

Durango Adult Education Center

Strategic Plan 2017-2019



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Serving Southwest Colorado

Mission

The mission of the Durango Adult Education Center, as a caring learning community, is to fill educational gaps by providing the skills and knowledge necessary for livable wage careers, post-secondary education, and social and economic mobility.

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Goals

- Goal 1:** Ensure our community's adult learners have ample access to effective educational programs.
- Goal 2:** Ensure that all learners are making academic progress and are persisting to reach their academic goals.
- Goal 3:** Prepare learners for economic self-sufficiency by removing barriers, creating career goals, following career pathways, and developing workplace-readiness skills.
- Goal 4:** Ensure DAEC is widely recognized as the go-to place for adult learning by expanding community engagement and investment in DAEC's students and programs.
- Goal 5:** Ensure organizational hiring, professional development, work culture, and compensation practices result in DAEC's ability to recruit and retain excellent staff.
- Goal 6:** Raise sufficient funds and develop sustainable revenue streams from a variety of sources to meet the demand for affordable services and maintain organizational stability.

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Our Beliefs

We believe...

- All people have inherent worth.
- A sense of belonging is a building block for a stronger community.
- All people have the potential to create positive change.
- Education empowers the individual to achieve positive character attributes, social and economic mobility, and self-sufficiency.
- Family and culture impact the development of each individual.
- Literacy and cultural competency are essential to thrive in this interconnected world.
- The right of every person to have and make choices is basic to freedom.
- Each individual has unique learning capabilities.
- The entire community benefits from an educated populace.
- A top priority of humanity is to create a better, more compassionate world.

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