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Upcoming Events

- **New Teacher Orientation Part II**
3/7/2008
9:30am-3:00pm
Henn Mansion
- **Spring Directors' Meeting**
3/11/2008
9:00am-4:00pm
Great Wolf Lodge-Sandusky
- **New Teacher Orientation Part II *SATURDAY***
3/15/2008
9:30am-3:00pm
Henn Mansion
- **Statewide ABLE PD Day**
4/16/2008
9:30am-3:30pm
Columbus, OH
- **OAACE**
4/17-4/18/2008
The Crowne Plaza North
Columbus, OH



ABLE PD Day

ABLE PD Day
April 16, 2008
OCLC, Dublin, OH

- **Lesson Planning Meets the Wild, Wild West – Judy Franks, OLRC**
- **Statewide Algebra Day – Sharon Katterheinrich**
- **Learning Disabilities 202 – Mary Barbara Totten, C/SE ABLE Resource Center**

- **The Portfolio Connection: Connecting Teaching and Learning – Joyce Winters, Northwest ABLEResource Center**
- **♥BEST Plus Training – Christina Theuerling, Northeast ABLEResource Center**
- **Integrating Family Activities into ABLEResource Centers – Dianna Baycich & Connie Sapin**
- **Understanding Your Desk Review – Cindy Penza & Jeff Gove**

****SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR FULL DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION****

No Cost Mammograms & Pap Tests



Eligibility Guidelines:

- Limited income
- No Medicaid/Medicare
- No insurance
- Live in Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Ashtabula or Trumbull counties

For more information and enrollment, call The Breast & Cervical Cancer Project at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health

1-800-443-2168 or 216-201-2062

New One-Stop Partners LD Trainings Offered



The Ohio Initiative for Persons with Learning Disabilities (formerly the LD/TANF Initiative) is offering a new professional development opportunity targeted to local collaborative LD One-Stop system teams and partners, including but not limited to representatives of ABLEResource Centers, AWE, One-Stops, TANF, WIA, colleges, Rehabilitation Services Commission, Mental Health, and others serving people with LD and other disabilities.

This workshop will focus on Assistive/Adaptive Technology (AT) and how to better understand and appreciate how these low and high-tech resources can benefit your staffs and their shared customers.

Attendance is limited to the first 60 people who register for each session. All sessions are the same content, just the locations are different.

The workshop will be offered on four different dates in four different locations.

Please encourage your staff and formal and informal One-Stop partners to register for one of these workshops closest to you. They are:

Athens: <http://tinyurl.com/33bgqo>

March 12th, Baker Center, Ohio University, Athens, OH

Warren: <http://tinyurl.com/2rjcfg>

April 2nd, Warren County One-Stop, Workforce One of Warren County, Lebanon, OH

Lucas: <http://tinyurl.com/2vfy28>

May 16th, Lucas County One-Stop, The Source of Northwest Ohio, Toledo, OH

Summit: <http://tinyurl.com/3b93r6>

June 5th, Summit County One-Stop, The Employment Resource Center, Akron, OH

If you have questions, please contact Jeff Gove at 614.466.5015 or jeff.gove@ode.state.oh.us. Thank you.



OAAACE is Coming...

Online registration will be available March 3rd.

The Annual OAAACE Conference is right around the corner! This year's theme is "The Times, They Are A Changing." The conference will be held April 17-18, 2008 at The Crown Plaza North in Columbus, Ohio. Stay tuned for further information.

USCRI Healthy Living Toolkit



The USCRI Healthy Living Toolkit is designed to educate refugees and immigrants to become proactive health consumers and promoters in their communities.

The Toolkit supports health professionals, health promoters, ESL teachers, resettlement case managers in assisting refugees and immigrants to navigate the health system in order to reduce the health disparities among these populations. The toolkit has been developed in a culturally appropriate manner.

The US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants has recently posted 10 NEW health brochures on their website available in 15 languages at:

<http://www.refugees.org/hltoolkit>

All the brochures are available for download free of charge. **The topics covered in this new batch of brochures are as follows.**

- 1. Violence in the Home**

2. **Health Insurance and Medicaid**
3. **Living with Disabilities in the US**
4. **Personal and Home Hygiene**
5. **Dental Care and Hygiene**
6. **Healthy Pregnancy**
7. **Keeping Your Baby Healthy**
8. **Watching Your Child Grow**
9. **Common Respiratory Infections (Bronchitis, Influenza, and Pneumonia)**
10. **Asthma**

Thinkfinity Literacy Network Gets a Makeover



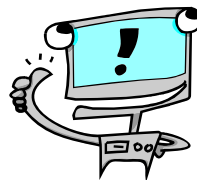
In the coming weeks, the Thinkfinity Literacy Network (TLN) will debut its new look! The new design is engaging and fresh, and is backed by a powerful search engine that will help TLN visitors navigate the depth of content on the site.

While TLN has a new look, it still delivers the same free, top-quality online educational resources for literacy instruction and lifelong learning that you have come to rely on. Teachers, instructors, tutors, librarians, program managers, volunteers, adult learners and parents come to TLN to access:

- More than 50 free online courses
- Exclusive research-based self assessment tools for literacy programs
- Lesson plans, interactive guides, activities and more
- Content created by the premier education experts and organizations
- Stimulating opportunities for professional development

And their partner site – Thinkfinity.org – offers equally exceptional educational resources for K-12 teachers and students. Visit www.thinkfinity.org and click on Literacy Network to check their progress.

Matt's Tech Tips



Know your electronic storage media Continued-Part II

These are the devices and formats used to access and save your digital information. This is also important because of the many formats that your instructional materials and resources are currently being delivered. A basic understanding of these technologies will hopefully enhance your ability to work with different devices and utilize the diverse resources available for your classroom.

First some core concepts:

Storage sizes:

KB = Kilobytes are small, think Word documents

MB = Megabytes are big, think full length mp3 song, a picture slideshow, or short video clip

GB = Gigabytes are huge, think full length feature film with a crisp picture

TB = Terabyte is astronomical to the average user and is a bit of a geek fantasy, we will leave it there

Magnetic

Tapes – (audiocassettes, VHS, DAT) - these are pretty common items in a lot of households. Information is stored on a magnetic tape surface and played back using a compatible device. Often used for long term archiving because of the stability of the medium.

Floppy discs (1.44 MB to 750MB) – 8, 5.25, 3.5 inch floppy, ZIP discs – These were everywhere and many may still use them, but often have a nasty reputation for failing when you need them most.

Hard disk drives (I've seen up to a Terabyte, that's a lot of zeroes) – Main storage device on most computers. The cost per byte for hard drives continues to drop and an external hard drive that plugs into a USB port is becoming more affordable. It is also a good starter device for organizations that have yet to develop a back up plan for their data.



Employment Opportunities

These websites offer listings of over 10,000 jobs available in Northeast Ohio. They could be quite useful to your students. Please pass these resources on!

www.neotechjobs.com

www.jobmagnet.com

Grant Opportunities



Dollar General Adult Literacy Grants

During this request for proposals period, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation will award grants to direct service providers in one or all of the following focus areas ONLY:

- Adult Basic Education
- GED Preparation
- English for Speakers of Other Languages

The deadline for proposals is March 4, 2008. For more information, eligibility and

applications, please visit: www.dollargeneral.com



The Resource Room

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, (USCIS) announced today that it is offering free copies of the [Civics and Citizenship Toolkit](#) to organizations that serve, or that are interested in serving, immigrants. The Toolkit includes immigration and civics publications, handbooks, multimedia tools and guidance on how to use these products to help legal permanent residents integrate into their local communities and American society.

More than 4,000 public libraries have already added the Toolkit to their collections. Recognizing that the Toolkit can be equally useful to other community and faith-based organizations, local government agencies, community colleges, schools and other groups that work with immigrants, USCIS has expanded registration to all immigrant-serving organizations in the United States.

Because there are limited copies, organizations must reserve their copy on a first-come, first served basis through the web at: <http://www.citizenshiptoolkit.gov>. Registration for the free copy is limited to organizations that serve or plan to serve immigrants only. Additional copies are available for purchase through the Government Printing Office at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov> or by calling 1-866-512-1800.

Thoughts on Leadership

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