

National Study of the Implementation of Adult Education



National Assessment of Adult Education

What is the National Study of the Implementation of Adult Education?

The U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences (IES), under funding from the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) is conducting a national study to learn more about how state and local adult education programs are providing services under the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA), Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The implementation study is part of the national evaluation mandated under WIOA. It will be descriptive and primarily involve the collection and tabulation of data from state director and local provider surveys.

Why is this study important?

This study is the first national study of adult education in over a decade! It will help Congress and adult education stakeholders understand how the changes promoted by WIOA are being implemented. Findings from the study will provide the field with insights into the diversity of adult education providers funded under AEFLA, the services they provide, and the challenges they face in providing those services. Understanding these challenges may stimulate and inform discussions about technical assistance needs at the local, state and national levels.

What will participation entail?

Participants will be asked to complete a web-based survey and answer questions about the characteristics of their organization and services offered. Phone- and mail-based surveys will also be available for the provider survey.

Who should participate in the study's surveys?

We want to hear from state and local directors of adult education programs that offer adult education and literacy activities funded by AEFLA. Local providers who are eligible to participate received AEFLA funding in PY 2018-19 and remain funded and operational in PY 2019-20.

When will the surveys be administered?

The local provider survey will be administered in Fall 2019. State directors of adult education will be asked to provide contact information for local providers beginning in June 2019. The state director survey will be administered in January 2020.

How do I participate when the survey begins?

Watch for an email, letter, or phone call from the American Institutes for Research with participation information and instructions.

How can I learn more about the study?

If you have questions or want to find out more about this study, please feel free to contact the AIR project director, Stephanie Cronen, at 202-403-5229 or scronen@air.org. You may also contact Melanie Ali, at 202-245-8345 or melanie.ali@ed.gov.

