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Program Professional Development Plans PPDPs are due to OBR on August 26th.

The Resource Center is available to assist directors in completing the process. In fact, we're *step 6!* (From the PD Policy... *Step 6. With consultation from the regional resource center, complete the PPDP template (Form 1), identifying professional development needs, personnel and delivery methods.* We sign it and then you send it off. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

We can arrange for a meeting, phone conference, webinar or emailing. Please note that Gloria will need to sign the PPDP before it is submitted to OBR on August 26th. (See template on page 7 of the PD Policy). The goal for FY12 is to provide programs a bigger opportunity for more customized training. In addition, regional trainings will still be offered. A major benefit to policy changes allows the resource centers to offer a wider variety of training. For example, the RCs can offer hour-long webinars on a specific topic as they are no longer tied to the 2.5 or 5 hour rule for trainings. Flexibility is also a plus.

Contact us , share your ideas and let us know how we can help!

Gloria

PD and Stipends/reimbursements Information

The deadline for requesting stipends or reimbursements was June 15, 2011. However, staff can still sign up for trainings and alternative delivery opportunities. Upon completion, they will receive a certificate for your/their records.

If you have any questions, please contact the Northeast ABE Resource Center at 800-361-7076 or info@neable.org.

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Upcoming Events

August 12, 2011	TABE CLAS-E Training for FY12 – This training is mandatory for staff who will administer the test.	Bellville, OH
September 16, 2011	TABE CLAS-E Training For FY12 – This training is mandatory for staff who will administer the test.	Cincinnati, OH

Summer Classes

A list of ABLÉ programs that are holding summer classes can be found as an attachment to the Friday NewsBriefs.

Please let us know of your summer class schedule so we can include it in the listing. info@neable.org or 800-361-7076.

Thinkfinity Literacy Network Announcement From ProLiteracy and the National Center for Family Literacy

Some of the courses previously taken on the Thinkfinity Literacy Network (TLN) will no longer be available. Please read on to learn about changes that will be taking place with TLN. Thinkfinity is pleased to share with you two new websites from ProLiteracy and the National Center for Family Literacy where you can find great—and FREE—resource materials.

Two New Websites to Support Literacy

For many years TLN has been part of Verizon Thinkfinity, a consortium of national organizations that produce free online instructional resources with funding from the Verizon Foundation.

ProLiteracy and the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) have shared responsibility for developing the resources on TLN.

Beginning on July 1, 2011, TLN will be retired so that they can better serve the family literacy and adult literacy communities through two new websites: Wonderopolis and ProLiteracy Education Network. NCFL's Wonderopolis (available at wonderopolis.org) provides resources for families, literacy programs and teachers working with families.

For people and programs that work with adult learners, ProLiteracy is launching a new website called [ProLiteracy Education Network](http://proliteracyednet.org) (or EdNet for short). Available on July 1 at proliteracyednet.org, the new site will offer courses as well as other useful resources.

The Media Library of Teaching Skills (MLoTS)

The Media Library of Teaching Skills (MLoTS) has a new Adult Secondary Education/GED classroom video, "Writing: the Five Paragraph Essay," with Clinton Massachusetts GED teacher, Brenna Kane and some of her GED students.

There are other Adult Secondary Education, ESOL/ESL, Family Literacy, Numeracy, Reading and Writing classroom videos, that link to over 70 adult education videos made by others. MLoTS is the "go to" web site for adult education professional development videos, a "video window on other teacher's classrooms." You will find copies of a lesson plan aligned to state curriculum frameworks and standards, upon which each lesson was designed, and questions for you and other adult education teachers to use in professional development discussions.

Please have a look at <http://mlots.org>, and that you will add your comments and questions to the video web pages. In some cases, the teachers in the videos will respond.

Deadline Extended!

OHIO TESOL Call for Proposals

Ohio TESOL Conference in conjunction with the Lau Center
Bridging Divides: From the Classroom to the Real World
November 11 and 12, 2011
Hyatt Regency, Columbus Ohio

Ohio TESOL welcomes proposals for sessions at its 2011 conference. Proposals are accepted in

two categories – non-commercial sessions and commercial sessions.

General Presentations: This Call for Proposal form is for submissions that are non-commercial in nature. You may submit your general proposal electronically [here](#) or go to www.ohiotesol.org. **Presenter discounts include the following: The main presenter receives \$50 off the registration fee and 50% of the fee for one night at the Hyatt hotel.** Contact ohiotesol@gmail.com for more information.

Proposals are now due Wednesday, June 22, 2011!

Matt's Tech Tips

Two Links

The first link is a list compiled on Wikipedia of educational video websites available at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_educational_video_websites . Most of these sites are free to access, with a few that also offer subscription based services. Topics vary depending on the site and many carry content from multiple disciplines.

The second link is for a site called Open Culture available at www.openculture.com. Open Culture is a site that organizes and lists free cultural and educational media on the web. From their site, you can find free audio books, online courses, movies, language lessons, eBooks, and more



The Resource Room

New in the Library

Four Thousand Essential Words 5 by Paul Nation

A six-book series that is designed to focus on practical high-frequency words to enhance the vocabulary of learners from high beginning to advanced levels. The series presents a variety of words that cover a large percentage of the words that can be found in many spoken or written texts. Each unit presents 20 words that are defined and used in sample sentences. At the end of each unit is a story which contains the unit's target words to give the learners further examples of word use.

Recipes for Tired Teachers: Well-Seasoned Activities for the ESOL Classroom by Christopher Sion.

This book offers 81 classroom proven strategies to build or reinforce language skills at any learning level.

New to English: First Steps to Academic Success by Thomas Bye

New to English is the introductory level for On Location, a four level academic reading and writing program for English learners.

Cultural Adventures



There are so many terrific cultural events happening in Cleveland (check the Calendar of Events at <http://www.clevelandpeople.com/calendar.htm> but here are 3 that stand out.

Friday, June 17 at Cleveland City Hall Rotunda, Worldwide Intercultural Network – Cleveland presents an **International Arts Show & Bazaar**. This free event features Global Art and Local Artists. Begins at 6PM – admission free. Cultural art, music, food, performances – and people!

Sunday, June 26th is the 22nd annual **International Folk Festival**. It is a free event at Wade Oval in University Circle running from noon to 6PM. A terrific lineup of international music, dance and performances.

Sunday, August 28 will be the annual **One World Day** in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens. The host garden this year is the Ukrainian Garden. Musical performances, swearing in of new citizens and of course the Parade of Nations. More details soon.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

Welcome to LINCS Resource Collection News!

In this edition, we feature the Program Management Collection, which covers the topics of Assessment, Learning Disabilities, and Program Improvement. Each month Collections News features one of the three LINCS 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://visitor.benchmarkemail.com/c/v?e=CB86C&c=A72D&l=5017A24&email=VVhqvmYW7GL6nS%2BwQ%2FwgUw%3D%3D&relid=C6EC15A>

Check It Out

Math, Family & Consumer Science (ABLE)

Level: GED (grades 9 - 12)

This self-directed lesson will review the check writing process while building mental-math skills and providing insight into careers and real-life contexts. Various websites will be used to create a realistic view of independent adult living—it really is an eye opener.

Summer Science Recipes: Experiments on the Grill and in the Kitchen

Summer kitchens are perfect laboratories for inquisitive minds. Food science is an exciting field that uses skills and concepts from just about every science discipline imaginable: biology, chemistry, engineering, and math are just the beginning! Whether you choose to simply observe what happens in and around the kitchen or you try to stir a few things up on your own, you'll have plenty of fun and learn science principles. This self-directed lesson can be used to help generate ideas about the most scientifically sound ways to prepare foods safely and efficiently during the summer season. It also uses the GED Connection Science Workbook, so you can build and practice the skills necessary to prepare for the GED Science test.

<http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/adulted/lessons/lesson44.html>

Websites to Explore

Excellent ESL Websites

We all know that you need to practice, practice, practice if you want to improve your English. Check out the following ESL links to get additional practice in grammar, reading, writing, vocabulary, and listening skills. These websites are free and you can use them from home.

<http://faculty.deanza.fhda.edu/madiganjulie/stories/storyReader%248>

GED Help Website for the Adult Learner from Learning Trends.com

Learning Trends believes that knowing how to read, write, and do arithmetic well is important for every individual, regardless of age. This includes but is not limited to educators, tutors, students, GED prep, and parents who home school.

http://www.learningtrends.com/GED_websites.htm

Thoughts On Leadership

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