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TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS



USCIS Civics Workshop 3/4/11

USCIS Offers Fee Waivers!

Form I-912 can be filed to waive fees for the following forms: I-90, I-191, I-751, I-765, I-817, I-821, I-881, N-300, N-336, N-400, N-470, N-565, N-600, N-600K; and certain Humanitarian, Conditional waivers and also Biometrics.

Visit www.uscis.gov/i-912 to download the form and get started.

Web Resources

English Learning Apps for iPhone, iPad and Android

www.redriverpress.com/apps.php
www.cambridgeenglishonline.com/learnenglishmobile/index.html

ESL Activities for adults -

www.thunderbay.org/article/esl-activities-for-adults-137.asp

Low Level Activities for Adult ESL

www.susangaer.com/studentprojects/low.pdf

TEFL Non-Stick Teaching “25 ways of being a good teacher” <http://ddeubel.edublogs.org/2010/11/15/tefl-non-stick-teaching/>

Ohio ABLE Library.org

- Citizenship and Beyond, R. Emigh, 2009
- Citizenship: Passing the Test, L. Weintraub, New Readers Press, 2008.
- Citizenship Now, K. Higelman, McGraw Hill, 2009
- Future US Citizens, S. Lynn, Pearson, 2011
- U.S. Citizen, Yes: Preparing for Citizenship R. Magy, Heinle Cengage, 2010

Request titles at www.ohioablelibrary.org.



Call for Proposals!

It's time to increase the rigor of your professional growth and become a presenter. Practical, hands-on sessions are always popular. Presenting to your peers is an opportunity to share some of the great activities and strategies you use with your students.

Ohio TESOL Conference – November 11-12, 2011, Hyatt Regency, Columbus

Bridging Divides: From the Classroom to the Real World

Submit online at: <http://ohiotesol.org/mod/resource/view.php?inpopup=true&id=39>

Deadline is **June 15, 2011**.

TESOL Convention – March 28-31, 2012, Philadelphia, PA

A TESOL Declaration of Excellence

Submit online at: www.tesolmedia.com/convention2011/docs/2012TESOLCall.pdf

Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

CAL PD Website!

Developing Oral Proficiency of Adults Learning English at www.cal.org/adultspeak

The Center for Applied Linguistics announces its new professional development website. This free online resource is a self-paced professional development module designed for adult ESL teachers who want to know more about improving students' English speaking and listening skills. You will find information about needs assessment, oral proficiency and standardized assessment, video clips of adult ESL students at different English proficiency levels, and almost 100 speaking and listening instructional activities to enrich your classroom practice.

The CAL Solutions website is the new home for all of CAL's free resources including Adult ESL Resource Database, CAELA Briefs and Digests. Visit www.cal.org/adultesl/resources/index.php to take a look at the new site.

ESOL Assessments

This year four standardized tests have been approved for reporting and tracking of your ESOL ABLE students. For the first year, we have tests that assess all four language skills. As we know, it is good practice to assess ESOL students in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing since no one skill is taught in isolation. It is also important to target assessments to student goals. Current assessments include:

- **BEST Plus** assesses listening and speaking skills for NRS ESOL levels 1-6. The computer-adaptive version may be purchased at a discount (\$.90/test) through the Northeast ABLE Resource Center.
- **BEST Literacy** assesses literacy skills of reading and writing for NRS ESOL levels 1-5 only. Forms B, C, & D may be purchased at a discount (\$1.50/test) through the Northeast ABLE Resource Center.
- **CASAS Reading and Reading for Citizenship** assess reading skills for NRS ESOL levels 1-6 as well as ABE/ASE 1-6. This test is appropriate for ESOL students transitioning to ABE. It may be purchased at www.casas.org.
- **TABE CLAS-E** assesses listening, speaking and reading and writing. Programs may use CLASE to report on the following: listening/speaking combined, reading separately, writing separately or reading/writing combined. Tests should be ordered through CTB-McGraw Hill directly. The order form with special Ohio pricing is attached to this email.

The Northeast ABLE Resource Center is also responsible for BEST Plus and TABE CLAS-E required trainings. **Please let us know if you are interested in trainings in either BEST Plus or TABE CLAS-E so we can schedule upcoming events.**