http://mn.abedisabilities.org">http://mn.abedisabilities.org</a></p> <p>Wendy Sweeney</p>



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<p><b>Assessment training and services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CASAS and TABE training</li><li>• ABE assessment website (<a href="http://www.mnabeassessment.com">www.mnabeassessment.com</a>)</li><li>• ABE Support Services Conference</li><li>• ABE Support Professional Certificate</li></ul>	<p><b>Southwest ABE</b> <a href="http://www.mnabeassessment.com">www.mnabeassessment.com</a></p> <p>Marty Olsen</p>
<p><b>Program quality support services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ABE program enhancement services such as ABE Summer Institute and statewide committees</li><li>• PD for ABE administrators</li><li>• New ABE staff orientation and support (ABE Foundations)</li><li>• State Standard Adult High School Diploma implementation support</li><li>• ABE marketing resources</li><li>• Facilitation of discussions on current ABE issues</li></ul>	<p><b>Literacy Action Network</b> <a href="http://www.literacyactionnetwork.org">www.literacyactionnetwork.org</a></p> <p>Tom Cytron-Hysom, Grants Manager</p> <p>Karla Vien, Coordinator</p>
<p><b>Transition services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support for regional transitions coordination</li><li>• Support for workforce development collaborations</li></ul>	<p><b>Minnesota Workforce Council Association</b> <a href="http://mwca-mn.org">http://mwca-mn.org</a></p> <p>Anne Kilzer</p>



# MN ABE Connect PD newsletter

- All PD information is distributed via the MN ABE Connect, our online newsletter
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# Thank you

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