

# Adult Education and Family Literacy Act- AEFLA

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# Federal Grant Program

- Formula grant to states
- Competitive grant to local providers
- Colorado currently funds 40 programs

# Purpose of AEFLA

- Assist **adults** to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency
- Assist **adults** who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children
- Assist **adults** in the completion of a secondary school education or its equivalent

# Eligibility for AEFLA

For purposes of AEFLA, an **adult** is:

- 16 years of age
- Not enrolled or required to be enrolled under State law (17 in Colorado)
- Lacking basic skills, or high school diploma, or English proficiency
- **All three must apply to be eligible**

# The Need in Colorado

- 23% - less than high school diploma/GED live in poverty
- 216,000 adults over 25 – no high school diploma/GED
- 80,000 adults between 18-24 – no high school diploma/GED
- 181,000 adult workers need ESL (English as a Second Language)

- Community Census 2008

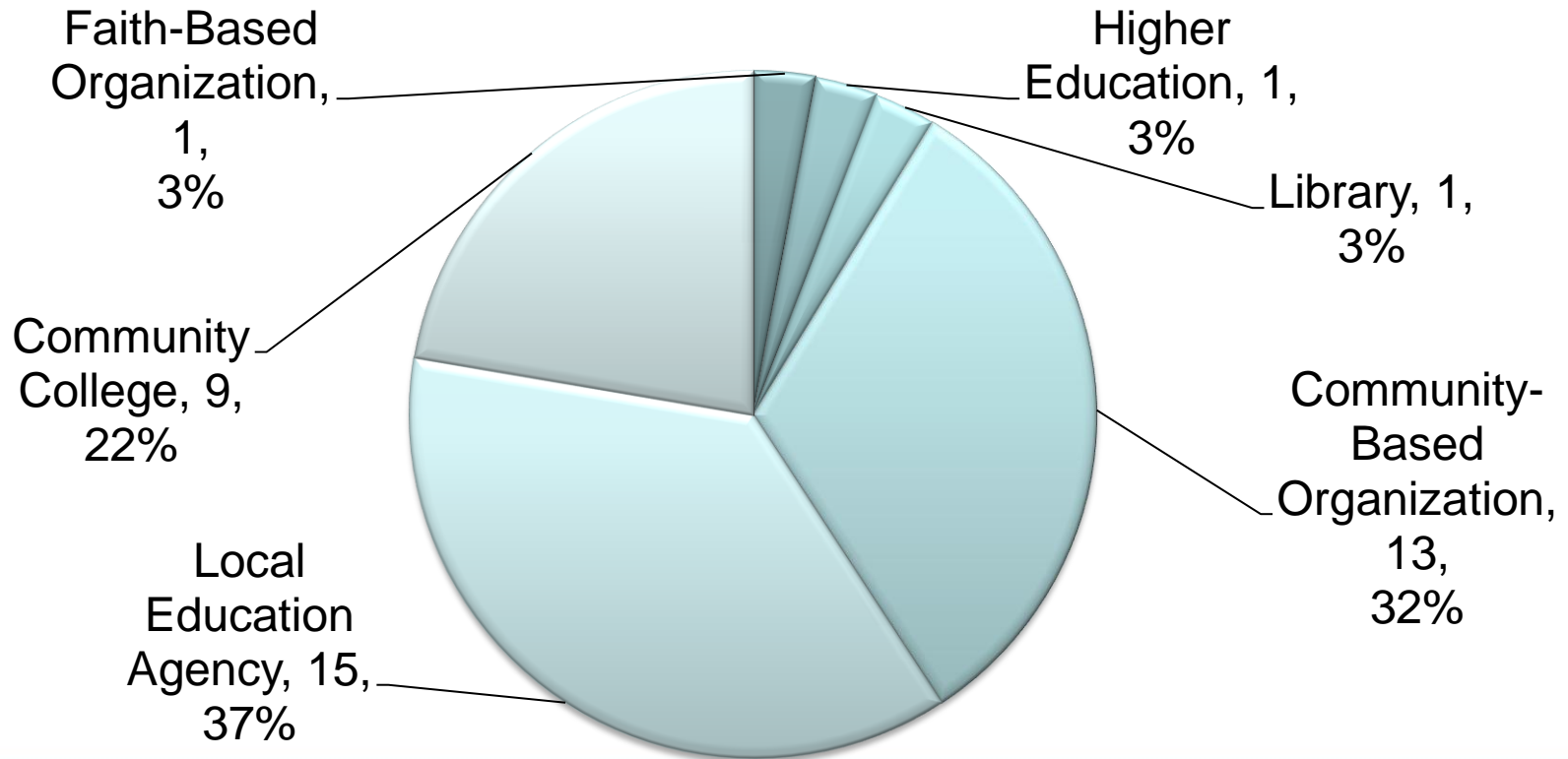
# Colorado Adult Education

## AEFLA Program Facts, 2009-2010

–ESL	64%	9,038
–ABE	27%	3,929
–ASE	9%	1,331
Total		14,298

# AEFLA Providers

Provider Types



# AEFLA Offers

- Family literacy (teen parents)
- Parent involvement (Life skills/Basic skills)
- ABE/ESL/GED for parents/employees
- Opportunity for out-of-school youth to earn GED or AHS diploma
- Reconnections for disconnected youth



# Colorado Adult Education

Examples:

St. Vrain Valley Adult Education

<http://ae.stvrain.k12.co.us/>

Intergenerational Learning Center

<http://www.adams14.org/intergenerational-learning-center>

# Workforce Connections

1. Work Keys
2. Colorado Career Readiness Certificate:
  - Applied Mathematics
  - Locating Information
  - Reading for Information
3. Training:
  - Computer
  - Career Exploration/Resume Writing

# Resources

**Connected by 25: Financing Education Supports for Youths Transitioning Out of Foster Care.** Foster Care Work Group, April 2008. [http://www.financeproject.org/publications/education\\_sb.pdf](http://www.financeproject.org/publications/education_sb.pdf)

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# CDE Website

Adult Education and Family Literacy

[www.cde.state.co.us/index\\_adult.htm](http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_adult.htm)

Competitive Grants and Awards

[www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/cga/index.asp](http://www.cde.state.co.us/FedPrograms/cga/index.asp)