

Adult Secondary Credit Guidance

As you know, the Department of Workforce Development has been working with the Indiana Department of Education on the question of funding for Adult Secondary Credit programs for several months. We continue to pursue those discussions, but it does not appear we will have a final resolution before Count Day. We understand some ASC providers are pursuing claims for Average Daily Membership funding directly with IDOE.

To ensure continuity of the ASC programs for the 2011 program year (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012), and to ensure that the Regional allocations already determined are not disrupted, DWD is making funding beyond the federal and state Adult Education allocations available to Regions offering ASC programs. A few details:

- Reimbursements will be made to ASC programs in the amount of \$100 per Core-40 credit earned during the program year;
- Reimbursements will be made retroactively for credits earned or in progress since July 1;
- Eligible providers are those who have an agreement with an Indiana school corporation indicating that the ASC credits awarded will be accepted toward the conferral of a high school diploma;
- Eligible participants are Indiana residents who, on or before December 31, 2010, reached 18 years of age, had officially withdrawn from high school, and had accrued a minimum of 25 Core-40 credits (those with fewer than 25 Core-40 credits should be referred to an Adult Basic Education program);
- Data regarding the individual participants in ASC, the credits attempted, the credits awarded, diplomas conferred, program-delivery structures, program content, as well as other specifics, must be reported to DWD. Details about the reporting criteria, timeline and format will be determined shortly and presented (in both documents and via webinar) to ASC providers and their fiscal agents as soon as they become available.

We understand that many additional questions will occur to you as we resolve the specifics of this plan for program continuity. Those questions will help us compile the guidance for the plan. While we ask that you send those questions to Jackie Dowd, Senior Director of Adult Education, at jdowd@dwd.in.gov, please understand that we will address the questions *en masse* with our soon-to-be released guidance materials.