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Upcoming Events

Northeast PD Day

October 16, 2009
Northeast ABLEResource Center
Euclid, OH

Fall ABLEResource Center Directors' Meeting

November 9-10, 2009
Columbus Marriott Northwest
Columbus, OH

New Teacher Orientation

November 14, 2009
Northeast ABLEResource Center
Euclid, OH

We are currently offering 66 Alternative Delivery Activities for Northeast Ohio. Register for these training sessions and alternative delivery activities on our Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org or www.neable.org

Ohio TESOL Conference

October 30-31, 2009
Hilton-Easton, Columbus, OH
Register online at www.OhioTESOL.org

Fall ABLEResource Center Directors' Meeting

The Fall Directors' Meeting will be held on November 9th and 10th at the Columbus Marriott Northwest. This year's Fall ABLEResource Center Directors' Meeting will focus on Educational Leadership. The first day will include a keynote address by Dr. Cristine Smith and breakout sessions by the Resource Center Network and local ABLEResource Center program practitioners. The second day will consist of breakout sessions as well as the annual Retirement Recognition Luncheon.

Please register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org or http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail.cfm?ItemsID=1607. You will notice the registration fee for this conference is \$135.00 which includes breakfast and lunch on both days.

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Please see the attached flyer for information on making room reservations at the Columbus Marriott Northwest. Deadline for room reservations at the guaranteed rate is October 16, 2009.

Learning Disabilities Brochure

Learning Differences and Disabilities: What Every Employer & Employee Should Know, produced by the Central/Southeast ABLE Resource Center is available.

To receive the brochure, please go to <http://www.neable.org> and click on Shop The Bodega at the top of the page, scroll to Bodega Special Needs on the Bodega Table of Contents at the right side of the page. Click "order now" and complete the form.

Requests are limited to 25 copies per program.

Celebrate!! Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

October 18-23, 2009 is *Adult Education and Family Literacy Week!* Recently passed by the U.S. House of Representatives (<http://clerk.house.gov/floorsummary/floor.html/thisweek.htm>), this is a *one-time only dedication* to raise public awareness of adult education and family literacy, assist adult learners in need of literacy services, and support increased access to adult education and family literacy programs. Use this opportunity to elevate adult education and family literacy nationwide with policymakers, the media, and the community.

The National Coalition for Literacy has created a resource collection in the NCL Advocacy Clearinghouse and Toolkit (www.ncladvocacy.org/aeftl.html), to support your efforts to raise awareness and celebrate the week.

Resources include the latest fact sheets, sample press releases, and commemoration ideas for raising awareness for program directors, instructors, and partners.

Join the U.S. House of Representatives and NCL in honoring adult learners nationwide. Show your support for increasing access to adult education and family literacy programs to ensure a literate society.

E Pluribus Unum Prize

The Migration Policy Institute's National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy has announced the opening of the 2010 E Pluribus Unum Prizes.

The E Pluribus Unum Prizes national awards program provides four \$50,000 awards annually to exceptionally successful immigrant integration initiatives. The awards recognize

initiatives that have an outstanding record of helping immigrants and their children adapt, thrive, and contribute to the United States or that have successfully brought immigrants and native-born residents together to build stronger, more cohesive communities. The awards are open to individuals, nonprofit and community organizations, businesses, religious groups, and government entities, agencies, or officials operating in the United States.

The deadline to apply is December 10, 2009 at 5 pm EST. Application rules and procedures and profiles of the 2009 winners can be found at

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?ImmigrationAdvocates/daf8a38208/530ec7b29a/38a33c2cd>

The Change Agent – Call for Submissions

The Change Agent, an adult education newspaper for social justice, is currently seeking submissions for its upcoming issue: Coming Home from War. Adult education students and teachers are encouraged to submit articles (as well as cartoons or graphics) by November 6, 2009. For the upcoming issue, the publication is particularly interested in pieces written by veterans, servicemen and servicewomen, and their families and loved ones. Adult education students whose work is accepted for publication will be paid a stipend. For further details, see the attached Call for Articles.

The Change Agent comes out twice a year and is also available online. (You can subscribe to receive the paper online only for a reduced rate, or you can get 25 printed classroom copies with a bulk subscription.)

You can request a copy of the past two issues from the Bodega under Reading.

- Issue 28 – March, 2009: Health
- Issue 29 – September, 2009: Economic Crisis

(There is still time to register!!)

Math-Kick Off (Trigonometry)

Math Kick-Off will be held on Friday, October 16, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Northeast ABLE Resource Center.

Do you remember how to use sin, cos, and tan? This interactive math kick-off will explore those trigonometric ratios and how to apply them in math problems. The 2012 GED has these ratios on the formula page so now is the time to brush up on your skills. All are welcome to this interactive workshop. Bring a calculator.

Register for Math Kick-Off on our Training Calendar at www.neable.org.

There is still time to register! Early Bird ends October 15th.

Ohio TESOL

The Ohio TESOL 2009 Conference

October 30-31, 2009

Hilton Easton Town Center in Columbus, Ohio

Once again the Resource Center Network is offering the special professional development opportunity for ABLÉ Teachers and staff to contribute to the field and attend the Ohio TESOL Conference!

Registration fees (at the Ohio TESOL member rate) will be paid by the Northeast ABLÉ Resource Center and you will be eligible for up to \$105 reimbursement for hotels and/or meals through your Regional Resource Center. (Individuals are responsible for making their own hotel reservations). **Slots are limited!**

*This will be considered as one professional development activity.
Please include it on your IPDP.*

INSTRUCTIONS: Registration for this event is a multi-step process and is online at www.ohiotesol.org. You do not need to sign in or have a log-in.

Step One –If you have not paid membership dues in 2009, join or renew directly on the registration form. Please download the form, fill it out and submit it electronically. You can pay membership dues online at the same time you register or by downloading a membership form and mailing it in with a check to the address on the membership form. Please note that you **MUST** use Adobe Acrobat to submit the form electronically. Other PDF readers will not work properly.

Step Two - Click on the link below to register for the conference. **BE SURE TO CHECK THE BOX STATING YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ABLÉ SUPPORT. The payment box will enter zero owed.**

Step Three - Choose one presentation from each time slot - "A" through "H". Enter them in the conference registration form. This information is used to assign rooms for presentations. **Then**, submit the form electronically. [Conference Registration](#)

Step Four - Book a hotel room. [Click here](#) for information on the Hilton Hotel at Easton. Call the hotel directly to book a room. Be sure to ask for the Ohio TESOL conference discounted rate. Special Rate ends October 8th. Reserve your room now!

Step Five - Attend the conference.

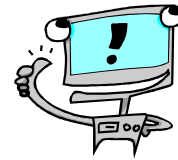
- Contribute one of the following:
 - a. Write an article for the newsletter *or*
 - b. Create a lesson plan from ideas gathered at the conference *or*
 - c. Present a new strategy or concept at a local workshop.
- Submit your contribution and reimbursement request (if applicable) up to \$105 for meals/lodging.

Contact the Northeast ABLÉ Resource Center with questions.
800-361-7076 or info@neable.org

FY 2010 Blue Database Forms *(reminder)*

We would like to remind Directors and Coordinators who have not turned in their ABLÉ Program's blue database forms to please do so as soon as possible. Without a blue form on file, instructors cannot be paid for any professional development activities they complete. You can access the new database forms on the Northeast ABLÉ Resource Center Web site at www.neable.org under Professional Development/Forms (Please Note: The completed forms should be signed by the director and sent to the Northeast ABLÉ Resource Center.)

Matt's Tech Tips



Tech Tips Q & A

Do you have a question or questions about technology that have been bugging you? Here is your chance to send them into **Matt's Tech Tips** and get some answers (or at least a nudge in the right direction). Matt is looking for submissions to answer in upcoming issues of Friday NewsBriefs, but I need your help. Please send a technology related question or two to matt@neable.org and look for the answer in the Friday NewsBriefs.

Tip of the week:

New Look for NEABLE.ORG

You may have noticed some changes on <http://www.neable.org> website recently. We made a few upgrades behind the scenes and gave the whole site a new look. Some features we have added include a **SEARCH** function and buttons (**A-**, **A**, **A+**) for resizing page text. Navigation buttons for the **Shop the Bodega**, **Library**, and **Ask us a question** forms have been moved to the top of the page for easy access. The scrolling Highlights have been integrated into the top left banner section of the home page and can now be accessed from the side navigation menus. Most of the navigation elements of the old site have been retained with some minor changes.

Take some time to look around to get acquainted with the new look and let us know what you think. We appreciate the feedback.

ABLE Page on University System of Ohio

Speaking of finding ABLÉ information on the internet, the State ABLÉ Program at the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) has established a webpage on the University System of Ohio website to house information, or Reference Documents, for ABLÉ programs. The ABLÉ information that you need from OBR to comply with your grant is all linked to one page!

The address for the page is <http://uso.edu/network/workforce/able/reference.php>. There you can find links to State ABE policies, such as Professional Development, Assessment and Distance Learning. Plus, you can download the Student Forms and the Standards for ABE/ASE and ESOL. There's even a section on EL/Civics containing the Civics Objectives and the Lesson Plan Template. Hope this helps make your busy lives simpler. Enjoy!



The Resource Room

Alternative Delivery PD

This week we are highlighting the Alternative Delivery Professional Development Training, *The Story of Human Language* by Professor John McWhorter of the Manhattan Institute, and produced by the Teaching Company. It is a three-part DVD series of lectures on the story of human language. This training includes part one or twelve, 30 minute lectures.

There are 6,000 languages in the world, in so much variety that many languages would leave English speakers wondering just how a human being could possibly learn and use them. How did these languages come to be? Why isn't there just a single language?

This course answers these questions. Like animals and plants, the world's languages are the result of a long "natural history," which began with a single first language spoken in Africa. As human populations migrated to new places on the planet, each group's version of the language changed in different ways, until there were several languages where there was once one. Eventually, there were thousands.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

Halloween Lesson – The following lesson plan is a fun way to introduce and explain the Halloween holiday to your students. Free Halloween lesson plan for an ESL Halloween TESOL, TESL, TEFL communicative vocabulary class. This lesson involves a poem and vocabulary. <http://www.englishpage.com/holidays/weeklylessonhallo.html>

Web Sites to Explore

From the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL) - **America's Literacy Directory** - Find literacy programs for adults, children, employers and more in your local area through the [literacy directory](#).

Thoughts On Leadership

Thoughts on Leadership is presented as an attachment to the Friday NewsBriefs