

Friday NewsBriefs



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Professional Development Opportunities

RCN Fall PD Day

The RCN Fall PD Day is just two weeks away on November 4th! The event will be held in Delaware, OH and trainings being offered include

- Assessment Fundamentals
- BEST Plus Training
- Building Better Writers
- ESOL Basics
- Accountability: What Does All This Data Mean?
- Infusing Technology into Your Lessons
- Algebra That Makes Cents
- Learning to Achieve

There is still space available in all of the sessions being offered. For more information and to register, please visit www.ohioable.org.

Ohio TESOL

Remember the Ohio TESOL Conference is coming up on November 11-12, and the Board of Regents is supporting registration for up to 100 ABLEResource Center staff members. **All** ABLEResource Center staff are eligible for OBR Conference Registration support this year. If you are planning on requesting Board of Regents support for your conference registration, please do

so as soon as possible, as there are still a limited number of slots available.

To request OBR support, please visit

http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail_prelogin.cfm?ItemsID=2207

If you have registered for OBR support, but have not yet submitted your conference registration, please do so! You must register for the conference by October 28th. Additionally, hotel rooms are filling up, so if you still need to book your room, please do so as soon as possible!

Feel free to contact our office with any questions about conference registration.

Professional Development Updates

Now that the PPDPs are complete, let the games begin! We are here to help plan, develop, deliver and support your program's professional development. Please continue to check the ABLE training calendar for new PD opportunities, and call us about any other professional development needs you may have.

News and Updates

English and Pathways in Healthcare-Pilot Class Available

October 22, 2011 - March 17, 2012 on Saturday 9 a.m.-12 noon at Cleveland State University

Foreign trained doctors, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, or other healthcare professionals who want to return to work in their healthcare career but need assistance improving English skills and learning about the U.S. healthcare system should apply. Contact Polaris Career Center Instructor, Denise Friend, at dfriend@polaris.edu or (440) 570-9417. For details on the Columbus class location, contact Tim Harry, Columbus City Schools ABLE ESL Coordinator, at (614) 365-6468.

For more information, please see the attached flyer.

Ohio LMI E-Learning Web Page

The Office of Workforce Development, Bureau of Labor Market Information (LMI) is pleased to introduce a new E-learning web page being added to the Ohio LMI website. The new page has been designed to support the training needs of a variety of workforce professionals in order to increase and improve their use of available labor market information resources. The Bureau of Labor Market Information offers real-time interactive webinars and pre-recorded self guided products to instruct and engage participants across Ohio in how to capitalize on the uses of LMI. To participate in a web-based LMI E-learning experience, visit the new webpage and register today at: <http://OhioLMI.com/eLearn/eLearn.htm>. For additional information about the LMI E-learning web page or the e-learning course offerings please contact Jamie Carmichael at Jamie.Carmichael@jfs.ohio.gov or (614) 387-3635.

NAASLN Grant Opportunity

NAASLN is offering \$500 grants to help teachers purchase supplies, materials, equipment and/or software to assist an adult (16 + and legally released from the K-12 system) special need student/s succeed in the classroom.

This grant is available to NAASLN members only. The grant application is due November 7th. For full details and the grant application, please see the attachment.

Matt's Tech Tip

Cloud storage

Cloud storage is service that allows you to store files online and access them from any computer with an Internet connection. Many sites offer free basic accounts that give you a few gigabytes of storage or you can choose a monthly plan for extra space. A good roundup of cloud storage services to consider can be found at <http://www.practicalecommerce.com/articles/2969-15-Cloud-Storage-Sites>

If you want to know a little more about cloud storage, check out this article from How Stuff Works:

<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/cloud-computing/cloud-storage.htm>.

The Resource Room

Spotlight on Health Literacy

October is Health Literacy Month! Below you'll find some great resources for your classroom to help your students learn about lots of different health related topics.

Bodega Resources

Family Health and Literacy: A Guide to Easy-to-Read Health Education Materials and Web Sites for Families

Developed by World Education, this guide was designed to help integrate health and literacy education in family literacy programs. It includes ideas on how to introduce health, how to engage learners, how to enhance literacy and language acquisition using health, and how to collaborate with local health organizations. There are also listings of easy-to-read health information, lesson plans and teaching activities, online activities to use in class, and activities and games for parents and children to do together. Health educators and practitioners can also benefit from the easy-to-read health information, clearly with adults with limited skills.

Reading Prescription Labels

Produced by Sinclair Community College, this PowerPoint show will help clarify some of the labels and pictures that accompany prescription medicine. Available by request in CD-ROM or hardcopy formats.

The Change Agent, *Health: The Big Picture*

From the Change Agent website:

This issue of the biannual newspaper for adult educators and learners explores students' experiences dealing with health challenges and their individual and community-based responses to those challenges. Learn about the U.S. health insurance industry, student-recommended home remedies, students' experiences of health disparities, the connection between mental and physical health, and much more.

To request any of these resources, please visit

<http://www.neable.org/resources/bodega/bodega-medical-health/>

Remember that all Bodega items are provided at no cost and are yours to keep!

Library Resources

- *Health Stories: Readings and Language Activities for Healthy Choices* (Gianola, 2007)
- *Living in America Series: Understanding Key Health Issues* (New Readers Press, 2007)
- *The Grab Bag of Health: A Collection of Health-Related Activities for ESL Classroom* (Ganong & Ingram, 2003)

Web Resources

The Family Doctor

<http://familydoctor.org/?element=healthfact>

This family doctor information was written at an 8th grade level. There are areas of information for everyone - parents, seniors, men, and women. The site includes information about healthy living, diseases, and much more.

Picture Stories for Adult ESL Health Literacy

http://www.cal.org/caela/esl_resources/Health/

This is a simple set of picture stories for health and emergencies, written for level one students. They come with accompanying lesson ideas.

Cover Your Cough Posters

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/dtopics/infectioncontrol/cover/hcp/hcposter.html>

The Minnesota Department of Health has a Cover Your Cough poster that is available in several different languages. They are available to print right from the website. If you don't have access to a printer, give our office a call and we'd be happy to print them and send them to you!

Thoughts on Persistence

From the Mini Book on Retention Strategies in *The Retention Toolkit*.

In addition to standardized tests, programs should use non-standardized assessment methods such as student portfolios, textbook tests, and observation.

Give students a chance to use journals in class (Teacher's journals can be used to record student progress.)

Hands-on activities and projects can be recorded and used as an assessment tool.