

# Indiana ADULT EDUCATION

Basic Skills. High School Equivalency. Short-term Training. Certifications and More.



## Why Indiana ADULT EDUCATION **MATTERS** in Jennings County

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**Indiana Adult Education.** With classes in every county, nearly **30,000 Hoosiers** are enrolled each year through a network of about 35 local programs. **Results** - Improved Skill Levels. High School Equivalencies. Training. Career Certifications. **Stronger Indiana.** Low education and skill levels of adults are barriers to economic growth and improving the health and well-being of families and communities.

**Adult Education Matters in Jennings County.** The Jennings County School Corporation enrolls about 200 adults in this southeast Indiana county each year. Most students are initially assessed with academic skills below 9th grade. **Results Matter.** Since 2012-2013 over 1,000 students have enrolled, and in 2017-2018, 70 percent of the students so far increased one or more levels (a level is two grades). The number of high school equivalencies for five years is impressive, and through 2018, nearly 500 have been awarded.

The **Jennings County Educational Center** meets the challenge. Students improve skills and earn career certifications through programs like WorkINdiana, a pathway for 5,000 Hoosiers to earn certifications in industry recognized, in-demand occupations. Says **Emma Andrews** "once you have knowledge, you have power." Low training costs. Employment. Increased wages. **Stronger Indiana.**



Emma Andrews | Son Gary Acton Jr.



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**WORKFORCE**  
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## THE CHALLENGE

Source: Coalition on Adult Basic Education

**92%** of business leaders think that workers lack necessary skills.

**65%** of all jobs will require post-secondary education or training.

**475,000**

Hoosiers Without A High School Diploma

**46%** of students enter Indiana Adult Education with skills below 6th grade.

## THE SOLUTION

Adult education helps close skills gaps and increase training and postsecondary rates, leading to jobs and the breakdown of generational poverty.