

## WIOA is....

First major legislation since WIA in 1998 -- accomplishes what WIA intended.

A **workforce system**; the four core partners are: Dept. of Labor (2 programs: Wagner-Peyser & Youth and Dislocated Workers), Adult Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation, including NE Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The first purpose of WIOA is:

To increase, for individuals in the US, particularly those individuals with barriers to employment, access to and opportunities for employment, education, training, and support services they need to succeed in the labor market.

## **Title II – Adult Education and Literacy:**

Retains the purposes of Adult Education:

- Assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and economic self-sufficiency
- Assist adults who are parents or family members become a full partner in the education development of their children
- Assist adults in completing high school

Expands purposes to include:

- Promote transitions from adult education to postsecondary education and training through **career pathways**
- Assist immigrants and English language learners to:
  - improve reading, writing, math, speaking, and comprehending the English language
  - acquire understanding of American government, individual freedom, and responsibilities of citizenship

*Our focus today is Career Pathways – what it is and how it will affect the lives of our adult education students so that they can make informed choices about their futures! What an exciting time for Adult Education!*