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FACT SHEET SERIES

Adult Education Content Standards Warehouse

Background

Standards for student achievement are a critical component of an adult basic education (ABE) improvement system. Measuring students' learning and achievement against standards and aiming to improve the effectiveness of ABE programs are key goals of the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE). Standards that spell out what students should know and be able to do in core subject areas set the expectations for student learning and guide programs and teachers in creating a clear sequence of instruction. The use of standards leads to completion of secondary education and continuing to the next levels of education and employment. Although standards-based education reform is relatively new to ABE, many states are committed to using adult education standards to ensure that all students can access a high-quality education and become proficient in critical subject areas. Efforts by OVAE to promote state-level institutionalization of content standards began with the development of the Adult Education Content Standards Warehouse Website in 2003. The warehouse was funded to help states build capacity to develop and implement content standards. It operates through a contract with OVAE ending 2011.

Overview

The Adult Education Content Standards Warehouse Website is organized into three primary sections:

- ***Find Standards***
Downloadable files of adult education content standards from states and national organizations in the areas of reading, mathematics, and English language acquisition.
- ***A Process Guide for Establishing State Adult Education Content Standards***
Describes the components of standards-based reform and outlines the process of planning, developing, aligning, reviewing, and implementing standards. An array of practical suggestions, samples, tools, and references for implementing standards-based education reform are included.
- ***Field Resources***
A presentation of national and international standards not included in the *Find Standards* section, and professional development materials originally created to provide technical assistance to states participating in the State Adult Education Content Standards Consortia project in 2004-2005.

Outcomes and Products

- The Adult Education Content Standards Warehouse Website is located at <http://www.adultedcontentstandards.ed.gov/>

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