

**Negative Forces that Hinder Learner Persistence
as Identified by Learners**

Force	Description of Force	Percentage of Learners Who Named Force as a Top 3 Hindrance for Persistence
Life Demands	Conditions at home Special child care needs Work demands Transportation Own/family's health Lack of time/being fatigued Welfare and other official rules Age Weather Moving Lack of income	48.7% (N=73)
Relationships	Unsupportive family members, friends or colleagues	16.7% (N=25)
Negative Self	Thinking negative thoughts Own laziness Lack of own confidence in ability to succeed	11.3% (N=17)
Learning Process		8% (N=12)
Instructional Factors		6.7% (N=10)
Teacher		2% (N=3)
Program Factors		1.3% (N=2)

N=150 (means there were 150 learners total)