### **AEL Program Providers**

#### **ABERDEEN**

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center** 16 2nd Ave. SW Aberdeen, SD 57401 605.622.0010 www.cornerstonescareer.com

#### **BROOKINGS**

Lake Area Technical College Adult Education and Literacy 1310 S. Main Ave, Suite 112 Brookings, SD 57006

#### **HURON**

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center** 33 Third St. SE, Suite 202 605.353.7175 www.cornerstonescareer.com

#### MITCHELL

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center** 1315 N. Main, Suite 102 Mitchell, SD 57301 605.995.8927 www.cornerstonescareer.com

#### PIERRE

The Right Turn, Inc. 115 E. Sioux Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 605.773.4755 www.therightturn.net

#### **RAPID CITY & BLACK HILLS AREA**

(Belle Fourche, Custer, Hot Springs, Spearfish, Sturgis) **Career Learning Center of the Black Hills** 730 E. Watertown St. Rapid City, SD 57701 605.394.5120 www.clcbh.org

#### SIOUX FALLS

Lutheran Social Services' Center for New Americans 300 E. 6th St., Suite 100 Sioux Falls, SD 57103 605.731.2040 www.lsssd.org

#### Southeast Technical College

2320 North Career Place Sioux Falls, SD 57107 605.367.7997

#### WATERTOWN

Lake Area Technical College Adult Education and Literacy 1201 Arrow Ave. Building 200, Room 218 PO Box 730 Watertown, SD 57201 605.882.5284 ext.310

#### VERMILLION

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center** 904 E. Cherry St. Vermillion, SD 57069 605.677.6912 www.cornerstonescareer.com

#### YANKTON

#### **Cornerstones Career Learning Center**

3113 Spruce St., Suite 124 Yankton, SD 57078 605.668.2920 www.cornerstonescareer.com

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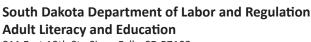
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## Adult Education and Literacy (AEL)



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**programs** help adult learn basic skills needed to achieve their career and academic goals.

AEL providers across South Dakota offer classes in

- General Educational Development (GED<sup>®</sup>) preparation
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Skills training
- Career readiness

Based on learners' needs and interests, the classes provide an open and stimulating learning environment.

AEL's skills training and career preparation can help students succeed in interviews, earn promotions or continue their education. With student-driven courses, AEL classes help learners reach their goals.

## In South Dakota

**249** Adult Education participants earned their GED<sup>®</sup> credential. (Program year 2021-22)



"I think my hard work and English helped me get a raise!"

As a student of Workplace English Language, **Emmanuel** has learned how to apply his English skills both in and out of the workplace.



56% of Adult

Education participants

were employed after

taking part in the

"With the support of the Career Learning Center, I was able to enroll in the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board Pathways to Healthcare Program."

**Ashley** has one test left to earn her GED certificate. She plans to enroll at Western Dakota Tech and earn a nursing degree.



"I have discovered many things I did not know about before, especially in job interview class."

Since arriving in the U.S. four months ago, **Timas** is learning English and gaining job skills through AEL programs. The communication and job skills he has gained have already led to two job interviews.



AEL Success Stories: dlr.sd.gov/aelsuccess

**\$230 billion** per year in health care costs are linked to low literacy skills.

> Immigrants and children are expected to make up the labor force growth in the U.S.

# Why AEL?

More than **36 million** American adults struggle to read, write, do math, and use technology above a third grade level. Children of parents with low literacy skills have a **72%** chance of being at the lowest reading levels.

# Minimum wage workers' wages increased by **18%-25%**

within 18 months of exiting an adult education program.