



COLORADO
Department of Education

Workforce Diploma Pilot Stakeholder Meeting

WHO: All Adult Education Stakeholders

WHAT: Public Input Meeting for the New Workforce Diploma Pilot

WHEN: Thursday, July 18, 2019, 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

WHERE: Colorado Children’s Campaign, 1580 Lincoln Street #420

RSVP: [Workforce Diploma Pilot Registration](#)

Workforce Diploma Pilot Overview

The [Workforce Diploma Pilot Program \(HB19-1236\)](#) passed in the most recent legislative session creates an opportunity for the approximately 350,000 adults ages 21 and older without a high school credential in Colorado to earn a diploma and other workforce/education-related credentials. The bill transfers the financial risk to providers who receive performance payments only when adult learners meet performance milestones. The pilot will be administered by the Colorado Department of Education’s (CDE) Office of Adult Education Initiatives (AEI) from 2019-2022. Based on criteria listed in the bill, CDE must prepare a list of qualified providers. A qualified provider may be a public, nonprofit, or private accredited, degree-granting organization with at least 2 years of experience in providing adult dropout recovery services resulting in an accredited high school diploma, as well as a local education provider (as defined for purposes of existing adult literacy and education programs). The bill includes performance standards for qualified providers and reporting requirements. The legislature appropriated \$1,012,201 of state general funds for the pilot in 2019-20 and the request for qualifications must be released by August 15, 2019.

Public Input Needed

The State Board of Education may adopt rules for the implementation of the program, so CDE is seeking input from all interested stakeholders about the implementation of the Workforce Diploma Pilot at this public meeting.

How to Participate

Interested stakeholders may attend in-person at the Colorado Children’s Campaign Offices (1580 Lincoln Street #420) or via the conference line (866-255-9038, no passcode needed). To ensure there is adequate space for all who wish to attend, whether in person or on the phone, please [RSVP](#) as soon as possible. Anyone who is unable to participate may email input to Danielle Ongart (ongart_d@cde.state.co.us) by Friday, July 19, 2019.

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Adult Education Stakeholders:

- Adult Ed program staff
- Adult Ed instructors
- Adult learners
- College partners
- Community members
- Corrections partners
- Employers
- Library partners
- Non-profit partners
- Policy/advocacy partners
- School districts
- State Agency partners
- Workforce partners