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Summer is Here!

Summer class schedules are available on our website at <http://www.neable.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Summer-Class-List-revisd.pdf>. The Resource Center staff will be available through the summer. Friday NewsBriefs will resume in August.

TABE CLAS-E trainings have been scheduled for August 12, 2011 and September 16, 2011. For more details and to register, please visit the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.

Summer Reading

Alternative delivery trainings and materials from the library are available. Encourage your staff to take advantage of these opportunities! Summer is also a great time for teachers to schedule a Make It/Take It. This training gives them the opportunity to visit the Resource Center and take advantage of all the resources we have available. Teachers can create lesson plans, assemble manipulatives, make toolkits, raid the library, and use the copier and laminator to create all sorts of new tools for their classrooms.

To check out our alternative delivery training opportunities and register, visit the training calendar at http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/northeast/calendar_results_alternative_p_relogin.cfm

To schedule a visit to the Resource Center or a Make It/Take It, contact us at (800)361-7076 or send us an e-mail at info@neable.org.

GED Testing Policy Changes

Beginning July 1, 2011 there will be no wait period for GED testing. Should students not be successful on one or more sections of the test, students will be permitted to schedule immediately upon receiving test results. Teachers are still encouraged to work with students on the various subject areas on which they were not successful.

According to GEDTS Policies and Procedures Manual:

“In order to achieve a passing score, GED candidates shall be permitted to re-test on the entire battery or on certain test(s) in the battery in accordance with the following:

A) Candidates may not test more than three times on any individual test in a contract year (January 1 to December 31).

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!! Students will NOT have the ability to place a 4th application in our system. All students will need to wait until January 1st of the following year to schedule for testing.”

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 with 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

Have a Healthy Summer!

Check out the great health literacy resources and videos that can be found at <http://www.healthliteracywisconsin.org/>.