

Preconference

Integrating Career Awareness into ABE and ESOL Classrooms

Presenters: C. Bower, S. Goodman, M. Oesch

Session focused on the toolkit developed by SABES and World Ed. It is available for \$5 to cover shipping or downloadable free from internet. The information was divided into Self-Exploration, Career and Job Information and lastly, Education and Career Planning. Lesson plans seemed relevant to our work in Ohio with EDRs.

Concurrent Sessions

Coordination in Adult Education: Developing Pathways to Post-secondary Training & Employment

Presenters: J. Alamprese/D. Alexander

Session looked more at the research on establishing coordination within ABLE and other systems.

Exploring Comprehension

Presenter: E. Jacobson

Session covered three levels on Comprehension and provided activities to support delving deeper into readings. Lots of interaction.

Lessons Learned from Current Research in Adult Reading

Presenter: J. Alamprese

Session reported on current research project on adult decoding. Curriculum developed by University of Delaware. Two key trends: 1) teachers need at least one year to learn a new curriculum, and 2) there was no correlation between attendance and student gain. Study ends in August – more information and possibly the curriculum coming in the fall 2009.

Writing Easy-to-Read Materials for Adults

Presenter: G. Rice

Session was primarily on word choice. Activities/practice sheets were provided on multiple word choice issues.

Techniques for Teaching Reluctant Writers

Presenter: Dr. Cooper

Session was geared towards LD and writing. Lots of activities. Good for LOW level.

Don't tell me How to Study, Teach me How to Study

Presenter: R. Rennick

Session was good on explaining connections between knowledge level and test questions. Close to Explicit Instruction, but not a perfect match. Referred to Modeling as Imitating.

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Presenter: T. Liston (STAR trainer)

Cute session – lots about connecting to students where they are. Good for teachers in corrections!

Web-based Tutorials

Presenters: T. Valentine and Georgia ABLE Director

Story of Georgia's new NTO. Explained the process they went through. Outcome was LOW-TECH (PDF modules and online testing for mastery). Lots of comparisons to Ohio's process – are we on track????