## **Adult Education/Literacy Report**

## **ESL Information**

- In Session IV, we have added 3 new classes, 1 in Cedar Rapids and 2 in Iowa City. These additional offerings increase our capacity by 60 students.
- In Session IV, we have had 505 students enrolled in classes since July 1 and continue to enroll more new students at every registration.
- There are several IET/IELCE programs currently underway and/or in development:
  - Atlantic Bottling Company is looking to start a program for candidates in their merchandiser role; curriculum is complete and recruitment efforts will be underway this spring.
  - Cedar Rapids School District is currently recruiting for Bus Attendants. There is a targeted February start for these IELCE classes.
  - A Goodwill Light Manufacturing cohort recently finished another round of classes.
  - We are currently in exploratory stages with three other potential partners,
    Pearson Education, Pioneer Co-Op, and Systems Unlimited.

## **ABE Information**

The secondary program is preparing for another session to start on January 21. The originally scheduled orientations and pathways were full, so we added more orientation and pathway sessions to meet the demand. Our staff has been working diligently with students to bring us closer to meeting our goals. Our program has reached 92% of our participation goal.

ABE has had 605 students enrolled in classes since July 1, 2019. Our next session will begin March 23, 2020. We will be having orientations along with our Pathways to Success program before these classes begin for all new students coming in.

We have been working with our WIOA partners at IWORKS in setting up business tours for students. As of now, Mercy Hospital in Iowa City is the first business to be involved with developing this project.