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Upcoming Events

September 9, 2010
Web Conferencing
Elluminate Webinar-Alternative Delivery

September 17, 2010
Web Conferencing
Elluminate Webinar-Alternative Delivery

September 23, 2010 4:00-5:00 p.m.
PreLiteracy in ESOL
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

September 24, 2010
Unpacking the Standards
Northeast ABE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

October 9, 2010
New Teacher Orientation
Northeast ABE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

October 14, 2010 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Transitions in ESOL
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

October 15, 2010
Math Kick-Off
Northeast ABE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

October 18-19, 2010
Fall Directors' Meeting
Location: TBA

October 21, 2010
Virtual Book Club Discussion “Little Bee”
Illuminate Webinar – Alternative Delivery

November 4, 2010
Support Staff Training: Introduction to PD
Illuminate Webinar-Alternative Delivery

November 11, 2010
BEST Plus Training (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
Explicit Instruction: A Proven Method for Teaching Adults (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
ESOL Basics (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
Learning to Achieve (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 12-13, 2010
Ohio TESOL 2010 Conference
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH
(Registration available in September)

December 2, 2010 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Transitions in ESOL
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

February 10, 2011 4:00-5:00 p.m.
PreLiteracy in ESOL
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

February 12, 2011
New Teacher Orientation
Northeast ABLE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

February 24, 2011 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Transitions in ESOL
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

March 11, 2011
New Teacher Orientation
Northeast ABE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

April 8, 2011
Making Decisions about Contextualized Curriculum (Spring PD Day)
Location TBA

April 8, 2011
BEST Plus Training (Spring PD Day)
Location TBA

April 8, 2011
ESOL Basics (Spring PD Day)
Location TBA

The Change Agent

The Change Agent is a social justice newspaper for adult education that is published twice a year. The Change Agent welcomes submissions from adult learners, pays a stipend to learners whose work they publish, and focuses on themes that are relevant to adults' daily lives. They are currently seeking stories, poetry, and illustrations on the topic of the environment: "**Your Neighborhood, Your Health**" (issue #32).

Submitting work to *The Change Agent* is a great way for adult learners to share their voices and increase their motivation for writing. The newspaper's articles and illustrations also provide great authentic texts for reading and discussion for both ABE/GED and ESOL classrooms, so be sure to visit [the website](#) and learn more about prices and free e-subscriptions.

NCWE Conference

The New American Idol: Community Colleges Take the National Stage

Join your colleagues in Washington, D.C., October 16-19, 2010, for this year's Annual National Council for Workforce Education (NCWE) Conference. With accelerating changes in higher education, increased demands for accountability and agility, a renewed focus on low-skilled adult learners, changing workplaces, the new green economy, and other dynamic topics, this year's program offers a vital learning experience.

For more information, visit: <http://www.ncwe.org/conference-2010/>

Health Career Night

Thursday, September 2, 2010 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Ursuline College

2550 Lander Road

Pepper Pike, OH 44124

Discuss career options, goals and educational needs with graduates, students and faculty in these fields: Business Management, CPA, Health Care Administration, Corporate Paralegal, PR & Marketing, Human Resources, Health Care Informatics and MIS.

<http://www.ursuline.edu/UCAP/index.html>

For more information, call 440-684-6130 or ucapinquiry@ursuline.edu

Illuminate Training

September 9th and 17th, 2010

The Resource Center Network is offering a one hour information session to introduce participants to web conferencing tools, such as Illuminate and Adobe Connect. This session is intended to prepare ABLÉ staff to take advantage of upcoming alternative professional development offerings. During the session, participants will have the opportunity to set up and test out the tool on their home or work computer system with hands on technical assistance.

Learning to use the communication and collaboration tools offered by web conferencing services is a key component of 21st century professional development opportunities, so sign up today for **Web Conferencing (Region 1)** on the training calendar today at:

http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/northeast/calendar_results_alternative.cfm

Matt's Tech Tips

(from Southwestern Exposure, Southwest ABLÉ Resource Center's Newsletter)

Does your school speak Google? If not, you might want to give it a try by Suzie Boss, coauthor of *Reinventing Project-Based Learning: Your Field Guide to Real-World Projects in the Digital Age*.

Google Apps Education Edition is a useful tool that teachers and students can employ in almost any school. The apps—Web-based tools for communicating, connecting, and creating content—are free. Teachers use the Google Docs tool to plan lessons together, follow up on ideas that arise in instructional meetings, or give students just-in-time feedback.

Counselors use Google Spreadsheets to monitor student behavior and quickly flag concerns. Students use Google Chat and Google Docs to collaborate with peers in real time and Google Calendar to keep track of deadlines.

Want to learn more? Just Google “Google apps in education” and explore!



The Resource Room

NEABLE Library.org!

The **Reading Lists** on the home page of the library website can help ease your search for a book on topics including:

Easy Readers,
Hands On English
Periodicals such as Essential English,
Transitions to Work, and Career Pathways

Click on the topic heading to view the list of resources available on that topic. To borrow a Book, contact the NERC at info@neable.org or (800)361-7076

Cultural Adventures



Armenian Cultural Garden

Most of the infrastructure work on the new Armenian Cultural Garden has been completed. Their flag pole, flag and garden sign have also been installed. Landscaping will now go forward.

The Garden's dedication will be the kickoff event for One World Day on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

For more information, please see: <http://blog.culturalgardens.org/index.php/2010/08/63rd-one-world-day-celebration-sunday-september-19th-cleveland-cultural-gardens>

Speaking of Lesson Plans

September 6th - Labor Day - Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September. To learn more about Labor Day and some fun activities visit [this website](#)

20 ESL Teaching Tips

The helpful ESL Teaching Tips by Liz Regan on this page are written in plain, jargon-free English. They'll be of particular help to new teachers, and experienced teachers may find them useful as refreshers. They are also referenced in [Topic-based Worksheets](#). These teaching tips are in printer-friendly PDF format but you can also view these same [ESL Teaching Tips](#) as html.

Websites to Explore

Healthcare Careers Initiative (HCI) is a partnership of Cuyahoga Community College, University Hospitals Case Medical Center, Cleveland Metropolitan School District and Employment Connection working together to promote employment in healthcare environments by offering information, education and support to students and adults interested in pursuing healthcare careers.

Healthy Careers Initiative website has a healthcare career video at <http://www.healthy-careers.org/teachers/index.php?page=video>. The site also has healthcare career info sheets for educators to use with students.

The Hard Hatted Women initiative in Ohio trains women for work in trades and technical careers—any job requiring a hard hat. In the construction and highway industries a woman can become a painter, pipefitter, electrician, carpenter, operating engineer or other tradeswoman. Or, she can become a project manager, technician, engineer or architect. There are many pathways towards these careers. Most trade careers begin with graduation from a registered apprenticeship program. Once a woman completes the training, she can get paid well to build upon her trade skills, while also earning college credit for the work.

http://www.hardhattedwomen.org/JOBS/construction_jobs.asp

Thoughts On Leadership

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