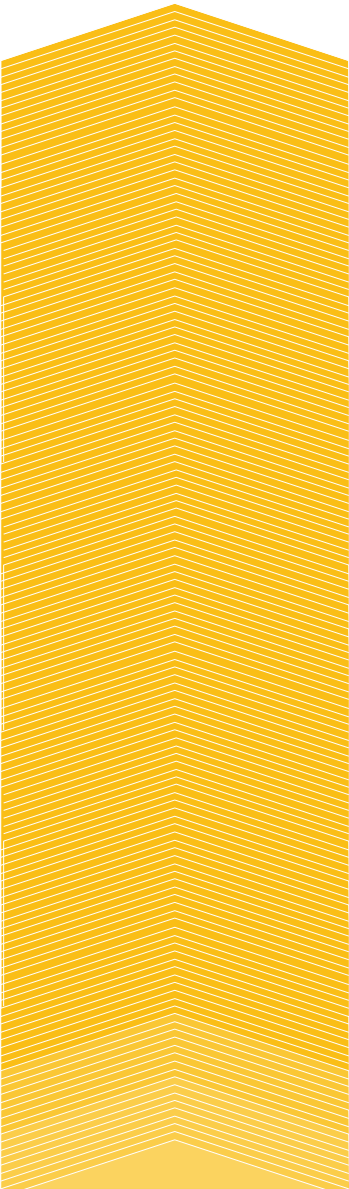


# **Improving Outreach to Adult Learners**

**11-15-2012 Update**

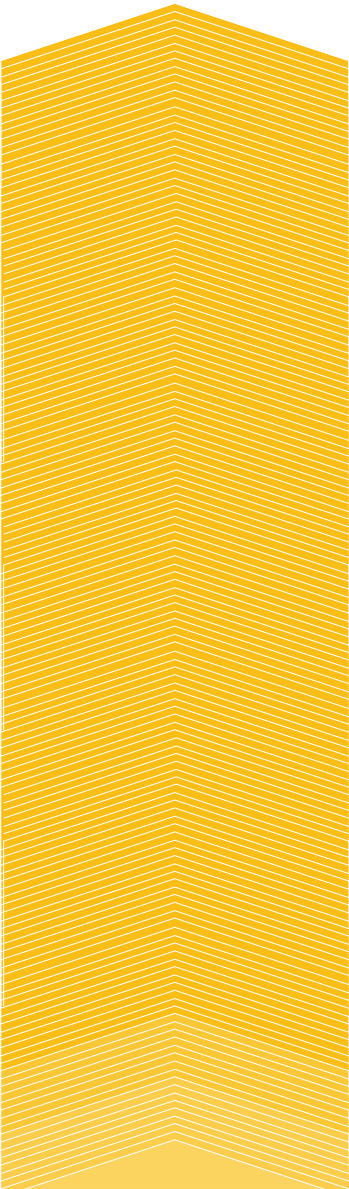
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# Comprehensive Two-Year Education Mission Attributes

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- Open Access Admissions
  - Affordable
  - Student Centered
  - **Adult Focused and Accessible Learning**
  - Responsiveness to Local Needs
  - Cultivation of Partnerships

# Non-Traditional (25+) in MUS Two-Year Colleges

- 45% of MT two-year enrollment is made up of non-traditional students (fall 2010).
- WICHE Two-Year peers also had non-traditional students at 45% of enrollment (fall 2009).
- % varies from low of 26% at one campus to high of 52% at another.



# Non-Traditional (25-64) Enrollment Per Non-Traditional (25-64) in State

- MT ranks 11<sup>th</sup> out of 14 Western States---7.7 students enrolled per 1,000
- The 14 state average ---21.7 students per 1,000
- NM has highest---39.6 students per 1,000.

*½ of the adults we engage in MUS Two-Year Education eventually earn a two-year degree or certificate*

# Are we focused on Adult Learning?

10 Two-Year Colleges Participated, College!NOW Funded

- Institutional Self Assessment
- Adult Learner Inventory ---900 adult students

CAEL Provided Comprehensive Campus Assessment

*ALFI in Montana: Are the State's Two-Year Institutions Adult-Learner Focused? (BOR Packets)*

# RFP for Improving Adult-Friendly Practices and Services

- Grants of up to \$10,000 funded through College!NOW

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# Credit for Prior Learning

- Montana's Two-Year College Status
- Forms of CPL
- Expand—Proposals/Scale Up
- Reaching our Adult Population

# Next Steps

- Assure integration of adult-friendly practices within each campus strategic plan
- Share promising practices in serving Montana's adults among MUS two-year colleges
- Seek further expertise on serving adults via two-year education