



Adult Options Monthly Meeting

Date: August 25, 2025

Start: 11:00 am

End: 12:00 pm

Attendance:

Key Updates:

- The Adult Options team has been working to try and find funding options for students in the 22+ and ADP programs for the current fiscal year. Unfortunately, there is no update currently but look for an email providing more up-to-date information soon.
- Adult Education Week
 - AEW is coming up the week of September 15th. We would like to encourage you to attend. AEW this year is more student-focused so please encourage your students to attend as well. There will be a session for students at each event.
 - Come hear a brief presentation on the “Landscape of Adult Education in Ohio. This will be presented by staff the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce.
 - This is a no-cost, 2.5-hour event that will provide opportunities for professional development through workshops centered around workforce preparation and “best practices.” There will also be sessions for students to attend to hear about their next steps.
 - Tuesday, 9/16 – Clark State College
 - Wednesday, 9/17 – Medina County Career Center (south Campus)
 - Thursday, 9/18 – Warren County Career Center
 - <https://forms.office.com/g/dSPCZBBmQK>
 - Meet with fellow adult educators as we continue to advocate for adult education in Ohio and across the country.
- Adult Diploma Program

- Several ADP providers have asked about the possibility of having individuals who have already completed an industry-recognized credential use that as a part of the requirements for the Adult Diploma Program.
- This provides an opportunity for providers to serve students with a \$0 reimbursement.
- Our office is waiting for final approval from our legal department before this is permitted. More information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

- Sunsetting Programs
 - Even though the fiscal year has just begun, it is important to develop strategies for students to earn their diploma as we transition to the new program.
 - For students who are in their first year of either the 22+ or Adult Diploma Program, funds distributed for FY27 will not be separate. If you have a student who becomes a renewal student in FY27, any reimbursement will come out of your total bucket for that year.
 - This means you will need to be strategic as to your enrollment for some of the following scenarios
 - Students who have lots of credits to complete
 - Those who need remediation
 - Students who you choose to delay their start for the new year could be engaged through workforce preparation, or those who need remediation could be referred to your local Aspire location

- Individual Updates
 - The OH|ID looks a bit different but the functions remain the same. It might take a while to become comfortable with the new look but everything should work as normal.
 - Important dates and notes from previous monthly meetings will be available on the main information page of the adult options page.
 - <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohio-Options-for-Adult-Diploma>

 - OACE is looking for providers to present at their annual conference to be held on October 23 and 24, 2025. The deadline to submit proposals is Friday September 5th.
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebvsoGD8rtHGNNRjWqz01K-n7bQLRy8z9xliAnjamjPvnQ/viewform>

- The last date to submit invoices for any FY25 student in accepted status is September 30, 2025.
- For 22+ Providers, the data reports for FY24 were sent last week. These numbers are used in the calculation of your 1-year and 2-year graduation rates in addition to the average number of credits earned. Please review and reconcile any disputed data within 14 business days of your receipt with Ashley Kerr (ashley.kerr@education.ohio.gov).
- Please consider highlighting one of your programs or initiatives around adult education in an upcoming monthly call. This would be a 5-to-7-minute presentation showcasing some aspect of your program. Send inquiries to Ashley Kerr or to anyone on the team.
- The Information Technology arm of our office is working on an enhancement to the system that will properly capture students utilizing one of the alternate pathways to graduation. The expectation is that it will be ready to go in the next couple of months. Professional development will be delivered once this is ready to be rolled out.
- If funds are given to a provider for a specific student who is forced to transfer from one provider to another, be sure to inform program staff at The Department to make sure their status changes to the appropriate status. This is not an automated system event and needs to be completed by the adult options team.
- If you have high school equivalency programs, please make sure that 16-, 17-, and 18-year-old test takers have created their account with either GED® or HiSET® before submitting to our office for approval.
 - Parental consent must be signed and notarized. This must be the original document. For individuals who are signing as a guardian, be sure that any court documentation identifying that person is included.
 - Include a current school year copy of the formal withdraw paperwork signed by a school official.
 - Make sure that students know to request voucher code prior to testing.