National Study of the Implementation of Adult Education Under WIOA

National Assessment of Adult Education
What is the National Study of the Implementation of Adult Education?

- Part of the Congressionally-mandated national assessment of federally-funded adult education program and strategies
- Led by the federal Institute of Education Sciences in collaboration with the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education
- Conducted by the American Institutes for Research
What Are The Study’s Research Questions?

• To what extent are the reforms to adult education promoted by WIOA being implemented at the state and local levels?

• In what other ways has implementation changed since before WIOA?

• What challenges are state agencies and local providers experiencing in implementing adult education under WIOA?
What Data Will Be Used?

- Survey of local adult education providers in the 50 states and DC (October 2019)
- Survey of all state directors of adult education (January 2020)
- Adult Education Provider Survey (AEPS) of 2003
- NRS data
  - State- and national-level data from NRS online
  - Provider-level data (not including outcomes)
- American Community Survey/Census data
What Will the Provider Survey Measure?

• Funding and expenditures
• Instructional and support services provided
• Collaboration with community partners to provide instruction and other services
• TA and PD received from the state or its contractors
• How providers use data in communications and decision making
• Challenges in implementing adult education under WIOA
What Provider-Level NRS Data Will Be Collected? (PY 2018-19)

- Provider type
- Enrollment by program type
- Enrollment by educational functioning level
- Integrated Education and Training (IET) enrollment by program type
- Funding sources and total amount
When Will Findings Be Available?

- First report in 2021
  - National estimates based on the State Director Survey
- Second report in 2022
  - National- and state-level findings from Provider Survey
  - National-level comparisons to the 2003 AEPS estimates
What Will You Learn?

• How providers in each state are implementing adult education and what challenges they are experiencing
  - Can be compared to findings in other states and nationally
  - Some findings can be compared to data from 2003

• How state-level activities and challenges differ—or are similar—to those of other states
Where Can I Find More Information Now?

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