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## Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) Framework

### Overview

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is designed to increase collaboration among partners and programs in the workforce development system to ensure Alaskan job seekers can acquire skills and credentials required by employers, and have multiple pathways to high-skill jobs in high-demand occupations paying family-sustaining wages.

The six core WIOA programs are:

- Title I: Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth
- Title II: Adult Education and Literacy
- Title III: Wagner-Peyser
- Title IV: Vocational Rehabilitation

### WIOA Title I: Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth Programs

The WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker programs are administered through the Division of Employment and Training Services', Career Support and Training Services (CSTS) case managers in the Alaska Job Centers. CSTS staff work one-on-one with participants to determine program eligibility, the appropriate range of goals, services, and support to meet each individual's needs. This can include providing comprehensive assessments, reviewing labor market information, career counseling, creating individual employment plans and, if needed, referrals to additional resources and programs outside the agency. Eligible individuals may receive assistance with workforce preparation, career services, tuition for training and education, and supportive services to help meet costs for housing, transportation, tools, clothing, books, and supplies needed while participating in program services. The goals are to increase occupational skill attainment, obtain industry-recognized credentials, and secure jobs in high-demand, high-growth sectors that provide family-sustaining earnings.

The WIOA Youth program is administered through the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) through a competitive grant process. The program is designed to help disadvantaged or disconnected in-school youth ages 14-18 and out-of-school youth ages 16-24, gain access to employment, education, training, and support services needed to succeed and compete in today's global economy.

## Adult Program

Alaskans eligible for the WIOA Adult program are at least 18 years of age and experience barriers to employment. Veterans and other covered persons, individuals who experience disabilities, individuals who are basic skills deficient, low income individuals, and public assistance recipients receive priority services.

## Dislocated Worker Program

The Dislocated Worker Program provides employment and training services to Alaskans impacted by business closures, workforce reductions, family transitions, economic conditions, and natural disasters that lead to job or income loss. This includes individuals who have lost their job through no fault of their own or received a layoff notice, employed workers who have received a notice that they will lose their job unless they complete additional training or acquire additional skills or credentials, displaced homemakers, relocated active military spouses, and self-employed persons who have experienced income reduction or were compelled to close their business due to economic conditions.

## Youth Program

WIOA Youth projects provide a variety of services and activities leading to: the attainment of a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or a recognized postsecondary credential; postsecondary education and training opportunities; academic and vocational instruction; attainment of an industry recognized occupational credential; preparation for unsubsidized employment opportunities; connections to employers, in in-demand industry sectors and local and regional labor markets; and supportive services.

The AWIB supports youth and young adults through an integrated service delivery system, comprised of competitively awarded grant projects. This system includes high quality services for in-school and out-of-school youth beginning with career exploration and guidance, continued support for educational attainment, opportunities for skills training, and culminating with a good job along a career pathway, entry into the military, or enrollment in post-secondary education.

There are 14 basic program elements that must be made available in a WIOA Youth project, though not simultaneously delivered to all participants. Service providers must possess the necessary resources or partnerships to deliver all of the services listed within the WIOA Youth 14 basic elements. Career Planners will have the discretion to determine which specific program services will be provided to a participant based on each participant's needs identified in the objective assessment and individual service strategy.

The 14 basic elements are:

1. **Tutoring, study skills training, and instruction** leading to high school completion, including dropout prevention strategies.
2. **Alternative high school services** which offer specialized, structured curriculum inside or outside of the public school system.
3. **Summer youth employment** that takes place between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> and consists of employment for which youth are paid a wage.
4. **Paid and unpaid work experiences**, including internships and job shadowing, are short-term, planned, structured learning experiences that occur in a workplace and are focused on career exploration and the development of work readiness skills.
5. **Occupational skills training** constitutes an organized program of study that provides specific vocational skills that lead to proficiency in performing actual tasks and technical functions required by certain occupational fields at entry, intermediate, or advanced levels.
6. **Leadership development opportunities**, which include community service and peer-centered activities that encourage responsibility, employability, and other positive social behaviors.
7. **Adult mentoring** for a duration of at least 12 months.
8. **Supportive services** to enable an individual to participate in WIOA youth program activities. These may include, but are not limited to, housing, meals, medical care, day care, transportation, school related supplies, training related supplies, etc.
9. **Follow-up services** include activities after completion of participation to monitor success during transition to employment and further education.
10. **Comprehensive guidance and counseling** to help youth make and implement informed educational, occupational, and life choices.
11. **Financial literacy education** to help youth gain the skills needed to manage money.
12. **Entrepreneurial skills training** including the use of curriculum based training modules that teach youth the value of being skilled and applying those skills
13. **Services that provide career awareness, career counseling, and career exploration.**
14. **Activities that help youth prepare for, and transition to, post-secondary education.**



## WIOA Title II: Alaska Adult Education

The Alaska Adult Education (AAE) program is a statewide instructional program for adults seeking to enhance their postsecondary education skills in order to transition into employment. The goal is to identify each student's educational status and facilitate a successful transition to postsecondary education, training, or employment. Adult Education Programs work with students on Basic Skills, High School Equivalency Diploma Attainment, English Language Acquisition, and Workforce Preparation Courses.

An Adult Education student is someone who is an English language learner or studying to increase their ability to:

- read, write, and speak in English, and perform mathematics or other activities necessary for attainment of a secondary school diploma by examination;
- transition to postsecondary education or training; or
- obtain employment.

Adult education and literacy activities refer to programs, activities, and services including:

- adult education (reading, writing, mathematics, science, social studies, etc.);
- workplace adult education and literacy activities;
- family literacy activities;
- English language acquisition activities;
- integrated English literacy and civics education;
- workforce preparation activities; or
- integrated education and training

Eligibility: Alaska requires an adult to meet the following criteria to be eligible for services:

The student:

- is 18 years of age or older;
- is physically present in the state;
- is not enrolled in a high school program; and
- has not received a diploma or certificate through a high school or GED program in another state, province, or U.S. possession.

If a student is 16 or 17 year old, they must meet all of the above eligibility guidelines, with the following additional documentation:

- a legal emancipation document or a signed and notarized statement of consent from a parent or legal guardian; and
- official documentation of withdrawal from the last school attended in Alaska.

## WIOA Title III: Wagner-Peyser –Employment Services

Wagner-Peyser labor exchange services are delivered through the 15 Alaska Job Centers collectively known as the [Alaska Job Center Network](#) (AJCN). Job centers house resources job seekers and employers need to meet their employment and training needs under one roof in easy-to-find locations. Self-services are also available via the Alaska Labor Exchange System, ALEXsys. ALEXsys is an online comprehensive employment services portal, and includes a no-fee job bank that connects job seekers with Alaskan employers. It is available throughout the AJCN and on-line 24 hours per day at <http://jobs.alaska.gov>. The AJCN collaborates with multiple partner agencies to provide universal access and services to employers, job seekers, and workers statewide.

Labor exchange services include job search assistance, referral, and placement; fidelity bonding for at-risk job seekers; re-employment services to unemployment insurance claimants; and recruitment services for employers. Additionally, job seekers may receive assessments of skill levels and abilities, aptitude testing, and career guidance. Regular workshops offered at many job centers include job seeking tips, resume writing, cover letters, interviewing skills, employment after incarceration, and the annual free IRS-certified tax services provided through My Free Tax Initiative. AJCN staff routinely provide referrals to partner agencies, veteran’s representatives, and WIOA Title I programs for assistance with training and support. Job Center links to services and workshop schedules can be found at: <http://jobs.alaska.gov/offices/index.html>.

### Alaska Job Center Locations:

**Anchorage Midtown**

3301 Eagle Street, Suite 220  
Anchorage, AK 99503

**Anchorage Muldoon**

1251 Muldoon Road  
Anchorage, AK 99504

**Anchorage Mountain View**

120 Bragaw Street  
Anchorage, AK 99504

**Bristol Bay (Dillingham)**

527 Seward St., Room 101  
Dillingham, AK 99576-1149

**Fairbanks**

675 Seventh Avenue, Station D  
Fairbanks, AK 99701-4531

**Homer**

3670 Lake Street, Suite 300  
Homer, AK 99603-7655

**Juneau**

10002 Glacier Hwy, Suite 100  
Juneau, AK 99811-5514

**Ketchikan**

2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 220  
Ketchikan, AK 99901-6073

**Kodiak**

211 Mission Rd., Suite 103  
Kodiak, AK 99615-6315

**Mat-Su**

877 Commercial Drive  
Wasilla, AK 99654-6937

**Nome**

214 Front Street, Suite 320  
Nome, AK 99762-0280

**Peninsula (Kenai)**

11312 Kenai Spur Hwy, Suite 2  
Kenai, AK 99611

**Sitka**

304 Lake Street, Room 101  
Sitka, AK 99835-7563

**Valdez**

213 Meals Avenue, Room 22  
Valdez, AK 99686-0590

**YK Delta (Bethel)**

460 Ridgecrest Drive, Suite 112  
Bethel, AK 99559-1607

## WIOA Title IV: Vocational Rehabilitation

Helping Alaskans with Disabilities Get Good Jobs <http://labor.state.ak.us/DVR/HOME.HTM>

Each year the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) helps hundreds of Alaskans with disabilities get and keep good jobs based on their interests, skills, abilities and job market where they live.

Who Qualifies: Some physical, intellectual or mental conditions can make it hard to do things like walk, see, hear, breathe, care for oneself, sit, stand, lift, learn, or think. These conditions are sometimes referred to as disabilities. Some disabilities are present at birth, others result from illness, injury, or aging. Individuals having trouble finding or keeping a job because of these or other physical, intellectual, or mental conditions, and need services to overcome these challenges, should contact DVR to see if they are eligible.

Services: A DVR counselor will help set a job goal, choose the services needed to reach the goal, and select the providers of those services. The services used depend on individual circumstances and job goal.

### **Some examples:**

- Identify a job that will bring success and satisfaction
- Identify how to reduce the impact of a disability through counseling and guidance, training, or by using technology
- Develop work skills and enhanced knowledge through training and education
- Obtain tools, equipment, books, and supplies required by a job or for training
- Access interpreter, reader, or tutorial services
- Help with finding and maintaining a job



## Alaska Adult Education Regional Programs

## Alaska Literacy Program

### Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE)

1345 Rudakof Circle #104  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508  
907-743-0201

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am – 7:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Friday: Closed to Public

Director: Polly Smith

[psmith@alaskaliteracyprogram.org](mailto:psmith@alaskaliteracyprogram.org)



The mission of Alaska Literacy Program is changing lives through literacy. ALP provides literacy instruction to adults and families with young children. We recruit, train, and support volunteer teachers from the community to teach classes including unique and in-demand topics. We provide an intensive program with opportunities for adults to access the services with classes in the morning, afternoon, and evenings. ALP primarily serves the beginning through intermediate level learner.

#### *English as a Second Language (ESL)*

- English Literacy
- Integrated English
- Family Literacy
- Visual Arts and Language
- Conversation
- Health Literacy
- Writing
- Reading
- Independent Study

#### *Citizenship Preparation*

- Civics and Citizenship

#### *College and Career Awareness*

- Business/Entrepreneurship
- CPR
- Career Exploration
- Digital Skills

#### *Other Courses Offered*

- Financial Literacy
- Other classes of high interest or need as identified
- Topical Workshops

Average full time students: 300

Regions served: Anchorage, Girdwood, Mat-Su Valley

## Alaska Technical Center Kotzebue Regional Adult Education Program

843 4th Street  
PO Box 51  
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752  
907-224-6114

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 8:30am - 12:00pm; 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Director: Keitlin “Kitty” Baker  
[kbaker@nwarctic.org](mailto:kbaker@nwarctic.org)



The Alaska Technical Center’s (ATC) Adult Education and GED program is designed to provide testing and instruction to develop and improve academic skills of students. This skill development will help them in their current employment or to acquire a GED. ATC serves residents ages 16 or older in the Northwest Arctic Borough Region, consisting of 11 villages. We offer independent study classes to meet the individual needs of students, which may include online classes, Career Ready 101, and GED intensive weeks. Students are provided ongoing assessments throughout their individual programs which allow them to demonstrate progress towards their goal. Although small, ATC is a highly effective training center. It continues to provide core training programs, employer-designed short courses and Alaska Adult Education/GED.

### Adult Education & GED preparations

- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Reading
- Writing

### College and Career Awareness

- Drivers Education
- Career Ready 101

### Other ATC programs include:

- Construction Trades Technology
- Health Occupations
- Process Technology
- Culinary Arts

*Short courses are offered based on customer or employer demand*

Average Full Time Students: 49

Average GED Graduates: 7

Regions served: Northwest Arctic Borough

GED Testing Center: Onsite

Alaska Vocational Technical Center  
Seward Community Learning Center

519 4th Ave.  
Seward, Alaska 99664  
907-224-6114

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Thursday 8:30am - 11:30am  
Afternoon & evening hours by appointment

Director: Jamie Hall  
[jamie.hall@avtec.edu](mailto:jamie.hall@avtec.edu)



The Seward Community Learning Center (SCLC), located at AVTEC, provides adult education services to the community of Seward and surrounding areas. We prepare students for meeting academic requirements for enrollment at AVTEC or other post-secondary training. We also refer students to other resources such as the Kenai Job Center to help students enter post-secondary programs or obtain employment. SCLC is staffed by one individual and is working to revitalize the program and GED preparation. The SCLC is based at AVTEC which provides a unique opportunity to support students through their academics as well as discuss options to post-secondary training, workplace readiness, financial aid options, and future goals.

**Adult Education & GED preparations**

- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Reading
- Writing
- Literacy

**College and Career Awareness**

- Workplace Literacy
- Preparation for meeting academic requirements for enrollment in post-secondary training

Average Full Time Students: 12

Average GED Graduates: 3

Regions served: Eastern Kenai Peninsula

GED Testing Center: Onsite

## Alaska Department of Corrections (ADOC) Health and Rehabilitation Services (HARS) Education Program

550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 1800  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
(907) 269-5009

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm; 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Director: “Gary” Olsen [chris.olsen@alaska.gov](mailto:chris.olsen@alaska.gov)  
Assistant Director: Victor Solano [victor.solano@alaska.gov](mailto:victor.solano@alaska.gov)



The Alaska Department of Corrections Health and Rehabilitation Services (HARS) mission is to provide secure confinement, evidence-based multidisciplinary reformatory programs that promote successful community reentry, and a process of supervised community reintegration to enhance the safety of our communities. We are committed to a culture of professionalism, quality, and safety. HARS provides educational courses that empower incarcerated individuals for marketable employment upon release, addressing an individual’s education and employment criminogenic factors, while reducing the barriers for returning citizens. Education participation is voluntary.

Our priority of service starts with our core classes:

1. AAE/ General Education Development Diploma (GED)
2. Computer literacy “workforce development”
3. Reentry “workforce development”

Once a GED is earned, workforce development follows through vocational trade and safety classes:

1. Carpentry, electrical, plumbing and heating ventilation and air conditioning. (HVAC)
2. OSHA Safety courses (10/30), flagging, hazwoper, and North Slope Training Card (NSTC)
3. Ironworker welder certification course (possible apprenticeship)
4. Food and seafood worker card.
5. Culinary

Average Full Time Students: 300

Average GED Graduates: 108

Regions served: 13 Statewide Correctional Centers located as far North as Nome and South to Ketchikan

GED Testing Center: Onsite

The Alaska Department of Corrections has an Education Budget that matches and exceeds the AAE grant request defining the commitment to WIOA of 2014 Title II law and student success.



Literacy Council of Alaska  
Fairbanks Regional Adult Education Program

517 Gaffney Road  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701  
907-456-6212

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 9:00am - 6:00pm

Director: Barrie Greenfield  
[barrie@literacycouncilofalaska.org](mailto:barrie@literacycouncilofalaska.org)



Literacy Council of Alaska (LCA) serves adults in the Fairbanks and surrounding communities, helping them achieve their educational goals. Our motto is *Literacy Changes Lives* and we continually find this to be true. We provide a wide range of English Language Learner (ELL) classes from the very basic to Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) preparation for adults learning English and integrating into our local community. We also assist adults over the age of 16, who lack a high school diploma or are not fully prepared for entering college. The GED program is large portion of our Adult Ed program. Previous and current students continually say the strength of our program is the genuineness of our staff. Our instructors and volunteers care about the success of individual students and go out of their way to get to know them and their stories. Community is a large part of LCA and we consider each other family, staff, volunteers, and students alike.

**Adult Education & GED preparations**

- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Reading
- Language Arts
- Basic Reading and Writing (as needed)
- One-on-one Tutoring for both ELL and GED

**Citizenship Preparation**

- Citizenship
- TOEFL (as needed)

**College and Career Awareness**

- College Prep
- Technical Skills (CCR)

**English as a Second Language (ESL)**

- ELL classes (all levels)

Average Full Time Students: 200

Average GED Graduates: 70

Regions served: Fairbanks Region (Interior)

GED Testing Center: Fairbanks Community and Technical College, 604 Barnette Street

**Kawerak, Inc.**

## Nome/Bering Strait Regional Adult Education Program

500 Seppala Dr  
PO Box 948  
Nome, Alaska 99762  
907-443-4468

## Hours of Operation:

Staff: Monday – Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Students: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 11:30am, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Director: Pam Cushman

[pcushman@kawerak.org](mailto:pcushman@kawerak.org)



Co-located at the UAF-Northwest Campus, Kawerak’s AAE/GED program is built on the longstanding legacy that first offered educational services to the adult population in the region in the early 1970’s. With over 57 years of combined educational experience, the Community Education Program (CEP) is the department that houses AAE/GED under the Education, Employment, & Supportive Services Division. Our mission is to increase the number of educated, trained, and employed adults through an integrated and comprehensive education program with a focus on providing individualized instruction in literacy, GED preparation, and English as a Second Language, building on a “Career Pathway” leading to skills certification and employment.

**Adult Education & GED preparations**

- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Reading
- Writing
- One-on-one tutoring
- Intensive Study Courses (ISCs) in Language Arts and Math

**Citizenship Preparation**

- Civics

**College and Career Awareness**

- Job placement preparations

Average Full Time Students: 60

Average GED Graduates: 12

Regions served: Nome/Bering Strait Region

Outlying remote Village Communities including: Brevig Mission, Diomedede, Elim, Gambell, Golovin, Koyuk, Savoonga, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, St. Michael, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, and White Mountain.

GED Testing Center: Onsite

## Kodiak College

### Kodiak Regional Adult Education Program

117 Benny Benson Drive  
Kodiak, Alaska 99615  
907-486-1243

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm

Monday - Wednesday Evenings 7:00pm - 8:30 pm

Director: Linda Himelbloom

[ljhimelbloom@alaska.edu](mailto:ljhimelbloom@alaska.edu)



The Kodiak Regional Adult Education Program offers adults the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge for education, employment, and citizenship; increase self-image and self-direction; and progress toward future personal, career, training, or college goals. We can assist adult students with a variety of services and improvement of job and career related skills. Adults have the power to choose and pursue their goals and build their own futures when the time is right for them. We can work with students individually or in a class setting in a variety of subject areas with face-to-face learning or online opportunities.

#### *Adult Education & GED preparations*

- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Reading
- Writing
- Tutoring
- Online Interactive Learning

#### *Citizenship Preparation*

- English for Citizenship

#### *College and Career Awareness*

- Advanced Reading for Class, Testing, & Courses
- English for the Health Care Work

#### *English as a Second Language (ESL)*

- Beginning English
- Intermediate English

Average Full Time Students: 50

Average GED Graduates: 8

Regions served: Kodiak Island: the City of Kodiak, the entire Kodiak Island Borough including villages of Port Lions, Ouzinkie, Old Harbor, Larsen Bay, Karluk, Akhiok, and Chinak and the Kodiak Coast Guard dependents

GED Testing Center: Onsite

## Ilisaġvik College

### North Slope Regional Adult Education Program

100 Stevenson Street  
PO Box 749, Hut 60  
Utqiagvik, Alaska 99723  
907-443-4468

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 11:30am - 5:00pm

Additional instruction available after hours with appointment

Administrator: Judetta Cowden

[judetta.cowden@ilisagvik.edu](mailto:judetta.cowden@ilisagvik.edu)



The North Slope Regional Adult Education (AE) Program recognizes the importance of life-long learning and that philosophy is central to the mission of Ilisaġvik College. The program leaders collaborate with community agencies to eliminate barriers to student's success and implement robust regional partnerships. The North Slope Regional AE Program helps adult learners improve their basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics for educational, vocational, and personal success. We offer General Educational Development (GED) preparation and testing, as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) assistance. In addition, the AE program has incorporated College and Career Readiness assistance. The Ilisaġvik Adult Learning Center is an open entry/open exit program, which serves all North Slope village residents.

#### **Adult Education & GED preparations**

- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Reading
- Writing
- Tutoring
- Distance Learning

#### **College and Career Awareness**

- Life skills
- Employability Skills
- Computer Literacy Employment
- ACCUPLACER testing
- Workplace Literacy

#### **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Average Full Time Students: 20

Average GED Graduates: 5

Regions served: Utqiagvik (Barrow), Wainwright, Point Lay, Point Hope, Atqasuk, Nuiqsut, Kaktovik, and Anaktuvuk Pass

GED Testing Center: Onsite

## Nine Star Education and Employment Services

### Anchorage Regional Adult Education Program

730 I Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
907- 339-0864

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Director: Sandra Emmons  
[sandrae@ninestar.org](mailto:sandrae@ninestar.org)



**NINE STAR**  
Education & Employment Services

Nine Star’s Anchorage Regional Adult Education (AE) Program was established in 2002. We provide educational opportunities for adults who wish to improve the skills necessary for further education, employment, or personal enrichment. Classes are offered with tailored instruction and built-in progress monitoring to help students see their progress toward meeting their goals, whether it’s getting their GED or improving their academic skills to get acceptance into college, an apprenticeship program, or a trades union. Students have several program options to choose from including: instructor led classes, a drop-in learning center, online learning option, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. By enrolling in one of our programs, students position themselves to be effective and profitable in workplaces hiring today and in the near future. Anchorage AE Program takes great pride in assisting adults achieve their educational and career goals.

#### *Adult Education & GED preparations*

- Mathematics
- Reading
- Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Tutoring

#### *Citizenship Preparation*

- Citizenship Readiness

#### *College and Career Awareness*

- Math for the Trades
- Accuplacer, ASVAB Preparation

#### *English as a Second Language (ESL)*

- Speaking
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing
- English Grammatical Structure

Average Full Time Students: 330

Average GED Graduates: 157

Region served: Anchorage Borough (Girdwood to Eagle River/Chugiak)

GED Testing Centers: Onsite

## Nine Star Education and Employment Services

### Mat-Su Regional Adult Education Program

617 S. Knik Goose Bay Road, Suite G  
Wasilla, Alaska 99654  
907-373-7833

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Director: Anna Plant  
[annap@ninestar.org](mailto:annap@ninestar.org)



**NINE STAR**  
Education & Employment Services

Mat-Su Adult Education is directing its efforts to reach those in need of our services across the Mat-Su Valley. The mission of the Mat-Su Adult Education (AE) Program is to provide instruction in the skills of reading, writing, and mathematics to adult learners in order to prepare them for transitioning into the labor market, higher academic, or vocational training. To circumvent the ongoing transportation issue Mat-Su, AE has gone mobile.

#### Adult Education & GED preparations

- Mathematics
- Reading
- Writing
- Social Studies
- Science

#### Citizenship Preparation

- Interview Preparation
- Test Preparation

#### College and Career Awareness

- Accuplacer Preparation
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Preparation (ASVAB)
- SAT Preparation
- TABE/Work Keys Score Improvement
- Resume and Employment Search Assistance

#### English as a Second Language (ESL)

- Fundamental English Skills, incorporating realia.

Average Full Time Students: 145

Average GED Graduates: 56

Region served: Matanuska Susitna

Adult Education services are provided at Nugen's Ranch-located at the end of Point McKenzie, Knik House, the Palmer Youth Detention Facility, Mat-Su College, Sunshine Community Health Center in Talkeetna, Ernie Turner Center in Chugiak, Big Lake Library, and the My House Organization.

GED Testing Centers: Mat-Su College

Prince William Sound College  
Valdez-Cordova Regional Adult Education Program

303 Lowe Street  
Valdez, Alaska 99686  
907-373-7833

1976 Aurora Dr  
Glennallen, Alaska 99588  
907-822-9673



Hours of Operation:

Valdez: Monday – Thursday 10:00am – 7:00pm  
Friday 8:00am – 5:00 pm  
Glennallen: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm  
Additional instruction available after hours with appointment

Director: Teresa Barton  
[tabarton@alaska.edu](mailto:tabarton@alaska.edu)

The Valdez-Cordova Regional AAE program housed within Prince William College offers an array of adult education classes and resources. We tailor our classes to meet the needs of each student and offer instruction in various formats, including one-on-one, online, and group lessons. We serve the needs of the entire Valdez-Cordova region, including both full-time residents and seasonal workers. Our programs focus on building relationships with local businesses. In our Glennallen location we work with the local native agencies, and in Valdez we have a strong relationship with the local fisheries and the hospital. We have seen our program grow due to these relationships, while simultaneously better serving the needs of our community.

**Adult Education & GED preparations**

- Mathematics
- Reading
- Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- One-on-One Tutoring
- Online Classes

**Citizenship Preparation**

- Citizenship Readiness

**College and Career Awareness**

- Accuplacer Preparation
- Academic English
- Academic Math
- College Entrance Exam Preparation
- **Glennallen:** Soft Skills Development

**English as a Second Language (ESL)**

- All English Levels
- TOEFL Preparation
- IELTS Preparation
- ESL for CNAs

Average Full Time Students: 25

Average GED Graduates: 5

Region served: Valdez-Cordova

GED Testing Centers: Onsite at Prince William Sound College in Valdez

Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC)  
Southeast Regional Adult Education Program

210 Ferry Way  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
907-586-6806

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm

Director: Jeff Smith  
[jeffreys@serrc.org](mailto:jeffreys@serrc.org)



The program is administered by SERRC- Alaska’s Educational Resource Center, under the banner of ‘The Learning Connection’ and headquartered in Juneau. The mission of the The Learning Connection (TLC) is to help people build a better life through education. The program serves adults and out-of-school youth ages 16 and older to help increase their educational and workplace skills for employment, GED attainment, and post-secondary transition. TLC has provided adult education in southeast Alaska for nearly 40 years. The program is anchored by experienced and supportive staff who go above and beyond to help adult learners reach their goals and build a better life through education.

**Adult Education & GED preparations**

- Mathematics
- Reading
- Writing
- Social Studies
- Science

**College and Career Awareness**

- Career Readiness Skills
- Computer & Job Search Assistance
- Applied Digital Skills

**English as a Second Language (ESL)**

- English as a Second Language

**Citizenship Preparation**

- Citizenship

**Other services include:**

- Juneau Construction Academy – Short-term and occupational endorsement trainings
- Mature Alaskans Seeking Skills Training – Paid community service employment for those 55 and older seeking job training opportunities
- JobX
- AKDrive – Driver’s training and permit classes

Average Full Time Students: 119

Average GED Graduates: 40

Region served: Southeast Alaska from Yakutat to Metlakatla

GED Testing Centers: Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan and Petersburg.

Paper testing available in Hydaburg and Metlakatla.



UAA- Kenai Peninsula College – Kachemak Bay Campus  
Homer Regional Adult Education Program

533 East Pioneer Ave  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
907-235-1602

Hours of Operation:

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am - 6:30pm  
Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm  
Program Open – mid-August through mid-May



Coordinator: Michelle Waclawski  
[mvwaclawski@alaska.edu](mailto:mvwaclawski@alaska.edu)

The Homer Adult Education Program specializes in helping students discover and reach their goals. The program *Pledge of Purpose* highlights the student-centric, life competency attitude that our program embodies, reached through educating adults as part of Alaska Adult Education. We start with respect for ourselves, others, and our world. Together we build confidence, learn to think, and develop resiliency. We share and apply what we know, are lifelong learners and active citizens. Finally, we create the life we want: a satisfying, sustaining job, positive relationships, and good health.

The adult education offerings are quite diverse, with students who come in for GED preparation, CNA preparation (to increase Accuplacer and ALEKS scores), AVTEC entrance prep, and college prep. Students also attend Computer Basics, Life Skills, and College & Career Readiness courses to build skills to get and maintain jobs or enter additional training. Students range in age from 16 to 70, from a variety of backgrounds.

**Adult Education & GED preparations**

- Mathematics
- Reading
- Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Evening drop-in study time
- Tutoring

**Citizenship Preparation**

- Interview Preparation
- Test Practice

**College and Career Awareness**

- Technological / Computer Literacy
- Life Skills
- Accuplacer

**English as a Second Language (ESL)**

- English as a Second Language

Average Full Time Students: 38  
Average GED Graduates: 15

Region served: Southern Kenai Peninsula south of Anchor Point to Across Kachemak Bay and including the Old Believer villages

GED Testing Centers: Kachemak Bay Campus - Bayview Hall

## UAA- Kenai Peninsula College – Kenai River Campus Kenai Regional Adult Education Program

156 College Road  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669  
907-262-0328

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Coordinator: Diane Taylor  
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Kenai Peninsula College  
UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

The Kenai Regional Adult Education Program's Learning Center is designed to provide comprehensive services to Kenai Peninsula College (KPC) students and community. Our experienced staff is specially trained to identify the needs of our students and tailor the support services to meet those needs. Through individualized and group instruction, the Learning Center helps students navigate their educational journey to meet their goals.

The Learning Center offers students a relaxed and friendly atmosphere in which to study, read, prepare for classes, or receive supplemental assistance in academic courses and college survival skills. Students with documented disabilities receive accommodations. Instruction and testing are provided for students who wish to earn a high school equivalency diploma (GED). The population served by the Learning Center includes enrolled KPC students, non-traditional students, ages 16 to 80, pursuing additional education or training, and non-native speakers of English seeking language instruction.

### Adult Education & GED preparations

- Mathematics
- Reading
- Writing
- Social Studies
- Science
- Study Groups
- Computer Instruction
- Individualized Testing

### Citizenship Preparation

- Citizenship

### College and Career Awareness

- NETS (Necessary Education Technology and Skills)
- Introduction to Computers

### English as a Second Language (ESL)

- Beginning to Advanced ESL Classes

Average Full Time Students: 75

Average GED Graduates: 35

Region served: Kenai, Soldotna, Sterling, Nikiski, Ninilchik, Clam Gulch, and Kasilof

GED Testing Centers: Onsite

## UAF – Bristol Bay Campus

### Bristol Bay & Aleutian Pribilof Adult Education Programs

527 Seward Street  
PO Box 1070  
Dillingham, Alaska 99576  
907-842-5109

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

Director: Sarah Andrew  
[sarah.andrew@alaska.edu](mailto:sarah.andrew@alaska.edu)



The Bristol Bay Campus Adult Learning Program is dedicated to guiding and assisting adult students toward academic and career success. We provide General Education development, working for a GED to obtain employment or enter a post-secondary program. Also provided are employment skills such as writing resumes, interview skills, and communication strategies. We serve the entire Bristol Bay area and recently began serving the Aleutians and the Pribilof Islands. There are five Learning Centers in our service area to assist students across the region, located in Togiak, New Stuyahok, King Salmon, Unalaska and St. Paul (Bering Sea), and all are available on weekdays to support adult learners. Bristol Bay and Aleutian/Pribilof's many local businesses, resources, and native corporations work together with the Adult Learning Program at the Campus to provide grants, testing, and other mutual opportunities as available.

Our program supports adults who can benefit from a local organization and program which encourages them in their educational and employment goals. Our location in the Bristol Bay Campus gives us access to all campus resources, classes, and the State Employment Office co-located in Dillingham.

#### Adult Education & GED preparations

- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies
- Reading
- Language Arts
- Basic Reading and Writing (as needed)

- Intensive Instruction in Math by a Math Tutor

#### College and Career Awareness

- College and Vocational Training
- Employment Skills
- Career Planning Assistance

Average Full Time Students: 45

Average GED Graduates: 12

Regions served: Bristol Bay Region, the Aleutians and the Pribilof Islands

GED Testing Center: Onsite

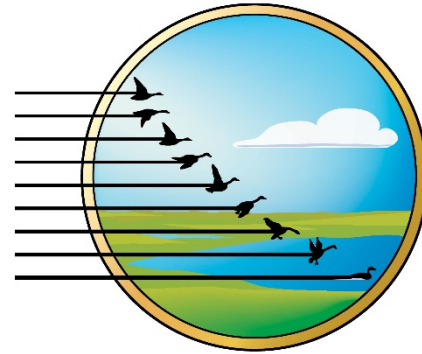
Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc.  
Bethel Regional Adult Education Program

610 Akiachak Drive  
Bethel, Alaska 99559-0869  
907-543-0996

Hours of Operation:  
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

Director: Fannie Black

[fblack@yuut.org](mailto:fblack@yuut.org)



Building programs that combine intensive academics and on-the-job training, Yuut Elitnaurviat is the first regional vocational center to grace the tundra of Western Alaska. Yuut is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing training and education opportunities for the people of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region. Yuut offers culturally relevant and regionally responsive training programs in response to the needs of local employers. The Bethel Regional AAE program offers basic academic skill building in math, reading, and writing for the purpose of earning a GED, getting or keeping a job, or entering college or training. This program serves Bethel and the surrounding villages in the Yukon-Kuskokwim (Y-K) Delta. The Board of Directors of Yuut Elitnaurviat is made up of the Executive Directors or CEOs of some of the largest employers in the Y-K Delta. All of the programs and training we offer are done with the approval of, and often in conjunction with, the organizations that make up our board.

**Adult Education & GED preparations**

- Mathematics
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science

**College and Career Awareness**

- Aviation Maintenance
- Construction Trades
- Driver Education
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Public Safety

Average Full Time Students: 90

Average GED Graduates: 14

Region served: Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

GED Testing Centers: Onsite



## Alaska GED Testing Centers

Name	Address	City
Alaska Vocational Technical Center	809 Second Avenue	Seward
Alaska Technical Center in Kotzebue	843 4th Street	Kotzebue
University of Alaska Fairbanks-Bristol Bay Campus	527 Seward Street	Dillingham
Nome Regional ABE Program	400 East Front Street	Nome
University Of Alaska Southeast, Ketchikan	2600 7th Avenue, UAS-K Learning Center	Ketchikan
Kodiak College	117 Benny Benson Dr Room 210, Campus Center	Kodiak
University of AK Fairbanks - Tanana Valley Campus	604 Barnette Street	Fairbanks
US Military NTC Wayland Bap Univ-Elmendorf AF-DoD	7801 East 32nd Avenue	Anchorage
Matanuska-Susitna College	8295 East College Drive	Palmer
University of Alaska Anchorage	3901 Old Seward Highway Room 112 (in University Mall)	Anchorage
University of Alaska Southeast	1332 Seward Avenue	Sitka
Kenai Peninsula College - Kachemak Bay Campus	533 East Pioneer Avenue	Homer
Yuut Elitnaurviat - The People's Learning Center	610 Akiachak Drive	Bethel
Southeast Regional Resource	210 Ferry Way	Juneau
DOC AK Goose Creek Correctional Center	P. O. Box 877790	Wasilla
DOC AK Anchorage Correctional Complex West	1300 E. 4th Avenue	Anchorage
DOC AK Hiland Mountain Correctional Center	9101 Hesterburg Road	Eagle River
DOC AK Mat-Su Pre-Trial Facility	339 East Dogwood	Palmer
DOC AK Palmer Correctional Center	P.O. Box 919	Palmer
DOC AK Point Mackenzie Correctional Farm	P.O. Box 877790	Wasilla
DOC AK Spring Creek Correctional Center	P.O. Box 2109	Seward
DOC AK Wildwood Correctional Center	10 Chugach Avenue	Kenai
DOC AK Yukon-Kuskowim Correction Center	Pouch 400 (Airport Road)	Bethel
DOC AK Lemon Creek Correction Center	2000 Lemon Creek Road	Juneau
DOC AK Ketchikan Correctional Center	1201 Schoenbar Road	Ketchikan
DOC AK Anchorage Correctional Complex East	1400 E 4th Avenue	Anchorage
DOC AK Fairbanks Correctional Center	1931 Eagan Street	Fairbanks
DOC AK Anvil Mountain Correction Center	P.O. Box 730	Nome
Alaska Military Youth Corps	Camp Carroll Training Site	JBER
Kenai Peninsula Coll./Soldotna	156 College Drive	Soldotna
Skagway School District	1563 Main Street	Skayway
Ilisagivk College	100 Stevenson Road	Barrow
Nine Star Education & Employment	730 I Street	Anchorage
Kenai Peninsula College	156 College Road Learning Center	Soldotna
University of Alaska, Valdez Ext. Ctr.	303 Lowe Street	Valdez
US Military NTC UAF CTC Eielson AFB	2623 Wabash Avenue, Suite 103	Eielson AFB
Petersburg School District	109 Charles W Street	Petersburg



## Workforce Opportunity and Innovation Act Youth Programs

## Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice

240 Main St.  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Program Director:  
Erik Peterson  
(907) 465-1178



### ***Area Served:***

The Alaska Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) provides WIOA services in four treatment facilities across the state—The Johnson Youth Center in Juneau, the McLaughlin Youth Center in Anchorage, the Fairbanks Youth Facility, and the Bethel Youth Facility. Although these four locations are where the majority of services are provided, the youth receiving treatment at these facilities come from communities all over Alaska and return to those communities after the completion of treatment.

### ***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in-house service resources or partnerships. Primarily participants gain alternative high school services, work experience opportunities, and job skills development.

### ***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***

In-school youth.

## Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA)

PO Box 5727  
JBER Alaska, 99505

Program Director:  
David McPheters  
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907-428-7306

Case Manager:  
Scott Monroe  
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907-428-7308

***Area Served:***  
Alaska and state-wide.

***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in house service resources or partnerships. Primarily participants gain Vocational/Industrial Arts, Resume/Employability, Educational/Assessments/Testing/Credit Recovery/H.S. Diploma, and Placement.

***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***

Out-of-school youth.





## Alaska Primary Care Association

1231 Gambell St. Ste 200  
Anchorage, AK 99507

Program Director:  
Mari Selle

[Mariko.selle@providence.org](mailto:Mariko.selle@providence.org)  
907-786-4595

Case Manager:

Alex Lawson

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907-212-6571



Alaska Primary Care  
ASSOCIATION



### ***Area Served:***

Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula, and Kachemak Bay.

### ***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in house service resources or partnerships. Primarily participants gain exposure and work experience in pre-apprenticeship health care careers, which could lead to employment or apprenticeship opportunities, and assistance with completion of post-secondary healthcare programs of study.

### ***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***

In- school youth needing assistance along the spectrum of healthcare career pathways.

## Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC)

809 Second Ave  
Seward, AK 99664

Program Director:  
Lecompte, Catherine  
[cathy.lecompte@alaska.gov](mailto:cathy.lecompte@alaska.gov)  
907-224-3322

Case Manager:  
Kale Tippit  
[kale.tippit@avtec.edu](mailto:kale.tippit@avtec.edu)  
907-224-3322



***Area Served:***

Seward and statewide.

***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in house service resources or partnerships. Occupational skills training and job skill development are the primary services supported by the program. Participants receive support services while attending training, and job placement assistance after their training is complete. Additionally, participants receive facilitation of work experience opportunities and information on personal finance and budgeting.

***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***

Out-of-school youth.

## Alaska Works Partnership Inc.

161 N Klevin St suite 203  
Anchorage, AK 99508

Program Director:  
Alexis Cowell  
[alexisc@alaskaworks.org](mailto:alexisc@alaskaworks.org)  
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Case Manager:  
Melody Austin  
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Apprenticeship Outreach  
Construction Academy  
Women in the Trades  
AK Helmets to Hardhats  
WWW.ALASKAWORKS.ORG

### ***Area Served:***

Fairbanks, Anchorage and statewide.

### ***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in house service resources or partnerships. Primarily participants gain construction skills training, employment placement, work experience, and registered apprentice opportunities.

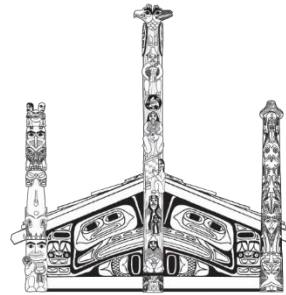
### ***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***

Out-of-school youth.

## Ketchikan Indian Community

2960 Tongass Ave  
Ketchikan, AK 99901

Program Director:  
Sonya Skan  
[sskan@kictribe.org](mailto:sskan@kictribe.org)  
907-228-9374



*Ketchikan*  
**INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
*Education & Training*

***Area Served:***  
Ketchikan

***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in house service resources or partnerships. Primarily participants gain high school completion, work experience, and post-secondary occupational training.

***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***

In-school and out-of-school youth within the Ketchikan Gateway Borough and Saxman area.

## Literacy Council of Alaska

517 Gaffney Rd  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Program Director:  
Troy Robinson  
[troy@literacycouncilofalaska.org](mailto:troy@literacycouncilofalaska.org)  
907.456.6212

Case Manager:  
Olivia West  
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907.456.6212



### ***Area Served:***

Fairbanks and interior region of Alaska

### ***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in house service resources or partnerships. Primarily participants gain work experience in the Literacy Council of Alaska Forget-Me-Not Bookstore and enroll in UAF Community and Technical College for post-secondary education.

### ***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***

LCA primarily serves out-of-school youths. We work with multiple demographics from near-homeless or homeless youth, those subject to the judicial system and youth facilities, and participants with disabilities.

## Nine Star Education and Employment Services

730 I Street  
Anchorage, AK 99501

Program Director:  
Roger Hamacher  
[rogerh@ninestar.org](mailto:rogerh@ninestar.org)  
907-743-6074

### ***Areas Served:***

Mt. View in the Boys and Girls Club  
315 N Price  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
Karen Jarrett 907-677-1866  
[karenj@ninestar.org](mailto:karenj@ninestar.org)

Mat Su  
300 n Willow- inside the MYHouse building  
Wasilla, AK 99677  
Purtrica Blount 907-373-3006  
[purtricab@ninestar.org](mailto:purtricab@ninestar.org)

Homer  
3957 Nielsen Cir. - Inside the "Rec Room" building  
Homer, AK 99603  
Casey Brewer 907 744-7584  
[caseyb@ninestar.org](mailto:caseyb@ninestar.org)

### ***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in house service resources or partnerships. Primarily participants gain internship employment training, high school/GED completion, and direct hire employment.

### ***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***

Out-of-school youth, homeless, or runaway.



**NINE STAR**  
Education & Employment Services

## South East Regional Resource Center (SERRC) -The Learning Connection

210 Ferry Way  
Juneau, AK 99801

Program Director:  
Sheryl Weinberg  
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907-586-6806

Case Manager:  
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907-523-7224

***Area Served:***  
Juneau.



***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in house service resources or partnerships. Primarily participants gain high school completion services, Juneau Construction Academy, supportive services, career guidance, life skills and employability workshops

***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***  
Out-of-school youth.

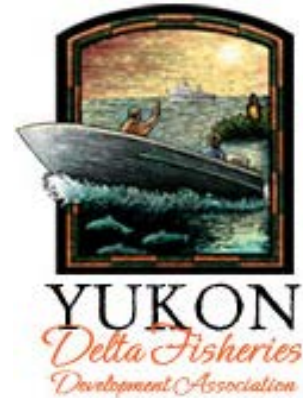
## Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association

2909 Arctic Blvd.  
Anchorage, AK 99503

Program Director:  
Judi Murdock  
[judi@kwikpakfisheries.com](mailto:judi@kwikpakfisheries.com)  
907-644-0326

***Area Served:***

Mt. Village, Emmonak, Kotlik, Nunamltua, Grayling, Alakanuk.



***Primary Services Provided:***

The program makes available the 14 basic WIOA Youth service elements through in house service resources or partnerships. Primarily participants gain work experience, adult mentorship, leadership development, job skills, post-secondary scholarships for eligible youth, and supportive services.

***Primary Youth Demographic Served:***

In-school youth.