



MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR ADULT EDUCATION

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## **FOR SENATOR BENJAMIN DOWNING IMPACT OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING IN CITIES AND TOWNS IN YOUR DISTRICT IN FISCAL YEAR 2008**

### **What is Adult Basic Education (ABE)?**

Adult Basic Education includes GED programs, basic literacy, Family Literacy, Workplace Education, Corrections-based education, Transitions to Higher Education, and English for Speakers of Other Languages.

### **Who Attends ABE?**

**673\* residents of Cities and Towns in your district attend Massachusetts ABE Programs.**

**71 residents of Cities and Towns in your district are on ABE Program Waiting Lists.**

### **In cities and towns in your district there are 5 ABE providers operating 9 sites**

Berkshire County House of Correction  
Berkshire Community College  
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
Pittsfield Public Schools/Adult Learning Center  
South Berkshire Education Collaborative

### **Service impact of Adult Basic Education funds coming into cities and towns in district:**

- ◆ These programs serve **570 Students** annually
- ◆ These programs bring a total of **\$983,710** in resources

\*Residents of your district may attend programs in your district or in other districts.