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## Spring Directors' Meeting

**Tuesday 03/11/2008 9:00am-4:00pm**  
**Great Wolf Lodge, Sandusky**

Registration will begin at 8:30am and the meeting will start promptly at 9:00am. Due to the new ODE guidelines regarding refreshments, there will be no food provided. You're on your own for lunch. Great Wolf Lodge does have a dining facility and we will provide a list of other venues in the area. Rooms are available for \$99.00 per night plus tax. Call 419-609-6000 or 888-779-2327 and ask for the Group Name (0803ABLE). We'll update this calendar as details become available.

Great Wolf Lodge will be offering a pizza buffet from 12:30 to 1:30pm. The buffet will include a salad bar, assorted pizzas, cookies, fountain sodas. The cost will be \$9.95 per person plus 6 1/2% tax, and 18% gratuity. They need an approximate number of how many will be having the pizza buffet, to make sure they have plenty for everyone. **IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON STAYING AT THE GREAT WOLF LODGE FOR LUNCH AND HAVING THE PIZZA BUFFET PLEASE MARK PIZZA BUFFET UNDER SPECIAL NEEDS/DIETARY REQUIREMENTS ON YOUR REGISTRATION.**

## University System Website



The Ohio Board of Regents, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), has expanded the University System webpages with specific information about the transitioning of Adult Workforce Education (AWE) and Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) from ODE's Office of Career-Technical and Adult Education to the Board of Regents. The new content site includes:

- Advisory Committee member list and meeting dates;
- Legislation language regarding the transfer; and
- Selected photos of adult learning services, programs and students

The site is designed to be active through June 2008 to assist with public awareness of information related to the process, procedures and change. To access the front page of the University System website, go to:

<http://universitysystem.ohio.gov/index.php>

For a direct link to the transition page, go to:

<http://universitysystem.ohio.gov/adult-ed/>



## Live Coaching Conversation Demo

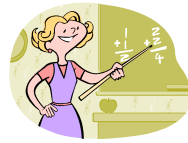
There will be a live Coaching Conversation Demo with Susan Scott on Tuesday, January 29 from 10:00am-11:00am. During this webinar, Susan Scott will conduct a Mineral Rights Conversation with Tom Seeberger. The conversation will be unrehearsed and will demonstrate the power of this model with colleagues, direct reports, or anyone you may be coaching or mentoring.

To register for this webinar, visit:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/716987658>

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## PBS TeacherLine



PBS TeacherLine offers a variety of online professional development options, giving you more opportunities for professional learning. Classes start next week, but there's still time. Register online at: [www.wviz.org/teacherline](http://www.wviz.org/teacherline) for innovative online professional development from PBS TeacherLine with available graduate credit through Ashland or Cleveland State Universities.

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## Toyota Family Literacy Program

The National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) is seeking five school districts to receive an award of \$600,000 each in direct funding and support services to implement the highly successful Toyota Family Literacy Program.

Targeting communities with high or fast-growing Hispanic and other immigrant populations, the program uses a quality family literacy approach to increase basic language and literacy skills. It also provides parents with the specific skills they need to help their children succeed.

Five cities will be selected to receive direct funding, training, technical assistance, materials and other support from NCFL. The opportunity builds on Toyota's commitment to this program, which currently serves 60 elementary schools in 20 cities nationwide.

Visit [www.famlit.org/TFLP-Capability-Survey](http://www.famlit.org/TFLP-Capability-Survey) to view the Capability Survey and find out more information about this exciting opportunity, including coverage of the cities that already benefit from the Toyota Family Literacy Program.

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# Tech Savvy Awards



The deadline for the Verizon Tech Savvy Awards has been extended! NCFL is accepting nominations for the 2008 Verizon Tech Savvy Awards through January 25, 2008, 11:59pm (EST).

The annual awards—established in 2007 by the Verizon Foundation, NCFL, and former First Lady of Iowa, Christie Vilsack—are designed to recognize outstanding programs that help parents bridge the widening gap between adults' and children's understanding of technology.

For guidelines and to apply online, go to <http://www.familit.org/techsavvyawards>

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## Even Start Application Readers Needed

If you are interested in assisting by reading and rating Even Start applications, please complete the bottom portion of this form and **return by April 11, 2008**, to:

**Helen O'Leary**

**Ohio Department of Education**

**Center for Students, Families and Communities**

**Office of Early Learning & School Readiness**

**25 South Front Street, Mail Stop 305**

**Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183**

**or**

**Fax to: (614) 728-2338 Attn: Helen O'Leary**

**See attached form for details.**

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## Matt's Tech Tips



Matt Gambrill, our in-house Library and Technology Assistant will provide quick tips on technology as a new addition to the Friday NewsBriefs.

"To improve the quality of classroom instruction classroom teachers need to be knowledgeable about ways that technology can be used to improve student achievement. The Technology Integration Self Assessment allows teachers to

measure their skills in 12 areas and get a customized professional development plan to improve their skills." *AdultEd Online*

You may recall that John Fleischman, our keynote speaker at last Fall's ABLE Directors' meeting, spoke of the availability of online surveys to assess technology knowledge of ABLE administrators and teachers. Ohio has the opportunity to utilize those surveys. Reports will be generated for each individual, along with a personalized PD plan, and for the program as a whole. Beyond that, Ohio has been given the opportunity to access the cumulative results statewide and by region. **These results will not reveal individual names, but an overall picture of the skills and priorities of Ohio practitioners to use in future planning and development.**

If you haven't done so already, take some time to complete the Adult Ed Online survey available at [www.adultedonline.org](http://www.adultedonline.org). If you would like to view the competencies asked about in the survey, they are available at <http://www.adultedonline.org/TechIntegCompetencies.pdf>.

### **Free Tools**

Try a Gmail account. Google offers free email accounts that come with a host of useful tools including a place to store photos; customized home pages; word processing, spreadsheets, and presentations; shared calendars; feed readers; customized Google Maps; full text books; Blog and Website creation tools; Instant Messaging; and much more.

### **Cool Media**

<http://learner.org/resources/browse.html>

Annenberg Media has been creating and distributing multimedia educational materials since 1981, maintaining a close relationship with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Check out the link above to see some of the resources available.



## **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](http://www.neotechjobs.com)

[www.jobmagnet.com](http://www.jobmagnet.com)

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# 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](http://www.dollargeneral.com)

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## The Resource Room

### **NE RC LIBRARY RESOURCES**

The Cultural Orientation Resource Center at the Center for Applied Linguistics has published the following reports:

Refugees from Burma  
Bhutanese Refugees in Nepal  
The 1972 Burundians  
The Kunama

Download at [www.culturalorientation.net](http://www.culturalorientation.net)  
or request the hardcopy at [www.neablelibrary.org](http://www.neablelibrary.org).

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## Thoughts on Leadership

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