INDIANA WORKERS NEED MORE COLLEGE MONEY

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A new report says nearly a million Indiana workers lack the schooling needed to get well paying jobs but have little financial aid available to obtain it.

The report by the Indiana Institute for Working Families says most Indiana aid programs are designed for traditional students. That leaves low-income adult workers earning low wages because of their lack of education, but unable to afford more schooling or training.

Executive Director Claudia Braman of the State Student Assistance Commission says most financial aid goes to full-time students. She says the state should offer more help to part-time students.

A new program announced last week uses federal stimulus funding to provide up to $3,000 per year toward the cost of an associate degree or vocational program. Part-time students are eligible.

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