

IELCE Strategies and Success:

Guiding New Arrivals, Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylees toward a bright future.

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Today's Goals



Introduce our new Director for IELCE, Mark Mesle



Discuss the 4 required components of IELCE programming



Identify promising practices in IELCE programming



Explore relevant ICAPS for IELCE learners



Share promising practices for braided funding



- What do you want ICCB to know about IELCE program delivery?
- What do you want to learn today?

IELCE – What's the Point?

- ▶ Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education is a main pathway to **support immigrants' civic, linguistic, and economic integration in U.S. society.**
- ▶ IELCE activities assist immigrants and English language learners in their roles as parents, workers, and citizens through integrated civics and English language literacy acquisition instruction and, as conveyed in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sec. 243, IELCE, workforce preparation, and workforce training.
- ▶ **The Four Required Components**
 - ▶ Linguistic Integration Activities
 - ▶ Civic Integration Activities
 - ▶ Workforce Preparation
 - ▶ Access to ICAPS

Linguistic Integration

English Language
Acquisition

Measured through
Pre and Post
Testing with an
NRS approved
assessment.

Civic Integration: Competencies



Workforce Preparation

- ▶ Employability Skills are general skills that are necessary for success in the labor market at all employment levels and in all sectors.
- ▶ The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 includes employability skills as a key component of workplace preparation activities for education and training programs.
- ▶ Bridge Programming
- ▶ Workplace Literacy Programming

ICAPS and Braided Funding

- ▶ IELCE Learners must have **access** to ICAPS
 - ▶ Digital Marketing and E-Commerce: Professional certificate through Google; 20 weeks, 2 days/week, 1.5 hours/day, in-person instruction.
 - ▶ OSHA Forklift/Safety Certification: 1-day training with 7.5 hours of language support.
 - ▶ CNA License: Now available with ITIN; popular among ELL students.
 - ▶ CDL Program: Targeted for ELLs at levels 5 and 6; implemented recently.
- ▶ Multilingual instruction is allowable
- ▶ Learners who test out of English Language classes can still be served with IELCE funding as long as they are still receiving English Language Supports.
- ▶ Courses can be funded using a combination of IELCE funding, State Basic, Federal Basic, Illinois Secretary of State Literacy Funding, and Institutional Funding.



Let's
review the
questions
where we
began.

Thank you