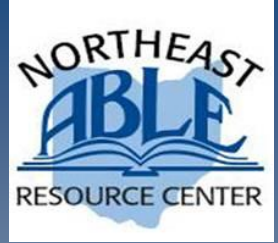


Friday NewsBriefs



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Professional Development Opportunities

Northeast Ohio Learning to Achieve Training

For those of you who still need to complete Learning to Achieve, there's good news! A Learning to Achieve training is being planned in Wayne County for April 13, 2012. This training is open to all programs, and registration is open. A flyer with more information is attached. To sign up, please visit

http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail_prelogin.cfm?ItemsID=2320.

New Teach Orientation

NTO will be offered at the Northeast ABLEResource Center in Euclid on February 24th and 25th. These two trainings will be the last available before the end of the year, so if you have not completed this PD requirement, register today! The 25th is a Saturday, so for those of you who have trouble making it to trainings during the week, this one has your name on it!

Please remember that in order to be able to attend NTO, you must first complete the New Staff Orientation online training.

To register for either of these trainings, please visit www.ohioable.org.

News and Updates

GED Updates

- The GED Application website has been updated, the new link is <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=684&ContentID=13916&Content=117708>. Please note that you can no longer download the paper application, please discard any paper applications that you may still have.

- The policy regarding the GED Age Waiver has changed. Beginning February 1, 2012 all GED® age waiver and parental consent forms will be

submitted for a test taker annually (Jan.-Dec.) For more information, please visit <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/OEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=684&ContentID=7271&Content=119750>

The Museum of Mathematics

Yes, you read right, a Math Museum! The Museum of Mathematics in New York City is opening this year. While it may be too far for a field trip, their website has some great Math activities that you can use with your students! To check them out, please visit <http://momath.org/home/activities/>.

“Five Two Year Degrees That Pay Off”

Check out this article from monster.com about two year degrees from community colleges that lead to high paying careers. This article would be wonderful to share with a transitions class, or a student who is considering post-secondary education options.

["Five Two Year Degrees That Pay Off"](#)

Matt's Tech Tip

Ohio ABLE Calendar System - Director Access

Two reports are available in the Ohio ABLE Calendar System to Directors. The first reports lists the professional development history for staff sorted by main topic or by date. To access these reports, login to the PD System and click on the “Director access” link at the top of the page.



[PD history](#) ||| [Stipends/Payments](#) ||| [Register](#) ||| [Director access](#)

Contact information for

[Edit information](#)

Name							
Name	Title	First	Middle	Last	Suffix	Nickname	Former
ABLE program information							

On the next page, Directors have the option to add new staff members and update existing staff information. Click on the third link to access the available reports.

Staff listing for

Actions

- [Add a new staff member](#)
- [Update/Change staff statuses](#)
- [Available reports](#) (more will be added)

Status	Name	System ID	Position
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The first report lists **completed** staff professional development history by topic. The second report lists **completed** staff professional development history by date with newest entries first.

Available reports

- Professional development history
 - [All staff, sorted by main topic](#)
 - [All staff, sorted by date](#) (newest first)

New reports are being developed, stay tuned! If you have any questions, please contact the Northeast ABLE Resource Center.

The Resource Room

Bodega Resources

New to the Bodega:

- "Career Pathways Toolkit: Six Key Elements for Success"
- "What every immigrant needs to know: Practical information for living and succeeding in the United States"
- "Citizenship Foundation Skills and Knowledge Clusters"
- "Citizenship Advertising Poster"

For more information on these and the other 146 absolutely free resources we have available for you to request (and keep!), visit the Bodega at <http://www.neable.org/resources/bodega/bodega/>.

Library Resources

Students preparing for postsecondary education can use the following Great Courses Lectures to practice higher level listening & note-taking skills.

- *Civil Liberties and the Bill of Rights*, Professor John Finn, The Teaching Company, 2006.
- *How to Become a SuperStar Student*, Professor Tim McGee, The Teaching Company, 1997.
- *Lifelong Health: Achieving Optimum Well-Being at Any Age*, Professor Anthony Goodman, The Teaching Company, 2010.
- *Stress and Your Body*, Professor Robert Sapolsky, The Teaching Company, 2010.

To borrow, visit: www.ohioablelibrary.org.

ProLiteracy Citizenship Resources

From ProLiteracy:

ProLiteracy has made its citizenship collection available once more through the ProLiteracy Education Network. Formerly part of the "Thinkfinity

Literacy Network," this free online collection is located at <http://www.proliteracyednet.org/articles.asp?mcid=2&cid=36&rid=501> and includes self paced teacher training courses, lesson material downloads, podcasts, fact sheet/information downloads, and interactive activities for students.

WorkKeys Resources

KET has posted several WorkKeys resources on the Teachers' Domain website www.teachersdomain.org . Resources are for levels 3-6 in Applied Mathematics, Reading for Information, and Locating Information. Each resource includes a video clip, discussion questions, teaching tips, worksheets and the related Common Core Standards. This link will take you directly to the WorkKeys resources http://www.teachersdomain.org/search/?q=WorkKeys&fq_grade=PK&fq_grade=PS.

Thoughts on Persistence

Drivers of Persistence

From the New England Literacy Resource Center:

Persistence strategies derive their power from the fact that they fulfill the affective needs of adults. The first of these needs, which NELRC refers to as “drivers of persistence” is a *Sense of Belonging and Community*.

“It is human nature that when we feel welcomed, respected, and develop a sense of belonging, we are more apt to return to the setting or task than when those factors are not present. When adults decide to resume their education, their expectations are usually based on whatever their previous educational experiences were like. For some adult learners, the decision to go back to school can be anxiety provoking. They are stepping into unfamiliar territory, possibly without an expectation of belonging there. For that reason, cultivating a sense of belonging from the moment a prospective adult learner comes through the doors or calls is an important persistence strategy. At the most basic level, building community calls for fostering connections among people. Activities and processes that help students and staff get to know one another build trust and camaraderie.”

NCTN Online Persistence Professional Development Opportunity Helping Students Stay: Exploring Program and Classroom Persistence Strategies

Course Dates: February 21-April 9, 2012

Full Course Description:

<http://professionalstudiesae.worlded.org/pdf/LPOvFeb12.pdf>

Course Instructor: Andy Nash

Estimated Completion Time: 24 hours/6 weeks

Course Fee: \$249.00

Registration: <http://professionalstudiesae.worlded.org/index.html#helpstay>

Just For Some Friday Fun (And your Health!)

This made us chuckle, we hope you'll enjoy it too!

From the CAAL Newsletter:

ASCD's recent newsletter on managing stress for educators quoted the Mayo Clinic as recommending laughter as a potent stress defense.

"Laughter fires up and then cools down your stress response...producing a good relaxed feeling. It lightens your mental load and actually causes positive physical changes in your body." [\(Read an on-line copy of the article\)](#)

We get so busy that we sometimes forget to stop and laugh at ourselves or with the world around us--I know I do--or just to engage in a moment of silliness or something magical. So I want to share with you (a) delightful surprise that brings a smile to my face and I hope will to yours. (This) is a 1947 You Tube rendition of Jimmy Durante singing ['The Day I Read A Book!'](#)"