



Mission

PAACE is a nonprofit educational association whose mission is to enable its diverse members to help adults achieve educational goals, to exercise leadership for adult education, and to advocate lifelong learning as vital to economic security and social equality.

History

PAACE was created in 1978 and now serves nearly 1,000 members. PAACE is the only statewide professional organization in Pennsylvania which serves as an advocate for adult and continuing education. The membership includes professionals and volunteers from all aspects of adult continuing education, that is adult basic and general education, English as a second language, continuing higher education, literacy education, and workforce development. These cohort groups are the basis for the association's programming structure with each group having its program division director on the board of directors.

In February 1998 that the CEA/PA Board of Directors voted to join forces and partner with PAACE. The partnership was initially discussed by Dr. David Dentler, then president of PAACE, and Dr. Jan Orris, then president of CEA/PA. The two were brought together by Dr. Evelyn Mayer, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (now retired). After a number of meetings, there was consensus that this would be good for all concerned.

The next step was for the boards of PAACE and CEA/PA to consider this proposal for a partnership. Each board met numerous times before an agreement was determined. The partnership, which was announced at the 1998 Midwinter Conference in Hershey, essentially made CEA/PA the Continuing Higher Education (CHE) Division of PAACE.

The benefits have been good for both parties. For PAACE, there is now an active CHE division. For CEA/PA, there is access to the benefits of a larger organization: a large annual conference, a larger membership, and access to an active political and legislative effort.

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The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania funds adult education through:

Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education

Adult basic education programs funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE), provide a full range of instructional services that address the needs of educationally disadvantaged adults. Funds granted under Title II of the federal [Workforce Investment Act](#) (WIA) provide programs of instruction in adult basic education (ABE), English as a Second Language (ESL), and preparation for the Tests of General Educational Development® (GED®). Adult Literacy programs funded under [State Act 143](#) of 1986 support adult literacy education programs, training for volunteer tutors, outreach, and support services. Areas of program emphasis may address the unique needs of various target populations such as adults with learning disabilities or adults upgrading their basic skills for the workplace. Types of programs are defined as follows:

Adult Basic Education (ABE)	Instruction in reading, writing, and math at grade-level equivalents up to eighth grade
GED® Tests Preparation and Adult Secondary Diploma Programs	Instruction to prepare those who do not have a high school diploma to take the Tests of General Educational Development ® (GED®) or participate in the Commonwealth Secondary Diploma program
English as a Second Language Programs	English literacy and life skills instruction to those with limited English-language proficiency
Family Literacy Programs	Under Pennsylvania's Adult Literacy Act 143 and Federal Even Start: Community-based programs for intergenerational learning (see PA Family Literacy)
Tutor Training	Under State Act 143 : instructional skills training of volunteer literacy tutors (see Tutors of Literacy in the Commonwealth)
State Leadership	Under WIA, Title II, Sec 223: professional development, technical assistance, technology assistance, resource centers, monitoring and evaluation, program coordination and integration, curriculum development, support services, employer linkages, agency collaborations

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Department of Public Welfare

On July 1, 2005, the Bureau of ABLE, in collaboration with the Department of Public Welfare, began a new initiative, Intensive Adult Basic Education Services for Welfare Clients, known as **Move Up**. The initiative targets welfare (TANF) clients in selected counties and provides for competitive grants totaling \$7.5 million.

Department of Labor and Industry

Pennsylvania's workforce development system enables businesses and workers to compete in the worldwide, knowledge-based economy. The workforce system will enhance employer competitiveness and innovation, while preparing Pennsylvanians for new careers in higher-wage jobs, effectively improving the quality of life for our most valuable resource-our citizens.

Department of Corrections

PA State Correctional Institutions (SCI) integrate basic skills instruction in a vocational context. They align instruction with industry-based skills standards, credentialing, and available jobs. SCI programs are increasing access to technology, especially online resources. All SCI adult basic education programs are certified by the Correctional Education Association and include uniform computerized academic programs in each of 26 institutions. The current curriculum development process is built on coordination and team effort, and focuses on a seamless flow from education classes to applied activities.

Source: The Adult Basic and Literacy Education Interagency Coordinating Council