Put the ‘Fun’ in ABE Funding!

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Agenda and Purpose

To better understand *how* ABE is funded so that we can advocate for increased funding.
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History of Funding ABE in MN

Federal, State, and Consortia
GENERAL LEVELS OF ABE: KEY VOCABULARY

* there are many exceptions to this (ex: Tri-County Community Corrections, White Earth, etc.)
THE LEVELS OF ABE: A MAP

https://education.mn.gov/Maps/ABE/

Large Metro Consortia
Minneapolis Consortium

Includes:
- Minneapolis School District
- CBOs

Total 2018-19 Participants:
~4120

St. Paul Community Literacy Consortium

Includes:
- St Paul School District
- CBOs

Total 2018-19 Participants:
~6700
Detroit Lakes Consortium
Includes:
- Multiple school districts
- County Corrections

Total 2018-19 Participants: ~116

Northwest Service Cooperative
Includes:
- Multiple school districts

Total 2018-19 Participants: ~388

Moorhead Consortium
Includes:
- Multiple school districts

Total 2018-19 Participants: ~295
THE LEVELS OF ABE: A MAP

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Community-based Organization (CBO)
ThinkSelf
Total 2018-19 Participants: ~50

American Indian OIC
Total 2018-19 Participants: ~140
THE LEVELS OF ABE: A MAP

State Corrections
9 correctional facilities
Total 2018-19
Participants: ~3440

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Federal
◉ Based on contact hours
◉ FY 2020 the contact hour rate is: $0.72

State
◉ Based on a funding formula that includes contact hours
◉ FY 2020 the contact rate is: $7.30
1999-2000:
a representative statewide group of ABE & Community Ed staff met to develop a statewide funding formula

**MN’S ABE FUNDING FORMULA**

**Contact Hour Aid**
based on # of student contact hours

**‘Base Aid’**
*(for school district consortia)*
- Total population
- Number of Limited English Proficient (LEP) students
- Number of adults 25+ without a secondary credential

* CBOs in district consortia do not receive base aid
$5,600,000 Federal Funding

$49,200,000 State Funding

41 Total Consortia
Putting it into practice

What does this actually mean?
ROLEPLAYING ABE FUNDING

http://w20.education.state.mn.us/MDEAnalytics/DataTopic.jsp?TOPICID=407
Metro District Based Consortium

Contact Hours: 557,000*
*Federal contact hours cannot include things like GED testing

$ 412,000

Contact Hours: 560,000

TOTAL Contact Hours $: $4,088,000

Base Aid
Census : $720,000
LEP : $400,000
No Diploma : $300,000
TOTAL : $1,420,000

$5,508,000
ROLEPLAYING ABE FUNDING
Greater Minnesota District Based Consortium

Contact Hours: 8,800

Base Aid
Census: $100,000
LEP: $12,000
No Diploma: $54,000
TOTAL: $166,000

$22 x 8,800 contact hours = $193,000

$37,000

Please return $37,000

TOTAL $166,000
ROLEPLAYING ABE FUNDING
Metro CBO Based Consortium

Contact Hours: 9,200

$ 7,000

Contact Hours: 9,600

TOTAL Contact Hours $: $70,000

Base Aid
Census : $0
LEP : $0
No Diploma : $0
TOTAL : $0

TOTAL : $70,000
Let’s See What Happens
Contact Hours:
552,000 x $7.30 = $4,030,000
$58,000 Less
Base Aid: $1,420,000
Total: $5,505,000

Contact Hours:
1600 x $7.30 = $12,000
$58,000 Less
Total: $12,000

Contact Hours:
8,800 x $7.30 = $64,000
Base Aid: $166,000
Total: $230,000
-$37,000
Actual Total: $193,000
7,000 People

Contact Hours:
8,800 x $7.30 = $64,000
Base Aid: $143,000

$23,000 Less
Total: $207,000
-$14,000 because of $22 per contact hour limit
Actual Total: $193,000

Contact Hours:
552,000 x $7.30 = $4,081,000
Base Aid: $1,443,000

$23,000 More
Total: $5,528,000

Contact Hours:
9,600 x $7.30 = $70,000

Total: $70,000
1. What did you notice was similar or different between the consortia?

2. What happened when the contact hours went up? Went down? How does one consortium affect the other consortia?

3. What are the most important funding streams for each type of consortium? Are they the same or different in different settings?
Thoughts and Take Aways
Next steps

- Day on the Hill - Monday, March 9th, 2020
- This is for both students and staff
- Planning meeting for this event is January 13 at 3pm at the MLC (face to face meeting)
- Webinar February 10th at 2:45 pm
THANKS!

Any questions or ideas?

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