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Upcoming Events

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

Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc.

The Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc. is offering free personalized assistance with computer searches for colleges, career information, scholarships and grants including college catalogues, videos and other reference materials.

Students 19 and above who have interrupted their education for one year or more, who have a financial need and have a high school diploma or GED are eligible. They must be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours per term, maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and be enrolled in a Pell Eligible degree seeking program.

For more information contact Andrew Prusinski, Resource Center Coordinator at 216-241-5587 or visit www.cspohio.org click on Resource Center, Scholarships, CSP Scholarships and Adult Learners.

Foundations of Teaching Adult Numeracy

Register now for Foundations of Teaching Adult Numeracy, a new, online, professional development course from ProfessionalStudiesAE.org. The course dates are January 18-February 26, 2010. The instructor is Barbara Goodridge, Lowell Adult Education Center, Lowell, MA.

What is numeracy? Is numeracy just another word for math? How should you approach numeracy with adult students? In this foundational course you'll learn how to keep students at the center of numeracy instruction. You'll explore the context, content, and cognitive and affective components of numeracy, how to address the needs of students with learning gaps, how students' styles of learning math and levels of math knowledge affect their math skills, and ways to build student's success in learning math. You'll plan classroom activities, test

them with your students, and share your experiences with fellow teachers.

For more information and to register: <http://www.professionalstudiesae.org> and scroll down to Numeracy.

Questions? Please call 888.528.2224 ext. 283 or e-mail prodev@proliteracy.org.

Teaching Math to Adults Who Have Learning Differences

NAASLN proudly offers a special Webinar Series within a Series.

Four (4) 1-hour stand alone Internet-based seminars - December 2 & 16, 2009 and January 6 & 20, 2010.

Teaching Math to Adults Who Have Learning Differences, presented by Richard Cooper Ph.D., Director and Founder of the Center for Alternative Learning. Dr. Cooper is a nationally acclaimed learning specialist, trainer, speaker and author with 25 years of experience as an adult educator, providing staff development training nationwide on the subjects related to learning disabilities, problems and differences.

Date: December 2, 2009 4:00 - 5:00 pm ET

Math I: Learning Differences, Difficulties and Disabilities that Limit Math Skills

This one hour Webinar will provide participants with information about the effects learning problems have on math. The characteristics of the thought processes include auditory processing problems, attention problems, right/left discrimination problems, memory problems, organization and sequencing problems. Suggestions for dealing with these various problems will be intertwined into the presentation.

Date: December 16, 2009 4:00 - 5:00 pm ET

Math II: Developing Number Sense and Quantitative Concepts with Adults Who Learn Differently

This 1 hour Webinar will provide participants with techniques for instructing adults who have underdeveloped number sense and poor quantitative concepts. Participants will learn why some basic concepts are misunderstood by adults with learning problems and the presenter will explain how to fill gaps that many of these adults have in their understanding of numbers quantities and math operations.

Date: January 6, 2010 4:00 - 5:00 pm ET

Math III: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division

This 1 hour webinar will demonstrate alternative techniques that the presenter has found useful with adults who have problems learning. He will demonstrate techniques for completing the basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The presenter will explain that the hierarchy of number fact knowledge that he has developed and show how adults can increase their speed and accuracy and self confidence about doing basic arithmetic.

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Date: January 20, 2010 4:00 - 5:00 pm ET
Math IV: Teaching Fractions to Adults with Learning Differences

This 1 hour webinar will provide the participants with a variety of techniques for teaching fractions to adults who understand "parts" in everyday life but cannot make the connection between the numbers and the quantities.

To register please go to: <http://www.naasIn.org/webinars.htm>

GED Grad Receives Medical Scholarship

The following article may be of inspiration to your GED students.

Andrew McMahan, the coordinator for adult high school completion programs at the Maine Department of Education, sent this inspiring story to the Maine *Morning Sentinel* about a GED graduate from his home state. Tobin Carson, a mother of two, has been awarded a \$25,000 Doctors for Maine's Future scholarship for the study of medicine. She was once told GED graduates don't go to medical school, but now she is living proof that it is not true. Her story can be found at:

<http://morningsentinel.maintoday.com/news/local/7032967.html>

The Movie: Precious Based on the Novel *Push* by Sapphire

Claireece Precious Jones endures unimaginable hardships in her young life. She grows up poor, angry, illiterate, fat, unloved and generally unnoticed.

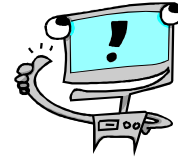
From Terry Hamovitch, Director, Lakewood ABLE Program:

“I had occasion to see the movie Precious over the weekend. It is both incredibly heart wrenching and somewhat uplifting. I think it takes an enormous amount of courage to present this story. One of the highlights of this movie, however, is Precious' attendance at an ABE/GED class and the positive impact it has on her life. They even mention TABE (they pronounce it TAB) scores in the film. But the class she attends is a focus of the film and speaks so highly to the work ABLE folks do.”

More information on the film can be found here:

http://film-dramas-based-on-books.suite101.com/article.cfm/information_about_precious_movie

Matt's Tech Tips



Tech Tips Q & A

Tip of the week:

Ning is a web-based platform that allows users to create their own social network sites. For a little background, a social network site can be described as "a website where one connects with those sharing personal or professional interests, place of origin, education at a particular school, etc." (<http://dictionary.reference.com/>). This technology incorporates aspects of blogs, email, digital multimedia, and more allowing a group of geographically distinct peers to communicate and share information with one another. Ning is unique when compared to other social networks, because it allows for customization of a network for a specific purpose. For an example, take a look at <http://www.classroom20.com/>, a large and active social network geared toward those interested in Web 2.0 and collaborative technologies in education.

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 he needs your help. Please send a technology related question or two to matt@neable.org and look for the answer in the Friday NewsBriefs.



The Resource Room

The following selections have been chosen for your "autumn" holiday reading pleasure. Please contact the Northeast ABLE Resource Center if you are interested in borrowing one of these Bestsellers.

If Today Be Sweet by Thrity Umrigar

Tehmina Sethna's beloved husband has died this past year and she is visiting her son, Sorab, in his suburban Ohio home. Now Tehmina is being asked to choose between her old, familiar life in India and a new one in Ohio with her son, his American wife, and their child. She must decide whether to leave the comforting landscape of her native India for the strange rituals of life in a new country.

This is a journey Tehmina, a middle-aged Parsi woman, must travel alone.

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson

In 1993 a mountaineer named Greg Mortenson drifted into an impoverished Pakistan village in the Karakoram mountains after a failed attempt to climb K2. Moved by the inhabitants' kindness, he promised to return and build a school. *Three Cups of Tea* is the story of that promise and its extraordinary outcome. Over the next decade Mortenson built not just one

but fifty-five schools—especially for girls—in the forbidding terrain that gave birth to the Taliban. His story is at once a riveting adventure and a testament to the power of the humanitarian spirit.

Employment Opportunities

Lakewood ABLE Program has an opening for a Support Staff Clerk, Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. \$18.00 an hour.

The candidate must be energetic and highly organized with knowledge of TABE and Practice Test administration with a minimum of some college background and a friendly and warm personality.

Duties will include but are not limited to the administration of TABE and Practice Test, record keeping of test results, interviewing and advising students on transitions and doing exit interviews with students. The Support Staff Clerk will also give general classroom and orientation support.

If interested, please submit a resume to terry.hamovitch@lakewood.k12.oh.us or call Terry at 216.227.5165.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

Topic Worksheets

No time to prepare? These ready-to-go, easy-to-teach ESL lesson plans by Liz Regan aren't just ideas for activities - they are complete, ready-to-teach topic-based handouts with teaching notes.

<http://www.tefl.net/esl-lesson-plans/worksheets-topic.htm>

ESL Worksheet Wizard

Let the Wizard make your worksheets for you. Just tell the Wizard what you want. Free online!

<http://www.tefl.net/esl-lesson-plans/worksheet-generator/index.htm>

Web Sites to Explore

SHORT LINKS TO MOST REQUESTED GED TESTING INFO:

Find Information on Preparation and Classes

<http://www.GEDtest.org/prep>

Find a Testing Center

<http://www.GEDtest.org/locator>

Request a Transcript

<http://www.GEDtest.org/transcript>

Find International Testing Centers

<http://www.prometric.com/GED>

Get Answers about Online Testing

http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/Truth_About_GED_Test.htm

Try Sample Test Questions

http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/test/prep/sample_questions.htm

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS? Email at: GED@ace.nche.edu

Thoughts On Leadership

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