



West Virginia Adult Basic Education (WVABE)

- <http://wvde.state.wv.us/abe/>
- Serves learners who:
 - Are 16 years of age or older
 - Are not enrolled in secondary school and who...
 - Lack sufficient basic skills to function effectively on the job, in the family, or in society; or
 - Are unable to speak, read, or write the English language; or
 - Do not have a high school diploma or GED®

Which WVABE Classes is Open to ESL Students?

- ESL Only Full-time Classes funded by WVABE:
 - Charleston and Morgantown
- ESL Only Part-time Classes funded by WVABE:
 - Beckley, Charles Town, Huntington, Martinsburg, Moorefield, Parkersburg

Can ESL Students Attend General ABE/GED Classes?

- More verbal ESL students with some literacy skills may be able to benefit from attending a regular ABE/GED class in any county
- County ABE/GED programs that have served ESL individuals in the past:
 - Fayette, Jackson, Mercer, Monroe, Putnam, Randolph, Upshur, Ohio.

How Can I Get an ESL Class Started in My County?

- Create a needs assessment survey to find out who might attend
 - Distribute to schools, churches, or businesses with high concentration of the target groups
- Get enough students to start a class
 - At least 16 people who say they will attend
 - At least 12 students who register
 - Maintain an average attendance of eight students per class session

Which Literacy WV Affiliates Serve ESL Students?

- Literacy WV affiliates with tutors trained to deliver ESL instruction:
 - Berkeley, Greenbrier, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Morgan, Monongalia, Preston, Putnam, Randolph, Upshur, Wood

Locating Free WVABE and Literacy WV Programs

- Contact Cathy Shank:
 - cshank@access.k12.wv.us
 - 1-800-257-3723 ext. 112
- Call the Adult Education Hotline:
 - 1-800-642-2670
- WVABE Class Directory:
 - www.wvabe.org/class_directory
- Literacy WV Affiliates:
 - <http://literacywv.org>
 - Click on *Literacy Programs* tab