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Upcoming Events

Spring PD Day April 14, 2011	Learning to Achieve	Embassy Suites, Columbus, OH
Spring PD Day April 14, 2011	ESOL Basics: Language Acquisition	Embassy Suites, Columbus, OH
April 20, 2011	Speaking Student-to- Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to Post-Secondary and Self- Advocacy	Alternative Delivery
April 27, 2011	Technology PD: Assistive Technology in the ABLEResource Classroom	Alternative Delivery
May 6, 2011	New Teacher Orientation	Northeast ABLEResource Center Henn Mansion Euclid, OH
May 18, 2011	Speaking Student-to- Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to Post-Secondary and Self- Advocacy	Alternative Delivery
May 25, 2011	Technology PD: Graphic Organizers & Smart Art	Alternative Delivery
June 7, 2011	Speaking Student-to- Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to Post-Secondary and Self- Advocacy	Alternative Delivery
June 15, 2011	Technology PD: Open Forum	Alternative Delivery

OAAACE Conference Registration

Registration is open!

**OAAACE *Navigating Change* Conference
April 14 and 15, 2011 at the Embassy Suites-Dublin**

Register on the RCN Calendar of Events at: <http://tiny.cc/u3a2w>

Online Registration deadline if Wednesday, April 6, 2011, after this date you will have to register on-site.

Thursday, April 14- Annual Meeting / Full Day Pre-Conference Sessions

The Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education (OAAACE) is pleased to present a variety of stimulating, high interest pre-Conference sessions that will appeal to many members. Speakers and panelists will include national advocacy expert Art Ellison, OLEA Leadership Academy facilitators, and state trainers on ESOL Basics, Learning to Achieve, Power Standards, Math and Technology. A continental breakfast and the OAAACE Annual Meeting will be held prior to the start of pre-conference sessions. Lunch will be provided at no charge for OAAACE Conference paid registrants.

Friday, April 15 – Concurrent Sessions / Scholarships & Awards Luncheon

Concurrent sessions are a wonderful opportunity for colleagues to share their knowledge and expertise in serving adult learners. Presentations will be geared around the event theme, *Navigating Change*, with topic strands to include: Instructional Technology; OBR/ODE Updates; Transitions to Post Secondary Education; Transitions to Workplace; Assessment; Communications/Marketing; ESOL; Support Services; Leadership/Program Management; and Corrections/Re-Entry Programs. A continental breakfast and the OAAACE Scholarship & Awards Luncheon will be held in conjunction with this day's events.

The Discounted Hotel Room Rate has been extended and is available through Monday, March 28th. Information is below, please book as soon as possible if you plan to attend!

Hotel event registration is available through the Embassy Suites, Dublin at \$119.99/night. Hotel stay includes evening hospitalities and hot breakfast buffet. Please identify Ohio Association for Adult & Continuing Education when registering. Room reservations can be made at the conference hotel through the link provided or by calling the phone number listed: http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CMHESES-OCE-20110413/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Group Name: Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education

Group Code: OCE

Check in: 13-APR-2011

Check out: 15-APR-2011

Hotel Name: [Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin](#)

Hotel Address: 5100 Upper Metro Place

Dublin, Ohio

43017

Phone Number: 614-790-9000

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RCN Financial Support - may be available to cover OAAACE conference costs.

Review the PD policy for details regarding reimbursement eligibility. Please note that if you have received any stipend or reimbursement this year, you are ineligible to receive conference support in the form of RCN paid registration or reimbursement.

Step 1: Determine your eligibility for OAAACE Conference Financial Support from the RCN:

Conference Guidelines There is a limited pool of funds available to support conference attendance and that will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

1. Applicants requesting reimbursement for a state conference must work more than seven (7) hours per week paid from ABLE funds and must have 12 months or more of ABLE experience.
2. Allowable costs to support reimbursement of conference attendance include items such as conference registration, meals and lodging, parking and cab/shuttle. Financial support will be paid for documented costs only; receipts are required.
3. If you choose to be supported by the RCN, \$ 115.00 (OAAACE member rate) will be paid directly to OAAACE for your registration. Attendees will have up to \$ 135.00 available as reimbursement to cover conference lodging and food. **The total amount allowable per attendee is \$ 250.00.**
4. Conferences must be on the attendee’s approved IPDP and must be submitted to the RRC for approval of financial support prior to attendance.
5. Check your PD history on the online PD Calendar, review your IPDP and/or contact your Regional Resource Center if you are still not sure.

Step 2: Log on to the Online PD [Calendar of Events](#) and follow the directions for OAAACE registration.

Step 3: If eligible, request both the registration fee be paid and estimate (up to \$ 135.00) the financial support for lodging and food costs.

EMSI CAREER PATHWAYS

Last year WIA funds were used to purchase EMSI services for ABLE programs and their partners. EMSI is a web-based software that can provide reports to better understand regional labor markets, industries, occupations, demographics, workforce trends, economics impacts, skills, job compatibility, educational attainment, and more -- at almost any level of geographic detail. The software is user-friendly and web-based. The Career Pathways feature reveals the transferability of workers' competencies (knowledge, skills and abilities) from one occupation to another. The software can be used to help move jobseekers from declining occupation to high-growth occupations, as well as, to recommend specific training for retooling the skill sets of displaced workers.

The Northwest Resource Center has been working with EMSI staff to setup informational webinars for individuals interested in learning more about the EMSI Career Pathways features and how this system can be used to assist your students. The webinars are approximately 1 - 1 1/2 hours in length and individuals can sign up to participate through the [RCN Calendar of Events](#). We will be offering three morning and three afternoon sessions prior to OAAACE. There

will be a panel presentation at OAACE, where ABLE program staff will share information on how they are currently using EMSI Career Pathways in their programs.

Informational training webinar dates:

Monday, March 28, 2011 @ 10:00am
Monday, March 28, 2011 @ 3:00pm
Thursday, March 31, 2011 @ 10:00am
Thursday, March 31, 2011 @ 3:00pm
Thursday, April 7, 2011 @ 10:00am
Thursday, April 7, 2011 @ 3:00pm

We currently have seat licenses available for ABLE program staff that are interested in using this software to assist their students in determining a career pathway. Programs interested in seat licenses or who would like more information, should contact the Northwest ABLE Resource Center at 567-661-2512.

Eureka Lesson Plan of the Month

Are your students aware that a system of linear equations is a collection of two or more linear equations that are being solved simultaneously and involve the same set of variable?

If they look puzzled when you ask this question, you are in luck because from April to August 2011, the Eureka! Lesson Plan of the Month

<http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/lessonplans/index.html> will focus on Systems of Linear Equations.

These five lessons on linear algebra are important concepts for your students working on the ABLE Advanced Certificate and play a prominent role in engineering, physics, chemistry, computer science and economics. Excellent lessons to prepare students for their postsecondary experience!

45th Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit Presentations

The 45th Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit was held on March 17-19, 2011. The TESOL Online Learning Center will have recordings of all sessions as audio-synchronized PowerPoint presentations and as downloadable MP3 files that you can upload onto your iPod. Attendees receive a discounted package of presentations as a special benefit, but the presentations will be available to everyone after the convention. Watch the TESOL Web site at:

http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/index.asp and the TESOL English Language Bulletin for details.

The Change Agent: *Adult Education for Social Justice: News, Issues, and Ideas Issue 32 - March 2011 - Staying Safe in a Toxic World*

The Change Agent is the biannual publication of The New England Literacy Resource Center. Each issue of the paper helps teachers incorporate social justice content into their curriculum. The paper is designed for intermediate-level ESOL, ABE, GED, and adult diploma classes. Each issue focuses on a different topic that is relevant to learners' lives.

Copies of the March, 2011 issue of *The Change Agent* are now available through the Northeast ABLE Resource Center. Please contact us at info@neable.org



The Resource Room

New in the Library

Process of English and Civics Education : ESL Curriculum for Adults by Pasadena, CA: California Literacy, Inc.
Picture based curriculum for English and civic education.

Laughing at Stress by Loretta La Roche.
Norwalk, Ct: AudioVision, 1998.

DVD

23 Minute Video about how laughing and learning go hand in hand. How to react to stress.....

Laughing At Stress by LaRoche, Loretta
The Humor Potential, Inc. 1997

Video

Using humor to manage stress.

Classic American Short Stories by Compass Publishing, 2009.

Stories by Washington Irvine, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Sarah Orne Jewett, Jack London, and James Fenimore Cooper. Includes MP3 audio CD.

Matt's Tech Tips



Tip of the Week:

Find Cheap Books Online

Purchasing books for the classroom can be an expensive proposition. Used and old editions of books can be found online at steeply discounted prices.

Armed with an ISBN number, a simple Google search will link you to dozens of sites selling new and used copies. Sites like Amazon.com and AbeBooks.com are also good sources that connect you to lots of book sellers. Just make sure you do a little homework to verify you are dealing with a reputable reseller by checking customer comments and reviews.

Cultural Adventures



Global Village, by Robert L. Smith

The Cleveland International Film Festival brings the movies of the world to Cleveland this week. To many, it also makes the world a smaller place. Among the more than 300 films that will show at Tower City Cinemas across 12 days are dozens that resonate in Greater Cleveland's cultural communities.

The foreign films help immigrants to reconnect with the homeland. They offer nationality groups an opportunity to rally cultural pride.

To learn more about the festival and the opportunities to engage with a distinct cultural group, visit www.clevelandfilm.org or call 216-623-3456.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

April 1865

Monday, April 4th & Monday, April 11th at 6:00 am/est, 5:00 am/cst

April 1865 covers the key turning points of this month, from President Abraham Lincoln's second inauguration to the final laying down of arms by the Confederacy. This program explores Lincoln's statesmanship in ushering the nation toward compromise and the conclusion of the war. The thesis of this program- that the terms of peace are as determinative historically as the terms of war- makes this documentary an excellent addition to history, political science, and government courses. Teachers may want to use clips from this program to add to their course units and lesson plans on the Civil War.

http://emailupdates.history.com/History/history-classroom/hosted-2011-0323.htm?et_cid=23149548&et_rid=705391081&linkid=http%3a%2f%2femailupdates.history.com%2fHistory%2fhistory-classroom%2fhosted-2011-0323.htm

Curriculum Links:

This documentary will be very useful in U.S. history, government, political science, and current events courses. It is suitable for 8th grade students and above, including community college.

Teacher's Guide Available:

http://www.history.com/images/media/pdf/April_1865_StudyGd.pdf

Learning English for Beginners - Beginning ESL/EFL

English learning materials for beginning level English learning including grammar, listening, vocabulary, reading, writing, reference, quizzes and a free online course as well as free lesson plans for ESL/EFL teachers.

http://esl.about.com/od/beginningenglish/Learning_English_for_Beginners_Beginning_ESL_EFL.htm

Websites to Explore

PBS Video celebrates Women's History Month by looking back at some extraordinary women in history. <http://video.pbs.org/feature/197/>

The Library of Congress teaching with primary sources
<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/>

Thoughts On Leadership

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