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Upcoming Events

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
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ESOL Basics (Fall PD Day)
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Columbus, OH

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

November 11, 2010
Accountability: What Does All This Data Mean to Me? (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
Using Instructional Technologies in the ABE Classroom (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 12-13, 2010
Ohio TESOL 2010 Conference
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH
(Registration available at www.ohiotesol.org)

November 18, 2010 – 10:00 -11:00 a.m. and 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Internet for Developing Lesson Plans and Ideas
Illuminate Webinar – Alternative Delivery

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

January 13 & 14, 2010
Creating Websites
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

January 28, 2011
Support Staff Training: Communication Skills
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 ABE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

February 23, 2011 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Support Staff Training: Instructional Support
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

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

March 10, 2011 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Support Staff: Accountability
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

Webinar available: *From GEDs to College Degrees*

A new professional development offering has been added to the training calendar!

This archived webinar is entitled *From GEDs to College Degrees: The Adult Education Transitions Collaboration between Jefferson County Public Schools and Jefferson Community and Technical College* presented by Julie Scoskie, Director of Jefferson County Public Schools Community Support services.

In this webinar Julie Scoskie describes the origins of the partnership, the policy environment and political imperatives and internal issues that occurred in the partnership. She discusses the differences between transitions and concurrent enrollment, explains how it works in Kentucky as well as the impact they are seeing on students.

Upon registration, you will receive an email with a link and a list of reflection questions and further instructions.

Participants will be eligible for a \$30 stipend.

To register, please go to:

http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail_prelogin.cfm?ItemsID=1909

Introduction to American Sign Language

This alternative delivery course will provide an overview of deaf culture, finger spelling and the basics of American Sign Language. After watching an introductory slideshow, participants will be directed to www.lifeprint.com, a website developed by Dr. William Vicars. You will participate in finger spelling lessons, finger-spelling practice, and lessons 1-5 of basic American Sign Language. Each lesson will be followed by a practice quiz to review and test your new skills. To register, please visit the RCN Calendar and scroll to the Special Needs section of the Alternative Delivery Page.

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

Former Dropouts “Get on Track”

CLEVELAND – by Deb Lee

It's taken more than 20 years, but Harvey Crawford is now a high school graduate.

Crawford, 46, received his G.E.D. Thursday night through the Cleveland Municipal Court's

"Get on Track" program.

"Get on Track" is a probation program that allows judges to send defendants who are high school drop outs back to school instead of jail. Crawford dropped out of school in 1983.

"I got in a little trouble," he said. "I had a drug habit, but I eventually kicked the habit."

Now that he's got his G.E.D., Crawford plans to pursue an Associate's Degree in Information Technology.

"Not only will he improve," Judge Emanuella Groves said, "but he's going to be an encouragement for those who are considering dropping out and he can encourage them by example." For complete story, please visit:

http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/former-dropouts-'get-on-track'-

Ohio ABLE Library Network

The new centralized system is available online at www.ohioablelibrary.org

Recently the Resource Center Network (RCN) combined its four libraries into one centralized system. Now, ABLE staff can go to one webpage and search FOUR libraries at once. What's more, the ABLE ID allows staff to login to the PD system AND the Library!

To borrow a resource:

Visit ohioablelibrary.org,
Login to your account using your ABLE ID,
Search for the book, video, or manipulative,
Click "Reserve/Hold" on the right and then,
Click "Reserve" to submit.

Video tutorial for the new Ohio ABLE Library system.

View the 10 minute video tutorial on using the new Ohio ABLE Resource Center Network Library system's online catalog here <http://www.neable.org/library/overview>

Job Opportunity

Literacy Secondary Coaching Job Opportunity

Scholastic is looking to hire secondary literacy coaches in the Cleveland area. They are looking for part-time coaches in two Cleveland high schools, either two full days a week or five half-days per week. If you are interested contact: Lois Bridges at 650-941-0606 or loisbridges@earthlink.net

Matt's Tech Tips

Technology Trainings

Take part in these three 1 hour Elluminate sessions to receive a \$30 stipend.

Web Conference - Northeast (Archived)

This is an informational session to introduce participants to web conferencing tools, such as Elluminate. Participants will have the opportunity to set up Elluminate on their home or work computer system and view the recorded webinar (from September 9, 2010). Sign up at:

http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail_prelogin.cfm?ItemsID=1880

Internet for developing lesson plans and ideas - November 18, 2010 (10:00-11:00 am and 4:00-5:00pm)

This Elluminate session is designed to help participants navigate the mazes of webpage hyperlinks to find useful and authoritative educational sources on the Internet for lesson planning and classroom ideas. Sign up for either session at:

http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail_prelogin.cfm?ItemsID=1843 or
http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail_prelogin.cfm?ItemsID=1902

Creating a class website – January 13, 2011 (4:00-5:00 pm and January 14, 2011(10:00-11:00 am)

This Elluminate session is designed to get participants started with creating class websites using website building services like Weebly.com. Participants will receive instruction on creating content and be supported as they independently develop their own class website. Sign up for either session at:

http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail_prelogin.cfm?ItemsID=1906 or
http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail_prelogin.cfm?ItemsID=1907



The Resource Room

Alternative Delivery

Little Bee by Chris Cleave, is the story of two women whose lives are changed forever on a beach in Nigeria. The book intertwines the stories of these two women, and through their stories, gives fascinating perspective on what it is like to be a refugee in a culture that often doesn't make sense.

Little Bee was the first book selected for the Virtual Book Club Elluminate Webinar, which took place on October 21, 2010. The Virtual Book Club was a success with registrants posting their thoughts to the book club blog and actively participating in the book club Elluminate Webinar discussion session.

We are now offering *Little Bee* as an alternative delivery professional development training.

To register for *Little Bee*, please go to the Alternative Delivery section of the Training Calendar.

http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail_prelogin.cfm?ItemsID=1919

PD System Notices about Requesting a Stipend for Alternative Delivery Activities

You must return all materials first, the Resource Center marks **Attended All** in the system, indicating that you completed the activity, and then you will be able to [Request Stipend](#) in the system.

Cultural Adventures



Designers of welcome center prepare Cleveland's pitch to the world: Global Village by Robert L. Smith, Cleveland Plain Dealer

Plans for a Cleveland international welcome center are advancing toward something real, no doubt to the surprise of many. The public is invited to come and learn more about a vision that no longer seems like an impossible dream.

It was 10 years ago that young civic leaders first proposed an assertive effort to attract global talent to Cleveland in hopes of connecting the region to the New Economy.

The complete article can be found at:

http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2010/10/designers_of_a_welcome_center.html

Speaking of Lesson Plans

The Math Used in Professional Auto Racing - The math used in professional auto racing covers virtually every mathematical concept taught in school today. The successful professional racing teams use every mathematical advantage they can to win. They design their cars, measure their car's average speed, calculate instantaneous speed, and more. Many teams have full time statisticians to keep track of all the numbers and how they can use the numbers to win more races.

<http://www.mathworksheetscenter.com/mathtips/autoracingmath.html>

Top 10 Tips for Incorporating Thanksgiving Themes in Your Classroom

Unlike the other holidays that arise during the fall and winter months of the school year, the Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated by the majority of students. However, making handprint turkeys does not usually fill out a lesson plan. There are several creative and fun ways that help your class appreciate the holiday of Thanksgiving.

<http://www.worksheetlibrary.com/teachingtips/thanksgiving.html>

Websites to Explore

The Community – A Newsletter for GED Testing Professionals and Adult Educators
GED Testing Service Answers Your Questions. September's questions are from GED instructors.

http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/etp/pros/The_Community_0910.htm#trig

Welcome to LINC'S Resource Collection News!

In this edition, we feature the Workforce Competitiveness Collection, which covers the topics of workforce education, English language acquisition, and technology. Each month Collections News features one of the three LINC'S Resource Collections—Basic Skills, Program Management, and Workforce Competitiveness—and introduces research-based resources that you can use in your adult and family literacy programs and classrooms.

<http://viewpage.benchmarkemail.com/c/v?9tSN8Jgb1CZLveifEwbtuA8yWHbZ5TLGCaAmoqaUB7oZ4i%252Bq0MtQIJqzaoRldUsLyODntTr7bDqPq3%252FAfC5JEU2FJ3G95fnZ>

Thoughts On Leadership

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