



Adult Education Division

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This Month's Highlights

The Central Nine **Adult Continuing Education Program** was recently awarded \$12,000 grant funds to develop the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program for adult learners. The microgrant funds, awarded by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD), will be used to pay for instructor salaries, purchase additional equipment, EMS gear, and supplies for the EMT program.

Central Nine's application for the Administrative Assistant Program has been submitted and is currently awaiting approval. Central Nine continues to be the leader in approved Career Certification Programs within our region (Marion County and Region 5). Our program now has eight programs listed on DWD's INtraining website. Of those listed, four qualify as Career Certification Programs for eligible WorkOne clients. Central Nine is also looking into developing additional Career Certification Programs in the area of Transportation, Distribution and Logistics. Since July 1st, the adult basic and continuing education program has generated over \$68,000 in revenue.

Central Nine's **Adult Basic Education Program** currently has over 350 GED/ESL students enrolled in classes to date. The program is developing an online GED class that will provide enrolled students with 24-hour access to GED-prep instructional lessons, activities, and self-assessments. This new program will provide students with additional opportunities to advance their academic skills at a quicker pace. Additionally, DWD now uses the INTERS student information system which will allow teachers the ability to access their students' academic records, enter attendance, and track performance remotely.

We are pleased to say that Central Nine's Adult Education Program has partnered again with the **National Able Network®** to provide two of their clients with volunteer opportunities within the school. The National Able Network® provides supportive services for individuals 55 years of age or better. Central Nine has maintained a successful partnership with the National Able Network® over the past few years and welcomes the new volunteers.