



Community Partner Spotlight

Albert Lea Adult Basic Education (ABE)

Workforce Development, Inc. wouldn't be as successful in supporting our communities without the help of community partners. These partnerships look different in every area and range from business and industry, to education, to other community agencies and beyond. Throughout the 2019 edition of WDI's newsletter we will be highlighting some of the key partnerships throughout our region, starting with the Albert Lea office.



For many years now the partnership between WDI and Albert Lea Adult Basic Education (ABE) has been extremely strong. Together, we collaborate to create coursework and training pathways for students, innovate ways to offer drivers education curriculum, partner on researching, applying for and executing grants, and offer wraparound services to ensure that all of our students needs are being met while they're in the classroom. Partnering with Albert Lea ABE truly is a joy. The focus they place on their student success both in and out of the classroom matches our desire to see our participants succeed.

This past year we were able to offer a driver's education class to students from Southeast Asia. Utilizing grant funding that WDI secured, the coursework was offered onsite at ABE and transportation to and from class, as well as childcare was provided. We are currently looking at offering computer coursework in the same fashion.

WDI staff have the opportunity to meet with co-enrolled participants on an ongoing basis and it alleviates the stress of the students having to travel between locations. We are grateful for ABE's investment in our co-enrolled participants and look forward to our continued joint success in the future!