



**3,095,473 annual connections, 1 delivery system\***

Minnesota Community Education helps school districts and communities reach locally identified goals by:

- Bringing citizens together to address issues
- Creating partnerships between school, cities, businesses and organizations
- Promoting an educated workforce which is key to Minnesota's prosperity
- Serving as a state-wide delivery system for the youngest to the oldest Minnesotans

Minnesota Community Education *ADULT PROGRAMS* provide essential education and skill building that improve the economy by increasing the number of educated and fully-employable people in the community.

**Invest In Communities and Adults** by maintaining the current level of the Community Education funding and opposing any transfer of fund balances to assure program stability and to ensure that:

- **Adult Basic Education** can continue to help learners acquire and improve employability skills through partnerships with business, higher education and workforce centers
- **Adults With Disabilities** programs can continue to serve disabled adults striving to participate and contribute to their community
- **Community Education** programs can continue to meet the needs of families and communities and leverage an additional \$6 for each tax dollar invested by the funding formula

Minnesota Community Education *EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS* provide access for children and families during the critical learning period to better prepare them for school.

**Invest In Early Education** to ensure that:

- **Early Childhood Family Education** programs can continue to provide quality educational opportunities for families with young children
- **School Readiness** programs can continue to provide quality learning opportunities to successfully close the achievement gap
- **School Based Early Education** programs will be able to provide targeted education for at risk four-year-olds

Minnesota Community Education *YOUTH PROGRAMS* support positive youth development through a quality, state-wide delivery system, provide access to enrichment, recreation and service learning opportunities and promote academic achievement for children in kindergarten through 12th grade

**Invest In Youth** by maintaining the current level of funding to ensure that:

- **After-School Enrichment** programs can continue to provide services and resources that promote youth achievement
- **Youth Service** programs can continue to provide asset development for school age youth through Community Education service opportunities
- **Child-care Assistance** support is available that allows families to access quality child care programs

\*MDE reports 2008-2009