ADULT EDUCATION IN NEW YORK CITY
WE LIFT PEOPLE UP

FY 2019-20 RECOMMENDATION:
Baseline an additional $12 million for adult education in the NYC budget.
Replace one year funding with more stable allocations.

ADULT EDUCATION opens doors by creating opportunities for New Yorkers to learn English, earn a high school equivalency diploma, prepare for vocational and technical jobs, transition to college, pursue citizenship, move the economy forward, and uplift our communities.

Adult Education also educates parents, and research clearly shows that educated parents raise better-educated children who are more likely to succeed in life—and less likely to end up in poverty or prison.

As demand for adult education far exceeds the current investment, we are unable to provide services to all individuals who need them including immigrants, people in poverty, the homeless and inmates reintegrating into society.

Adult Education is lifting people up. Invest in it. Don’t shortchange it.

BASELINING: THE INVESTMENT NYC’S ADULT LEARNERS NEED MOST
Learners deserve access to classes that are provided by fiscally stable, high performing programs. The best way to ensure that those classes exist is by funding Adult Education via multi-year grants with sustainable reimbursement rates. Baselining and then integrating funding into the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) grants is the answer. DYCD-supported Adult Learners achieve positive outcomes because DYCD funded providers are primarily trusted community based nonprofits with culturally competent staff and wrap around support services.
IN FY20:

- 2,200,000 New York City residents lack English Language proficiency or a high school diploma.
- Fewer than 4% of those eligible for Adult Education are served.
- 8,500 adult students in NYC will lose their classes if the $12m is not restored.

**INCREASED NYC INVESTMENT IN ADULT EDUCATION IS CRITICAL**

In 2019, only 10% of jobs will be available to those without a high school credential.

63% of jobs will require some type of training or education beyond high school.

- Immigrants who are English language proficient earn 13% - 24% more than immigrants who are not.
- Lifetime benefit for each NYC resident who earns a high school diploma or its equivalent (HSE) in terms of increased tax contributions and decreased use of public benefits.

**NEW YORK CITY COALITION FOR ADULT LITERACY**

NYCCAL advocates for an adult literacy system that provides quality, comprehensive and accessible educational services to the over 2.2 million adults in NYC who need them. NYCCAL believes that being able to read and write, learn English, obtain a High School Equivalency, and enter training and post-secondary education are the rights of every New Yorker, and the cornerstone to an equitable and just society.

nyccaliteracy.org

COST PER ADULT ED STUDENT

Full time instructors, prep time, professional development, case management, testing, data entry, reporting, space costs and other indirect costs amount to much more. Adult education programs need to be able to pay for themselves.

NYCCAL is asking for a rate of $2,000 spent per student.

Currently $850 - $1,000 spent per student.

**INDIVIDUALS WITH ENGLISH AND BASIC SKILLS ARE BETTER ABLE TO OBTAIN LIVING WAGE JOBS, ENGAGE IN THEIR CHILDREN’S EDUCATION, ACCESS SERVICES, DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS, AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOCIAL AND CIVIC LIFE OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.**

**ADULT EDUCATION: INVEST IN IT, DON’T SHORTCHANGE IT.**

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**New York City Coalition for Adult Literacy**

- Agudath Israel of America
- Arab American Family Support Center
- Bringe Works
- Brooklyn Public Library
- Catholic Charities
- Chinatown Manpower Project
- Chinese-American Planning Council
- Coalition for Asian American Children and Families
- Community Service Society
- Cypress Hills Local Development Corp
- The Doe Fund
- Edith & Carl Marks Jewish Community Center of Greater Coney Island
- Jewish Community Center of Staten Island
- Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
- LaGuardia Community College, Adult Community Learning
- Lehman College Adult Learning Center
- Literacy Assistance Center
- Literacy Partners
- Lutheran Family Health Centers Adult and Family Education
- Make the Road New York
- Neighborhood Family Services Coalition
- New York Immigration Coalition
- Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation
- NYC College of Technology Adult Learning Center
- New York City Employment & Training Coalition
- Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow
- Phineas Community Development Corporation
- Queens Community House
- Riverside Language Program
- Shorefront YM-YWHA
- Turning Point Brooklyn
- UAW Region 9A Education Fund
- Union Settlement Association, Inc.
- UJA-Federation of New York
- United Neighborhood Houses
- University Settlement Adult Literacy Program
- YMCA of Greater NY