

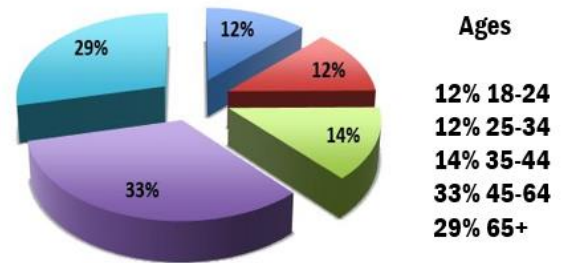
# Why Invest in Adult Education?



- Adult education outcomes directly impact all Americans in that they contribute to a healthy economy, increase employment, reduce public assistance, and lower health care costs.
- Adult education intersects with almost every socioeconomic issue—parenting, health, workforce development, and poverty. To address these issues effectively, we must invest in educating parents and workers.
- Low-literate parents who improve their own skills are more likely to have a positive impact on their children’s educational achievements and have children who stay in school longer.
- Yet, the pressure to serve more adults and their families comes at a time when federal funding of these programs has been cut 21% over the last 15 years.

*(ProLiteracy, National Skills Coalition)*

**10% of all Virginians, or 836,907 adults,**



**do not have a high school credential**

## Our Reach

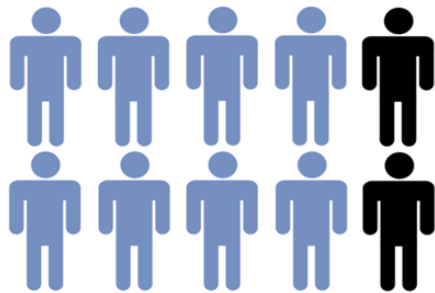
- 30** Adult literacy programs serving 7,098 students
- 100** Classrooms with 2,200 families and children

## Our Investment

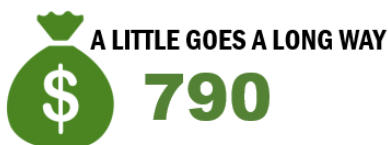
**\$6 million**  
over 30 years

## Our Impact

Of over 26,000 adult students tracked in 2017 by public and private institutions, **36%** VLF-funded programs served 



**8 Out of 10 Frontline Workers are Parents**



**Yearly Cost Per Adult Student**

**Families Learning Together, Achieving Together** is our two-generational family learning project in an economically disadvantaged area of Richmond, VA in order to improve childrens’ academic achievement, while building parents’ literacy skills and improving life outcomes, including economic success, to effect positive community change.

**Our Partners in this 3-year community impact project are:**

