

OEO CONTRACT# Non-funded CODE# 0401a

TITLE: The Adult Basic Learning Examination (ABLE)

GROUP CONDUCTING STUDY: Harcourt, Brace and World, Inc., 757

Third Avenue New York, New York

TIME SPAN: December 1966 to September 1967

CURRENT STATUS: In progress - testing completed; raw scores and
sub-test correlations available

Purpose: Harcourt, Brace and World has developed a new achievement test - The Adult Basic Learning Examination (ABLE). Job Corps was approached concerning the use of Job Corpsmembers as a norming population. This represented an opportunity to have a test standardized on our population at no cost to us. Also there is opportunity to investigate the possibility of using an adult oriented achievement test for the Job Corps population. Test ABLE was designed to provide measures of achievement in the following basic skills: Oral Vocabulary, Word Attack Skills, Paragraph Reading, Spelling, Number Computation, and Mathematics Problem Solving. ABLE is a group test organized at two levels: Level I (Grades 2 - 4), and Level II (Grades 5 - 8). Group testing requires about 4 hours (150 minutes of actual test time).

Method: Job Corps arranged for testing approximately 1,000 Job Corpsmembers with test ABLE during the week of December 5th - 16th.

Form of Report: Harcourt, Brace and World will supply Job Corps with raw scores, item responses, grade equivalents and grade norms. In addition they will give Job Corps sub-test correlations between ABLE and SAT -- Again at no cost to Job Corps. Furthermore, they will cross-tabulate any of the above information with selected Corpsmen background characteristics such as age, race and sex at Job Corps request.

Further Information: Evaluation and Research Branch, Job Corps