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OREGON GED PROGRAM

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OREGON GED: A BRIEF HISTORY

1946: Oregon begins testing Veterans

- Military Members returning from WWII

1952: Oregon begins testing Civilians

2014: First GED Summit held

2015: Oregon legislature appropriates \$2 million to support GED program infrastructure

2014: CHANGE IN TEST SERIES

Leads to changes in the Oregon GED Program

Focus on
Monitoring and
Compliance



Focus on
Students and
Educators

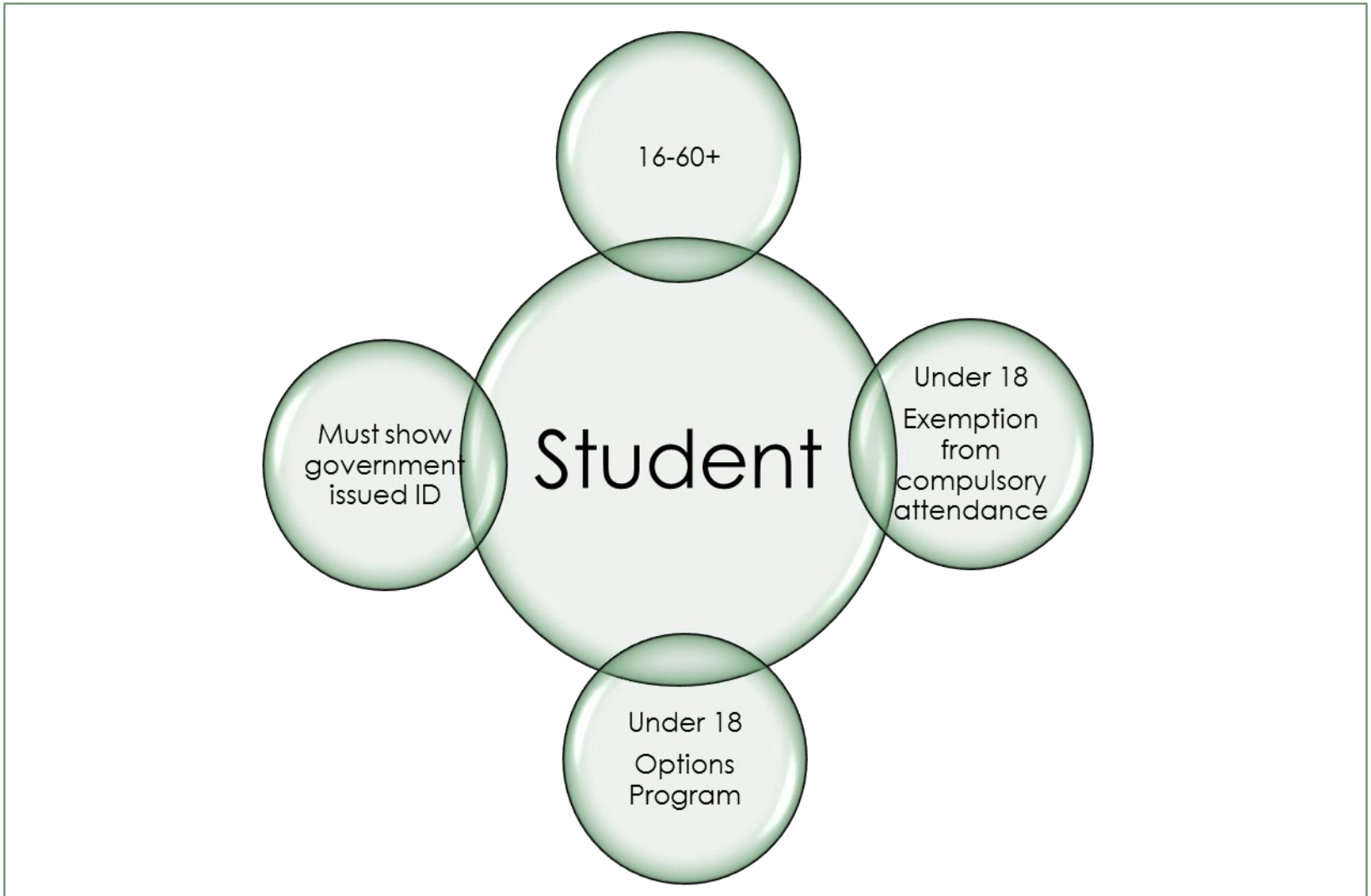
NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN OREGON'S GED PROGRAM OVER PAST THREE YEARS

- Increase in Testing Sites
 - Currently 75+ Sites approved.
- Prep and Instruction Sites- community colleges & others
- My Path, Our Future: HSE Scholars of Oregon
 - Scholarship designed for GED® Recipients
- 2015-17 Legislative Funding - \$2 million investment
 - GED Annual Summit – statewide professional development
 - Bilingual outreach and communications campaign
 - Grants to local programs for wrap-around services to support GED students
 - Two new staff to support local programs and student
- Increase partnership with GED Testing Service ®:
 - Online access for GED candidates
 - Records are now housed at GED Testing Services®
 - GED® Certificates – Now produced and processed GED Credentialing™
 - GED Manager™ – Online tracking system for GED testing sites
 - GED Analytics™- Online data system

OREGON GED® TEST QUICK FACTS

- \$38 per module for the GED® test
 - \$152 for all four modules
- Retakes are discounted
 - \$10 per test for the second and third attempt
- Practice tests are available at low or no cost
- Oregon offers the test in both English and Spanish

CANDIDATES FOR THE GED®



POLICIES THAT SUPPORT STUDENTS

- McKinney-Vento Act: Homeless Youth Policy and Students enrolled in a State School District Without Government-Issued ID
 - Current district identification card
 - Letter on district letterhead which includes:
 - Name of student
 - Clear photo of student (if not on school identification card)
 - Student date of birth
 - Student signature
 - Signature of school representative
- Accommodations such as:
 - A separate testing room
 - Extra testing time
 - Extra breaks

POLICES THAT SUPPORT STUDENTS (CONT.)

- American Council on Education® recommendations regarding:
 - College Ready
 - College Ready + Credit
- Change in Test Scores:
 - Passing score changed from 150 to 145
 - 500+ Oregon students receive GED® as a result

SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT THE GED PROGRAM

GED Manager™:

- Student Record Warehouse
- Access granted through approval by State Administrator

GED Analytics™:

- Data System

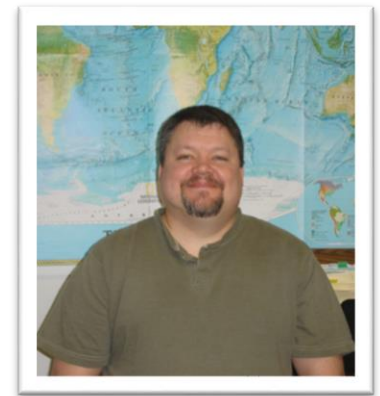
GED Credentialing™:

- Student Access
- Bilingual Support
- Certificates and Transcripts

OREGON QUICK FACTS

Of the students who have taken the “new” GED® Test:

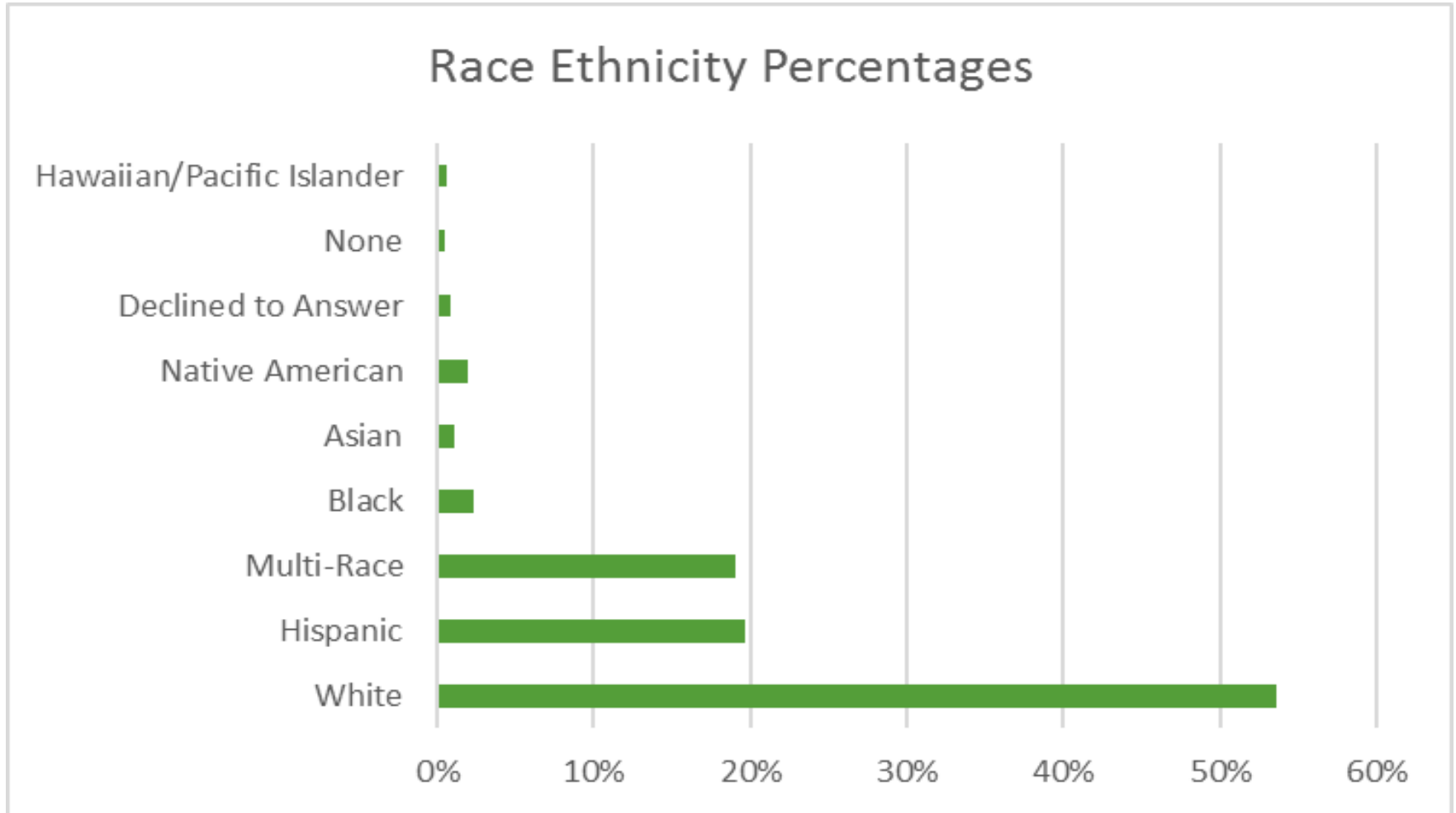
- 65% were unemployed
- 72% reported annual income of \$5,000 or less
- 40% reported a family member influenced them to obtain their GED
- 57% of students were male
- The average age of GED Test takers: 24



James: Veteran, Father,
GED Completer
Nursing Student

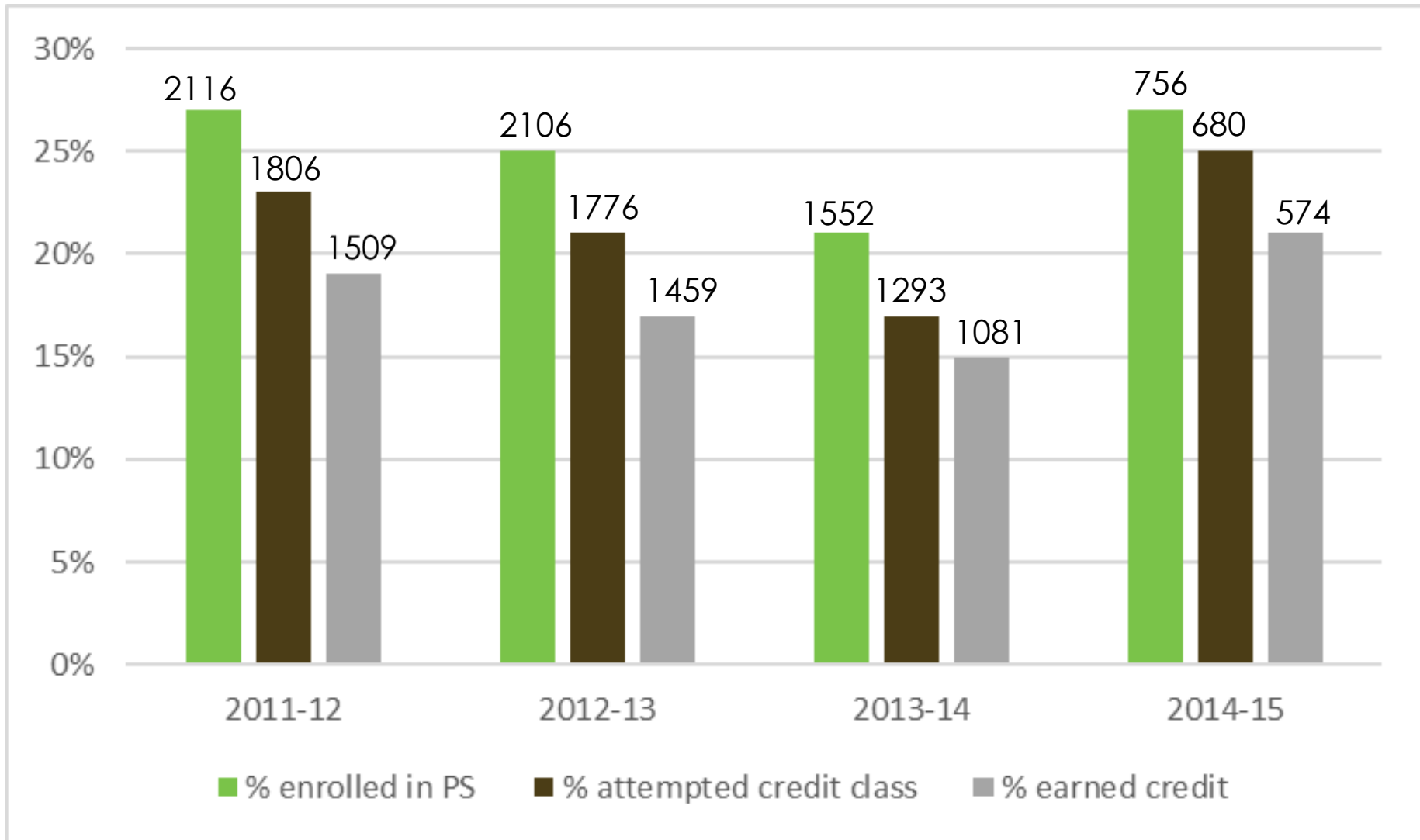
Source: GED Analytics™

OREGON GED® TEST TAKER DEMOGRAPHICS



Source: GED Analytics™

OREGON GED® STUDENT PROGRESSION



Source: HECC: Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development

MY PATH, OUR FUTURE: HSE SCHOLARS OF OREGON

- Supports the GED Pathway and honors the work earning a GED® requires by helping student access next steps toward college or career technical skills.
- Students must have completed their GED®
- FASFA recommended, but not required
- Open to all GED® graduates
- Students who enroll in postsecondary education at least ½ time

THE GED ANNUAL SUMMIT

Highlights from 2016:

- “Lighting a Way to a Brighter Future”
- Over 300 attendees
- Continuing Education Units Available
- GED Scholarship Fundraising Event
- Professional development event
- Recognizes GED graduates and their stories

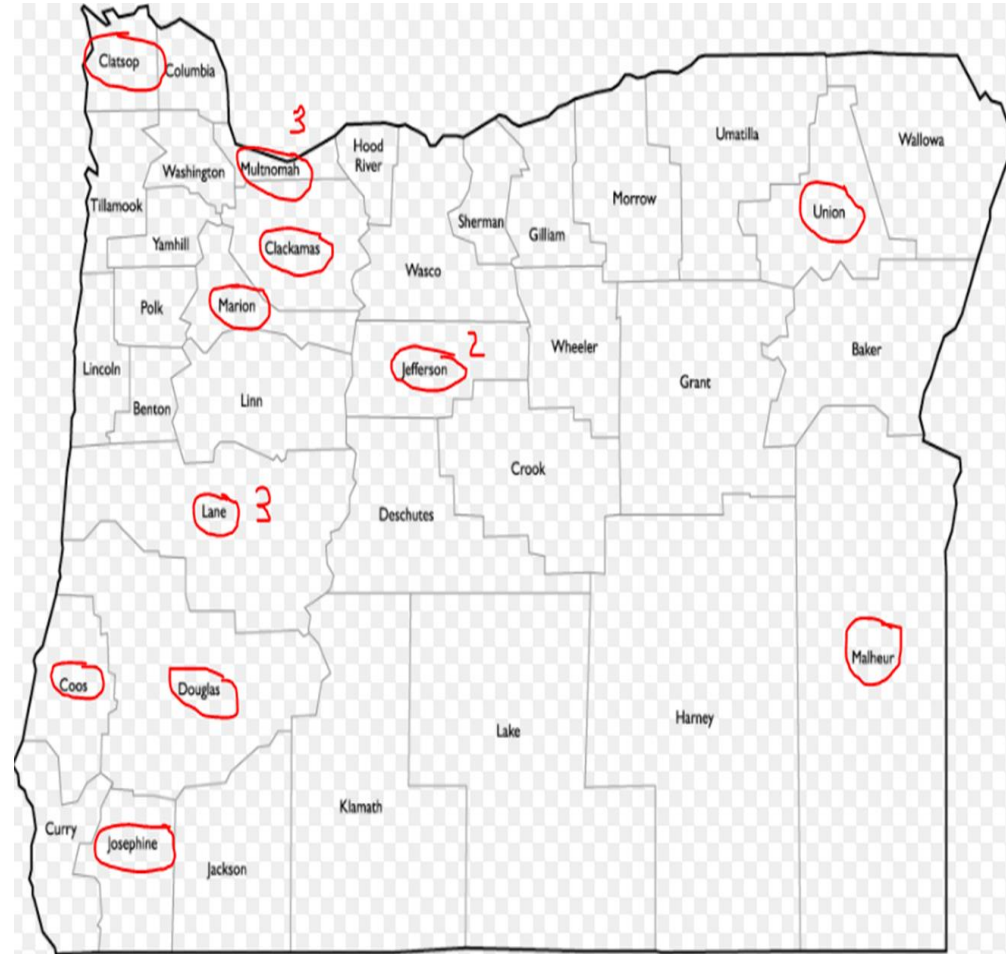
Things to look forward to for 2017:

- “Connecting Students to a Better Future”
- November 7-8, 2017 exact location TBA
- Partnering with Adult Basic Skills Programs to bring in additional Adult Education Providers
- Scholarship Fundraising

2016-17 GED WRAPAROUND GRANTS

QUICK FACTS:

- \$1.6 million total awarded
 - 16 programs funded
 - Average award \$98 K
- Grantee Types:
 - 50% Community Based Organizations
 - 44% Community College/University
 - 6% Corrections



ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS:

\$2 million appropriation also supported:

- Outreach Campaign
 - Bilingual
 - Social Media
 - Radio and TV
 - Informational Materials
 - Program Logo
- Additional staff:
 - Dedicated Administrative Support
 - Full Time HSE Administrator Position

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