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**CESBA** (The Ontario Association of Adult and Continuing Education School Board Administrators) is a provincial, non-profit organization that represents and supports adult and continuing education (A&CE) program staff working in nearly 60 school boards across Ontario.



We strive to ensure that school board A&CE programs are **accessible, affordable, and successful** in order to help adult learners achieve their education, training and employment goals.

## OUR IMPACT

### REDUCING SERVICE DUPLICATION

- We help boards work together to share best practices while cutting red tape for learners.
- We provide in-person and online training, resource sharing and working groups.

### IMPROVING ACCESS TO PROGRAMS

- We promote service coordination and streamline access to training and employment.
- We help boards to adapt their programs to learners' needs in rural, remote and urban settings.

### KEEPING ONTARIANS EMPLOYABLE

- **Ontario's high school diploma (OSSD) is an essential credential for employment.** We train boards how to administer programs such as PLAR for Mature Students, which helps learners get credits for their work and life experiences so they can find a job as quickly as possible.
- Our initiatives support job training programs that directly meet labour market needs, such as Personal Support Worker and Welding.
- School board programs help learners find financial independence, which saves tax dollars and directly contributes to a strong and prosperous Ontario.



Building a prosperous Ontario through adult and continuing education

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## Adult Education by the Numbers



**10,000** adult learners graduate with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) each year through school board programs



**300,000+** adult learners participate in A&CE programs each year (both credit and non-credit)



Almost **700,000** Ontarians aged 25 to 64 do not have a high school diploma



**66,854** adult learners enrolled in A&CE credit programs across Ontario in 2016-2017



More than **245** adult education program sites in Ontario



**63,643** credits were earned through the PLAR for Mature Students equivalency process to assist learners working towards their OSSD in 2016-2017



**CESBA is the only provincial stakeholder group supporting A&CE in Ontario.** We support a wide range of credit and non-credit programs in both English and French, including Literacy Basic Skills, ESL/FSL and International Languages.