



AEL + DLR

# Adult Participants

- Who
  - 25+
  - **AND**
    - High School Dropout
      - Does not possess high school diploma or equivalency
    - AND**
      - Has earned at least one Green GED Ready
  - **OR**
    - English Language Learner – more to come
  - **AND**
    - Interested in a Work-Based Learning opportunity during or following earning their GED or an ELL
- What
  - PREP model to pair Title II + Title I services to support individuals

# Youth Participants

## Who

- 18-24 years old
- **AND** Out-of-School
  - Those not affiliated with a high school or registered for post-secondary classes
- **AND** High School Dropout
  - Does not possess high school diploma or equivalency
- **AND** Has one Green GED Ready Practice Test score
- **AND** Interested in DLR Services
  - Work-Based Learning
  - UpSkill – post-secondary tuition assistance
    - [Eligible Training Provider List](#)

## Youth Specific Information

- Incentives are available for those enrolled with the WIOA Youth program

# New Monthly Progress Report – Still in Progress

- Our Goal - One form, multiple participant entries
  - Adding comment box for DLR
  - Seeking for less quantitative and more qualitative data
- We have an imperfect form created
  - DLR is working to get approval from another state agency to get a better platform to make this form easier and useable
  - We are in the final stages for getting access to this platform and hope to have a decision soon
  - Once we have this platform, we will need time to create and test the form
- In the meantime, we are suspending monthly progress reports initiated by DLR

# Referral Process

- Referral form will be complete by AEL staff to refer to DLR
- The Referral Form will be received by Team Managers who will assign an Employment Specialist
- Employment Specialist will contact referral within two business days of the referral











# What About my Customers Who Aren't Referred Through the Form?



DLR Job Service Offices

## Workforce Services Online

Get help with your job skills, career search, and training from DLR wherever you are. Click below to access or learn more about our online services. For additional assistance, contact a [Job Service office](#).

 <p><b>ACT WorkKeys Curriculum</b> Helps individuals build the essential career-relevant skills needed for learning, personal development, and effective job performance.</p>	 <p><b>Alison</b> One of the world's largest free learning platforms for education and skills training.</p>	 <p><b>Bring Your 'A' Game Anywhere</b> Allows participants to develop seven workplace skills desired by employers at anytime, anywhere, and on any device.</p>	 <p><b>Big Interview</b> Offers training and hands-on practice with mock interviews tailored to your industry, job, and experience level and a professional resume builder.</p>
 <p><b>Career Exploration</b> See what occupations fit your interests, how your skills may transfer to another occupation, how to budget for your lifestyle.</p>	 <p><b>Find a Job in SDWORKS</b> Find a job using SDWORKS DLR's online jobs database, which has the most job listings statewide.</p>	 <p><b>One-on-One Online Help</b> Get help with your job skills and career search wherever you are. By signing up for virtual services, you can access personal job services with a DLR representative.</p>	 <p><b>Teknimedia</b> Boost your digital skills through self-directed courses while earning certificates along the way.</p>
 <p><b>Virtual Hiring Events</b> Our Virtual Hiring Events let employers and job seekers connect from wherever they may be.</p>	 <p><b>Workshops</b> DLR and our workforce partners offer virtual, instructor-led workshops at no cost to you. Topics include job search, career exploration, resumes, interviews, financial literacy, and soft skills.</p>		

DLR Workforce Services Online

# Next Steps

- DLR Program and Team staff would be happy to visit AEL Providers in person
  - We would like to have continued conversations to fine tune this process for both our organizations
  - Please let us know dates that would work for a visit between January 13 and February 14
  - If you are interested in having additional time to go over the form, our services, or our partnership:
    - Please send an email to Carmen and Kaitlin expressing this interest
    - Provide a few options for dates and times that work for you and your staff
    - We would like to work around your schedule to connect with as much staff as possible

## Title II Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Providers + DLR Partnership Overview

### Who

#### AdultPro (Title I Adult)

- **Age:** 25 years or older
- **Education:** High school dropout (no diploma or equivalency)
- **GED® Status:** Achieved a "Green" score on at least one GED® Ready test
- **Interested in a Work-Based Learning Opportunity:** Hands-on-training provided by an employer to help participants gain skills and experience. DLR assists employer offset financial investment. Can be short-term subsidized or permanent employment.

#### Career Launch (Title I Youth)

- **Age:** 18-24 years old
- **Status:** Out-of-school youth (not currently enrolled in high school or registered for post-secondary classes)
- **Education:** High school dropout (no diploma or equivalency)
- **GED® Status:** Achieved a "Green" score on at least one GED® Ready test
- **Interested in one of the following:**
  - **Post-Secondary Training:** From the [list of programs eligible](#) for DLR tuition assistance
  - **Work-Based Learning:** Hands-on-training provided by an employer to help participants gain skills and experience. DLR assists employer offset financial investment. Can be short-term subsidized or permanent employment.

### How

- The **Strategic Partner Referral Form** is accessible via [this private weblink](#).
  - This referral link is exclusively intended for AEL staff use.
- The form is responsive and designed to screen for the criteria listed above.
- For individuals who meet the above criteria, the form will prompt you to submit the referral.
  - A DLR Employment Specialist from the AdultPro or Career Launch team will contact the individual within 2 business days.
- For individuals who do not meet the specified criteria, they can still access DLR's [Online Services](#) or connect with DLR's team of employment specialists. These specialists provide support with job searches, resume building, direct linkage to other partners and resources, and other basic [employment services](#).
- For any questions about anything DLR related, please get in touch with Allison Green at [Allison.Green@state.sd.us](mailto:Allison.Green@state.sd.us) or 605-910-4814.