

Adult Learning Center Fact Sheet

The Need for Adult Education in Baltimore & Maryland remains immense

- About 9% of Maryland adult residents over the age of 18 had less than a high school diploma in 2009; 19% of these residents were from Baltimore City.¹
- About 99,000 Baltimore City adults do not have a high school diploma¹, enough to fill Ravens Stadium and over half of Oriole Park.
- In 2009, Baltimore City residents made up 26% of the population below the poverty level in Maryland. 27% of adults over the age of 25 without high school diplomas who were below the poverty level in Maryland were Baltimore City residents.¹
- In 2009, 5.7% of foreign born residents in Maryland lived in Baltimore city. 43% of these residents spoke English less than “very well”¹.
- In the first quarter of 2011, full time workers without a high school diploma had weekly earnings of \$444, while high school graduates made \$633 and college graduates made \$1,150.²

Greater Homewood Program Accomplishments

- The GHCC Adult Learning Center typically enrolls about 200 adult learners in reading, writing, math and English language skills each class cycle. We operate 20 classes in each of our 4 terms a year, and 100 volunteers contribute their time and skills to build employability skills and tutor our learners.
- In the last fiscal year, 187 **learners** were assisted by 118 **volunteers** for 2,800 **instructional hours**, while 20 **teachers** provided classroom instruction to 449 **learners** through 82 groups, for a total of 30,694 **hours**. Overall, the program logged nearly 33,500 instructional hours (FY2011 data).
- For those class learners post-testing in FY2011, 202, or 84%, **increased assessment scores**.
- Population served in FY2011: 61% female; 48% unemployed, 15% not in the labor force (retired, disabled, etc); 51% between 25 & 44 years old, 29% were 45 to 59; 22% Asian, 15% Hispanic, and 53% African-American.
- Cost per learner in FY2011 was approximately \$795 (expenditures of \$505,622 for 636 enrollments³). We continue to seek sources of operating funds to keep the doors of the program open.
- Our community partners hosting classes include:
 - The Episcopal Immigrant and Refugee Center Alliance (ERICA), located at the Cathedral of the Incarnate: ESOL/Civics
 - The Hampden Family Center, Hampden: reading, writing & math
 - Marian House in Better Waverly: reading, writing & math

¹ US Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

² Bureau of Labor Statistics “Usual Weekly Earnings of Wage and Salary Workers First Quarter 2011” April 2011

³ Some learners enrolled in more than one Center activity during the year