

### **ABE helps families, individuals, the community, and business**

- Last year, ABE served over 78,000 adult learners in Minnesota, providing more than 5,800,000 hours of service. 5,951 GEDs and 1,243 adult diplomas were issued, which together constitute one of every 11 high school diplomas issued in the state.
- ABE helps learners acquire and improve employability skills, and prepare for higher education, through partnerships with business, MNSCU, and workforce centers.
- Adult Basic Education helps parents learn how to support their children in school, improving K12 outcomes.
- Adult Basic Education strengthens families and communities statewide by providing family literacy, teaching refugees English skills, and responding to community needs.

### **ABE becomes more important to Minnesota's economic future each year**

- Only 40% of Minnesota's workforce currently holds a post-secondary degree.
- Just seven years from now, it is projected that 70% of Minnesota's workforce will need some post-secondary education.
- **ABE helps adults upgrade their basic skills, get their GED, and successfully transition to college level work. Last year, 912,670 ABE students gained or bettered their employment, nearly 600 left public assistance, and many entered post-secondary education.**
- As people successfully prepare for higher level jobs, their earnings increase, their families benefit, and they pay more taxes.

### **ABE helps improve K12 achievement**

- ABE helps parents learn how to support their children in school, as they learn to help with homework, communicate with teachers, and track their children's school work.
- As parents become more involved, their children do better in school, and the achievement gap narrows.
- Last year, over 16,000 ABE learners reported being better able to assist their children in school.

### **Low cost and high Return on Investment**

- The average cost last year per ABE learner was only \$647.
- The Return on Investment (ROI) for ABE funding was high.