

# ABE DAY ON THE HILL



## WHO DO WE SERVE?

Adult Education teachers serve 60,000+ MN adult learners with a range of educational needs & abilities from preliterate to near college-level.

Our learners represent a variety of community members, including immigrants and refugees, currently or formerly incarcerated individuals, and other adults seeking to further their education.



## WHAT IS ADULT BASIC EDUCATION?

- GED/Adult Diploma
- English as a Second Language
- College Prep
- Workforce Education
- Family Literacy
- Citizenship



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## WHAT IS DAY ON THE HILL?

Day On The Hill is an event hosted by **Literacy Action Network** and **#lamABE** to help raise awareness about adult education, advocate for ABE funding, and get to know the Capitol. Join a tour, learn and share about different ABE programs, and listen to speakers about the impact of Adult Education.

**DATE:** March 23rd, 2023

**TIME:** 8:30am - 12:00pm

**LOCATION:** Capitol Rotunda  
75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Junior  
Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN 55101

**SPEAKERS SCHEDULE:** Begins at 10:20am

- Kaija Bergen, Literacy Action Network President-Elect
- Milton Menjivar, Harmony ABE Student
- Kaori Sackett, Harmony ABE Student
- Guillermo Maldonado Pérez, Chelsea Heights Principal
- State Representatives
- Chelsey Tulgren, DOC and Teacher of the Year Candidate

# WHY SUPPORT ABE?

ABE serves many people of color, both foreign and native-born, closing the racial equity gap and improving economic independence for our learners. The #1 predictor of school success in children is the literacy of the mother. Our programs support parents, which increases literacy and school retention for their children. According to the Literacy Action Network, the rate of return for ABE in many programs is double the investment.

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

### ① INCREASE ABE FUNDING ANNUALLY BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE THAT K-12 RECEIVES.

Since 2001, ABE funding state-wide has remained flat, while the inflation rate from 2001 to 2020 was 47%. This has caused a significant decrease in funding to support ABE services statewide. Costs have continued to go up, and have escalated further due to COVID 19. While K12 and ECFE receive an annual percentage funding increase, ABE does not. The proposed platform addresses this shortfall by increasing resources for all ABE consortia.

### ② RAISE THE CONSORTIUM GROSS REVENUE PER CONTACT HOUR CAP (CURRENTLY AT \$22/HOUR) TO \$30/HOUR.

Due to the pandemic which has resulted in low contact hours for many programs, this "contact hour cap" is going to have a particularly adverse effect on smaller consortia in outstate Minnesota. Increasing the cap to \$30/hour will protect these programs and have a negligible impact on other programs.

### ③ INCREASE THE SUBSIDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TESTING BY \$375,000 (CURRENTLY \$125,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 ANNUALLY.

Currently the testing costs as much as \$144, making it out of reach for economically challenged students and is a barrier to further education and employment opportunities.



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