

Cornerstones Career Learning Center's mission is to assess, promote, and provide education and employment training services to the area workforce and employers.

Cornerstones Career Learning Center (Cornerstones) has been providing services as a not-for-profit organization governed by a local board of directors since 1986. Cornerstones has five program locations in South Dakota and covers a service area over 22,000 square miles. Cornerstones provides education and employment training programs to area workforce and employers. Cornerstones offers Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE), GED[®] preparation, English Second Language (ESL) classes, transitional English programs, distance education, business and industry trainings, GED[®] testing, nationally recognized credentialed testing, and customized workforce training programs.

One of Cornerstones major funding partners is the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation under WIOA Titles I and II. Cornerstones is considered a primary partner under WIOA. Cornerstones served approximately 18% of the state's enrollees under WIOA Title II with 377 adult enrollees last year. Cornerstones receives approximately 20% of the state's grant funding for WIOA Title II. More details about Cornerstones are available on our website at www.cornerstonescareer.com.

Quick Facts

Opened in 1986 and now serving 23 South Dakota counties over 22,000 square miles through offices in 5 communities.

Huron (Main) 1986 Mitchell 1997 Aberdeen 2009 Vermillion 2016 Yankton 2016

2019-2020

- 712 Participants
- 13 Languages spoken in the home
- \$596.42 Cost per Participant in state and federal funds
- Program Staff:
 - 13 Full-Time
 - 2 Part-Time 20 Hours/Week
 - 5 Part-Time < 10 Hours/Week

2020-2021

- 377 Participants
- 13 Languages spoken in the home
- \$1,127.32 Cost per Participant in state and federal funds
- Program Staff:
 - 10 Full-Time
 - 5 Part-Time 20 Hours/Week
 - 3 Part-Time < 10 Hours/Week

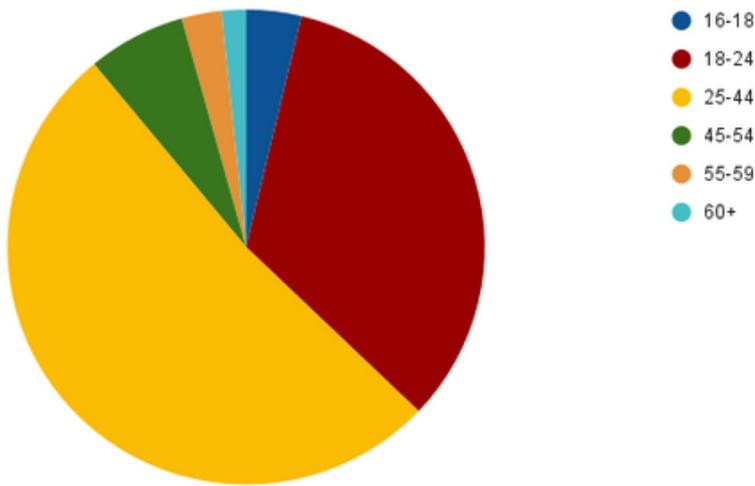


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CCLC Participants by Age Group



92% of CCLC participants are between ages 19 and 54, the prime working age employers are seeking.



Student Success: Jimmy

Jimmy has been to many places and has done numerous things. He has been a farm worker, ranch hand, and he has worked as a security officer.

That all changed six years ago when Jimmy suffered from a debilitating stroke. The stroke required surgery to relieve pressure on his brain. Jimmy had to relearn to walk and talk. He forgot a lot of the things many of us take for granted. One thing Jimmy did not forget - that was how to fight. Jimmy refuses to give up on his dream.

See more of Jimmy's story at
www.cornerstonescareer.com/AEFLWeek



Student Success:

Tina

Tina had started studying at CCLC in November of 2019. She is a stay-at-home mom with two children she is raising on her own. She came out of a domestic abuse relationship and made up her mind to get her GED and go on to college.

Tina took her first three final GED tests within her first year in the program. She completed the Science, Social Studies, and the RLA. Math was her hardest subject. She came to Cornerstones CLC math classes. She stuck through studying through the COVID-19 pandemic. Tina credits her kids with supporting and encouraging her to keep going. Tina passed her fourth and final GED test on August 19th, 2021. She called passing her GED the biggest boost she's had in a long time. She feels she can accomplish anything now.

See more of Tina's story at
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A person with a high school diploma or equivalent earns an average of

\$9,620

more per year than a nongraduate.



Student Success: Adriana

Adriana started studying English at Cornerstones Career Learning Center and transitioned into GED preparation classes. In addition to attending classes, she works full time at a local hotel where she manages and trains other employees. She is also a mother who is very involved in her child's academic and athletic activities.

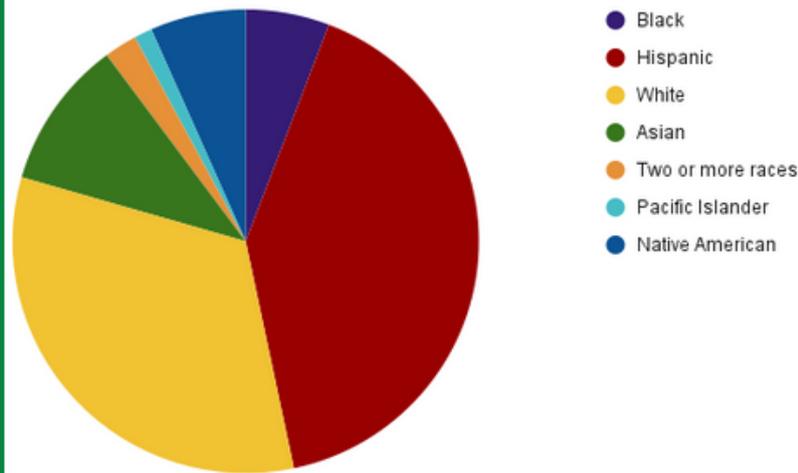
Somehow, Adriana also finds time to give back to the community. She volunteers with Connecting Cultures, the Yankton Area Literacy Council, and the Cramer-Kenyon Heritage Home. Adriana has played a big part in making Yankton more accessible to English language learners by being active in the community and through translating and interpreting.

See more of Adriana's story at www.cornerstonescareer.com/AEFLWeek



More than 40,000 adults in South Dakota do not have a high school credential, limiting their financial potential and ability to become strong members of the workforce

CCLC Participants by Ethnicity



Cornerstones participants reflect the diversity of the communities we serve.

Student Success: Say Moo



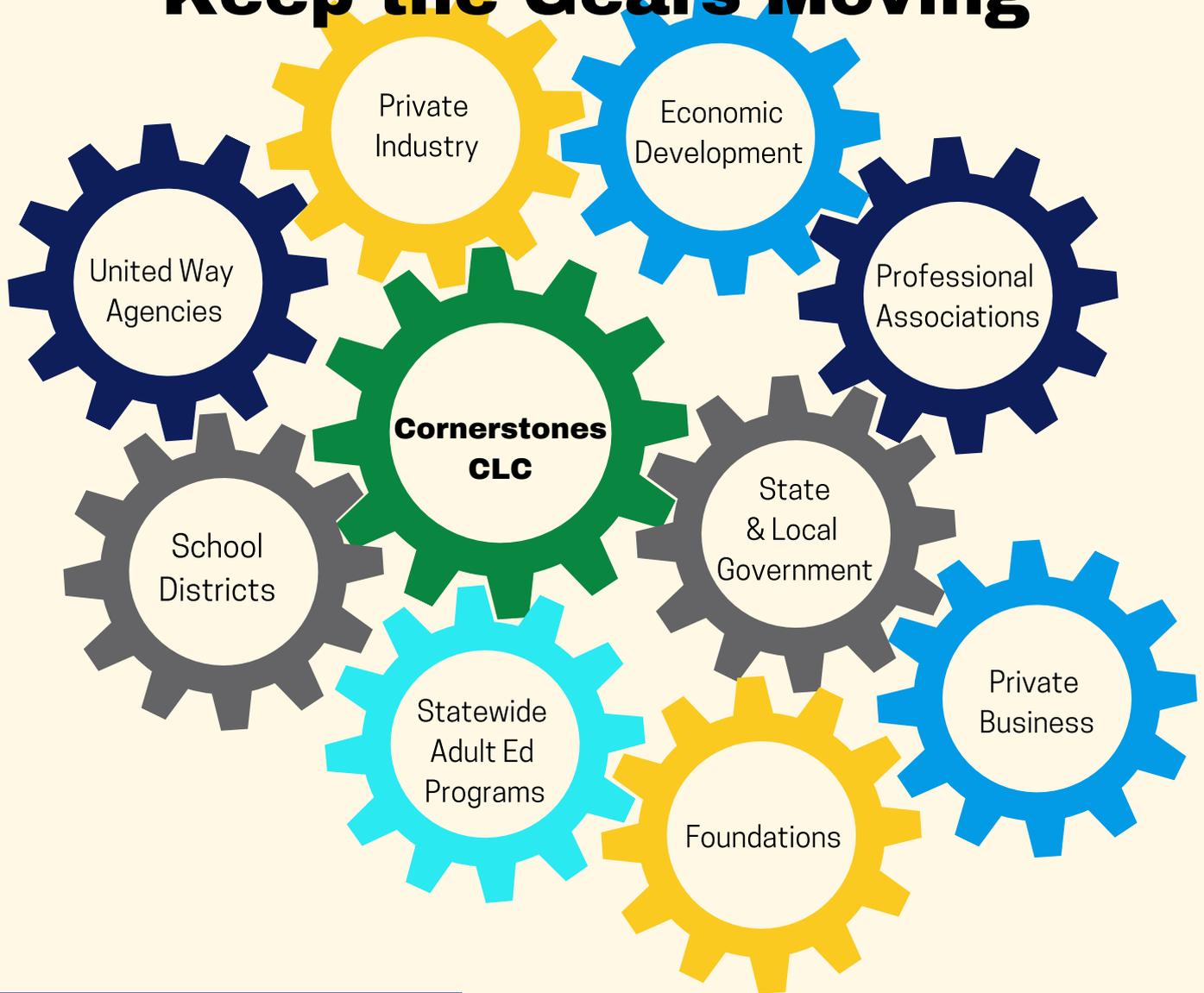
Through her consistent participation in Cornerstones Career Learning Center's English Language Acquisition classes, Say Moo has moved from beginning to advanced level classes. She is dedicated to learning English to improve her life and the lives of her daughters.

Say Moo works full time and then comes to class with nearly perfect attendance. She purchased a laptop so that she could do class from home on Zoom when the pandemic forced learning online. With practice and perseverance, she has become very adept at using Zoom. The way in which she has grown and adapted her means of learning to fit the moment caused by the pandemic has been inspiring and motivating to others.

See more of Say Moo's story at www.cornerstonescareer.com/AEFLWeek

Cornerstones Partners

Keep the Gears Moving



South Dakota leads the nation:



6th in median earnings

Cornerstones offers:

- **20** classes per day
- **87** hours of instruction per week
- Distance Education available **24/7**



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