



2020 COABE OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR ANSON GREEN

Anson Green, Director of Adult Education and Literacy at the Texas Workforce Commission, is an adult education, workforce, and college trailblazer. His passion is deploying innovative services for low-skilled Texans to meet their life ambitions.

In 2013, he led the transformation of the \$80 million Texas adult education program into a workforce solution for high school dropouts and immigrants. He created a fully integrated workforce development and college access solution at the Texas Workforce Commission assisting underserved, high-risk populations including Texans who are new Americans, did not complete high school, were involved with the justice system, or are underskilled workers. Due to his efforts, the state achieved the strategic plan milestone to have at least 20,000 unduplicated participants in career pathways by 2020, two years early. By 2019, the number of students enrolled in career pathways exceeded 28,000.

Anson is a full partner to Texas employers, supporting staffing needs to grow the Texas economy.

During program year 2018-19, 2,100 Texas workers at dozens of companies benefited from Anson's expansion of employer-based literacy projects. This was accomplished through the addition of a \$500 cost-per premium added to base funding across the state.

As a respected innovator, Anson led Texas to a national leadership position in college adult education career pathways, workforce board integration, and market-driven employer services.

In 2000, Anson served as a fellow at the National Institute for Literacy studying women's barriers to education. His diverse background in adult and development education and workforce development drives a vision to deliver solutions for student success. He has spoken to congressional briefings on effective approaches to middle-skill advancement. He has held teaching posts at San Antonio College, St. Phillips College, Texas Lutheran University, and The Florida State University.

Anson exemplifies what it is to be dedicated to a way of life, providing solutions for those who seek them. Adult education has evolved quickly since its adoption by the Texas Workforce Commission in 2013 and Anson lives and breathes what WIOA embraces. He spearheads collaborations and partnerships that increase opportunities for underserved populations and the development of a stronger, up-skilled workforce.