

CHAPTER 9

Integration with Other Adult Education and Training Activities

Section 224 (b) (11) of the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act states: "Describe how the adult education and literacy activities will be carried out with any funds received under this subtitle, and how they will integrate with other adult education, career development, and employment and training activities in the State or outlying area served by the eligible agency."

9.0 Integration with other Adult Education and Training Activities (Section 224 (b) (11))

9.1 Description of Planned Integrated Activities

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) recognizes the significance of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) legislation that facilitates the coordination of adult education, literacy, and workforce development with those of other agencies, institutions, and organizations within the state. NDDPI will continue to participate with other state agencies in shaping programs for educating adult learners, preparing an effective workforce, and holding adult education and workforce preparation programs accountable for results.

The NDDPI takes pride in building collaborative relationships with numerous agencies and groups throughout the state. As in the past, NDDPI will continue to foster these relationships and work closely with all other service providers who impact the lives of adult target groups. This collaboration has resulted in increased enrollments, and diverse agencies serving adult students from low-income families; individuals with disabilities; single parents and displaced homemakers; and students with multiple barriers to educational enhancement, including students with limited English proficiency.

1. For many years there has been a very strong collaborative relationship between the NDDPI and Job Service North Dakota (JSND). JSND has contracted with the NDDPI to provide basic skills instruction for the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) eligible adults. This cooperative venture will continue.
2. NDDPI participates in the North Dakota Workforce Development Council as a member. The Adult Education and Literacy Program director serves on the council coordinating committee as well as on the Unified Plan Development Committee.
3. Similarly, both the State Superintendent and the Adult Education and Literacy Program Director are part of the State One-Stop advisory committee.
4. The NDDPI funds over 45 adult education sites. The local sites collaborate with local education agencies, businesses, county welfare centers, local job service offices, Even Start programs and others contracted by the Human Service Centers.
5. The State also works closely with many educational and welfare advocacy groups such as the North Dakota Adult Basic and Secondary Education Association (NDABSE), the Missouri Valley Adult Education Association (MVAEA), the Refugee ad hoc advisory

- committee, Lutheran Social Services (LSS), Community Action groups, and the Displaced Homemakers (DHM) advisory committee.
6. The Department of Human Services contracts with local Adult Learning Centers for literacy services for the refugee families. Continuing collaboration between the Department of Human Services, NDDPI and local programs will guarantee an on-going provision of literacy services for the refugee population, who are identified as one of target populations.
 7. Close collaborative efforts are on their way to integrate the Adult Education and Literacy State Plan with the North Dakota Unified State Plan to be completed by the year 2000. The State Director of Adult Education serves on the State Workforce Development Council's Coordinating Committee and also serves on several task forces to ensure the integration of services among all program entities.
 8. The NDDPI will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as a One-Stop partner as required by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).