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Subject: Adult Education and Literacy Policy (AEL)

It is the policy of the South Central Workforce Investment Board to partner with the Title II provider of Adult Education & Literacy in our region, Missouri State University – West Plains. AEL partners are active members of the South Central WIB and serve on various Board standing committees.

AEL is available to various locations throughout the region. Job Centers work closely with AEL programs and make referrals when youth, 18 and above, and adults have not obtained their high school diploma or equivalent. While enrolled in AEL a student may also be enrolled in postsecondary education, training and a work experience program that will enable them to become more employable and productive. The services offered are Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education and English Language Acquisition. These activities offered concurrently and contextually with workforce prep and workforce training, will rely on partnerships to provide workforce training for specific occupations. South Central Workforce Investment Board also provides supportive services for eligible individuals, such as transportation and childcare.

Youth, 18 and above, may be co-enrolled in WIOA Adult career services. This provides the opportunity to obtain a NCRC and have access to other services. AEL provides basic skill development, academic education, and secondary skills toward high school equivalency, postsecondary remediation and English language acquisition for those eligible. AEL incorporates employability skills and workforce preparation into its instruction. Career pathways and employment strategies are used for the sector strategies identified in our region. It is the ultimate goal for AEL learners to be placed in unsubsidized employment with in-demand industries and occupations that lead to economic self-sufficiency.

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