

# Minnesota Adult Basic Education Support Network

State statute designates three percent of the state ABE appropriation to support “supplemental services”. The purpose of these statewide supplemental services grants is to provide assistance to all approved local ABE programs, creating effective and efficient services. Seven activities and six providers are approved for 2019-20.

ABE Support Network Services	Providers
<p><b>Professional development (PD) services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional PD events</li> <li>• PD for new ABE practitioners (ABE Foundations)</li> <li>• PD and resources on literacy: writing, evidence-based reading instruction (EBRI), including STAR</li> <li>• PD and resources on effective adult math/numeracy instruction, including language and math</li> <li>• PD and resources on effectively integrating transitions skills into ABE instruction (ACES)</li> <li>• PD on Adult Career Pathways programming &amp; instruction</li> <li>• PD on effective adult ESL instruction, including ESL Study Circles (low-literacy, pronunciation)</li> <li>• PD and support for implementation of College &amp; Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) for Adult Education</li> <li>• PD on instruction within one-room schoolhouse settings</li> <li>• Online resource libraries</li> <li>• Coordination of MN ABE PD communications, including the MN ABE Calendar of Events and <i>MN ABE Connect</i> e-newsletter</li> </ul>	<p><b>ATLAS</b>  <a href="http://www.atlasABE.org">www.atlasABE.org</a></p> <p>Patsy Egan, <i>Director</i>  <a href="mailto:pegan02@hamline.edu">pegan02@hamline.edu</a></p> <p>Marn Frank            (Literacy, EBRI, STAR)  <a href="mailto:mfrank06@hamline.edu">mfrank06@hamline.edu</a></p> <p>Marisa Geisler            (Communications &amp; Finances)  <a href="mailto:mgeisler02@hamline.edu">mgeisler02@hamline.edu</a></p> <p>Kristine Kelly            (ELA, CCRS)  <a href="mailto:kkelly01@hamline.edu">kkelly01@hamline.edu</a></p> <p>Lindsey Cermak            (Math, CCRS)  <a href="mailto:lcermak01@hamline.edu">lcermak01@hamline.edu</a></p> <p>Gail Rutan            (Events)  <a href="mailto:grutan01@hamline.edu">grutan01@hamline.edu</a></p>
<p><b>Volunteer and outreach services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult Literacy Hotline</li> <li>• Volunteer training, outreach and recruitment</li> <li>• Volunteer management support</li> </ul>	<p><b>Minnesota Literacy Council</b>  <a href="http://www.mnliteracy.org">www.mnliteracy.org</a></p> <p>Kelly Rynda            (Adult Literacy Hotline)  <a href="mailto:krynda@mnliteracy.org">krynda@mnliteracy.org</a></p> <p>Rob Podlasek            (Volunteer training)  <a href="mailto:rpodlasek@mnliteracy.org">rpodlasek@mnliteracy.org</a></p> <p>Wendy Roberts            (Volunteer management)  <a href="mailto:wroberts@mnliteracy.org">wroberts@mnliteracy.org</a></p>
<p><b>Transition services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for regional transitions coordination</li> <li>• Support for workforce development collaborations</li> </ul>	<p><b>Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards</b>  <a href="http://mawb-mn.org/">http://mawb-mn.org/</a></p> <p>Jeanna Fortney  <a href="mailto:jfortney@mncounties.org">jfortney@mncounties.org</a></p>

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<p><b>Technology integration &amp; distance learning services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PD on educational technology</li> <li>• Technology integration support and PD</li> <li>• Online orientation to distance learning (DL)</li> <li>• PD on distance learning best practices (including DL 101 and DL 102)</li> <li>• Administration and training for state-supported distance learning platforms</li> <li>• Facilitation of assessment of curricula for inclusion under distance learning policy</li> <li>• Communication of distance learning information and resources to the ABE field</li> <li>• Training on integrating digital literacy skills into instruction</li> <li>• Online course development and delivery</li> <li>• Online learning resources, including OERs</li> <li>• Administration of MN ABE Accuplacer Institution</li> </ul>	<p><b>Minnesota Literacy Council</b>  <a href="http://www.mnliteracy.org">www.mnliteracy.org</a></p> <p><b>MN ABE Distance Learning</b>  <a href="http://www.mnabe-distancelearning.org">www.mnabe-distancelearning.org</a></p> <p>For all distance learning questions:  <a href="mailto:support@mnabedistancelearning.zendesk.com">support@mnabedistancelearning.zendesk.com</a></p> <p>Susan Wetenkamp-Brandt  (DL platforms, digital literacy, educational technology, online resources)  <a href="mailto:swbrandt@mnliteracy.org">swbrandt@mnliteracy.org</a></p> <p>Cathy Grady  (Distance learning PD)  <a href="mailto:catherine.grady@spps.org">catherine.grady@spps.org</a></p> <p>Tom Cytron-Hysom  (Distance learning policy)  <a href="mailto:thysom@gmail.com">thysom@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Disability training and support services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PANDA’s ABE disabilities website (<a href="http://mn.abedisabilities.org">http://mn.abedisabilities.org</a>)</li> <li>• Training on Universal Design for Learning (UDL)</li> <li>• Training on disability topics at regionals and statewide events</li> <li>• Lending library of resources and adaptive technology</li> <li>• Self-service online adult learner intervention system and disability screening and referrals process on PANDA’s website</li> <li>• Consultation on serving students with disabilities</li> <li>• Facilitation of disabilities outreach and advisory committee</li> </ul>	<p><b>PANDA – MN ABE Disability Specialists</b>  <a href="http://mn.abedisabilities.org">http://mn.abedisabilities.org</a></p> <p>Wendy Sweeney  <a href="mailto:wendy_sweeney@rdale.org">wendy_sweeney@rdale.org</a></p>
<p><b>Assessment training and services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CASAS and TABE training</li> <li>• ABE assessment website (<a href="http://www.mnabeassessment.com">www.mnabeassessment.com</a>)</li> <li>• ABE Support Services Conference</li> <li>• ABE Support Professional Certificate</li> </ul>	<p><b>Southwest ABE</b>  <a href="http://www.mnabeassessment.com">www.mnabeassessment.com</a></p> <p>Marty Olsen  <a href="mailto:martha.olsen@gmail.com">martha.olsen@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Program quality support services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABE program enhancement services such as ABE Summer Institute and statewide committees</li> <li>• State Standard Adult High School Diploma implementation support</li> <li>• PD for ABE administrators</li> <li>• ABE marketing resources</li> <li>• Facilitation of discussions on current ABE issues</li> </ul>	<p><b>Literacy Action Network</b>  <a href="http://www.mnabeassessment.com">www.mnabeassessment.com</a>  Tom Cytron-Hysom, Grants Manager  <a href="mailto:thysom@gmail.com">thysom@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Karla Vien, Coordinator  <a href="mailto:info@literacyactionnetwork.org">info@literacyactionnetwork.org</a></p>