

## SOUTH DADE ADULT EDUCATION CENTER/COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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South Dade Adult Education Center/Community School leads the county and state with over 50,000 student enrollments over a period of twenty years of operation. It is the first center in the state to have pioneered programming with the military, elderly, chemically dependent, migrant, refugee, snowbird, handicapped, and profoundly illiterate, as well as with those seeking basic skills, high school completion, or one of many vocational/career training opportunities. South Dade Adult Center and Community Education Center's Downtown Homestead Campus is the first free stand-alone adult center created to serve the adult learner. The center's hours of operating are 8:00 a.m. until 9:15 p.m. Its staff is reflected of the diverse multiethnic, socioeconomic, cultural, and rapidly growing population of the broad, southern geographic tip of Dade's Community.

Programs for the homeless, construction trades, child care, basic skills, ESOL, and high school completion classes have grown significantly. The high school completion program operating during day hours promotes the concept of a second-chance school for the youth of South Dade and it, too, has grown rapidly. Other courses available include programs in computer repair, web page networking installation and wireless LAN. The Skill Center Campus offers: Auto Mechanics, Auto Detailing, Nails Technician, Medical Assistant, Business Clerical. The center has become a designated Cisco Academy starting 2001-2002. A child care center offering child care training, operates and provides child care to the children of our faculty and students, ranging from infants to five years of age, a family literacy program involving neighboring elementary school children and their parents has been established in nearly 50 elementary schools K-3 and their parents received instruction four (4) days a week.

South Dade Adult and Community Education Center remains committed to addressing all people humanistically and holistically. To that end, South Dade Adult is now offering a literacy program for the entire family with child care and baby sitting services available day and evening for the children of our students. The center has integrated itself with a vast network of agency/organizational endeavors to serve people comprehensively. It aims to guide others to live, love, and learn optimally.

### SUMMARY OF THE 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR

Sex	Age Group	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black, Non- Hispanic	Hispanic	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Multiracial	White, Non- Hispanic	Grand Total
<b>Female</b>								
	< 16	0	54	94	0	3	18	169
	16 - 24	16	486	722	0	20	108	1352
	25 - 44	12	206	721	1	3	44	987
	45 - 59	7	40	135	0	2	14	198
	60 +	1	7	30	0	0	52	90
<b>Female Total</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>2796</b>
<b>Male</b>								
	< 16	5	42	61	0	3	23	134
	16 - 24	11	511	912	0	28	164	1626
	25 - 44	11	196	432	1	0	55	695
	45 - 59	2	50	87	0	1	44	184
	60 +	0	7	24	0	0	14	45
<b>Male Total</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>1516</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2684</b>
		<b>65</b>	<b>1599</b>	<b>3218</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>5480</b>