WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Update

There few developments to report on WIOA in New York State as everyone is in a waiting period right now after the submission of comments on the state plan and in anticipation of the federal Final Rules. In the meantime here are some links to sources of useful local and national information and a comparison of the old WIA legislation with the new WIOA.

WIOA fact sheets

https://www.doleta.gov/wioa/FactSheet.cfm

Another good site is the National State Directors’ site, which recently did some advocacy on overall funding with the feds:

<http://www.ncsdae.org/category/advocacy-alerts/>

"*We urge you to work towards increasing funding to the authorized level of $635 million for Fiscal Year 2017 for the Adult Education State Grant Program*."

<http://www.ncsdae.org/category/blog/>

<http://www.ncsdae.org/resources/>

Also noteworthy is the letter sent by 27 Senators to the Senate Appropriations Committee’s Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education & Related Agencies urging them to invest in job training and adult education programs.

<http://www.nationalskillscoalition.org/news/blog/us-senators-call-for-increased-workforce-funding>

Local Information

New York State Department of Labor web site:

<https://labor.ny.gov/workforcenypartners/wioa.shtm> (Last updated February, 2016)

New York City’s Literacy Assistance Center has a clear overview, originally written for the Queens Immigrant Task Force, including the state plan comments from NYCCAL, NYIC, LAC and MPI, and the OCTAE memo on EL Civics:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B3z1aToihVmDb2std1NFdUhmRTQ&usp=sharing>

Action! Urge your representatives to commit to funding key workforce and education programs

<http://action.nationalskillscoalition.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=17805>