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# ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS



International Ethnic Fashion Show  
The Great Lakes Consortium Event  
March 7, 2009

## NERC Library Resources

### *EXITO EN EL NORTE / SUCCESS IN THE U.S.*

Produced by Experience Education in cooperation with Iowa State University Extension, these Spanish language DVDs provide life-skills information in a convenient and understandable format. Each DVD comes with a script which is translated practically word by word from Spanish.

- LA EDUCACION - EDUCATION
- LAS FINANCES - FINANCES
- LA AYUDA PUBLICA - PUBLIS ASSISTANCE

Visit [www.neablelibrary.org](http://www.neablelibrary.org) to reserve a DVD with your patron ID and we will send it to you. If you have trouble with this process or need to get a Library patron ID, please call 1-800-361-7076.

## Web Resources

[MakeBeliefsComix.com](http://MakeBeliefsComix.com) - the online comic strip website has a new printable feature! Teachers and students can print interactive comic book pages. There's also a Teacher Resources section with instructional ideas on using comics in the classroom.

**"Money Talks: An ESOL Toolkit for Financial Literacy"** Created by the Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center and available for download at [www.moneytalks.valrc.org](http://www.moneytalks.valrc.org) or in hardcopy by request from the Northeast ABLE Resource Center Bodega online at [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org) or via email [bodega@neable.org](mailto:bodega@neable.org).

### EL/Civics

The Department of Homeland Security has just posted a new start-up guide *Expanding ESL, Citizenship and Civics Education in Your Community*, prepared in partnership with OVAE, that is available for download. The document offers a blueprint for assessing community needs, identifying resources, marketing services, and evaluating performance. The publication features online templates that local programs can adapt for their use, such as a volunteer position description and agreement form as well as student-related forms.



## Questions and Answers from the field...revisited!

### Family Literacy

Since there was only one response to Dianna Baycich's request for examples of family activities in ESOL programs, she has come to the conclusion that perhaps her first question should have been - **What kinds of resources would you need to help you add family literacy activities to your ESOL programs?**

Please respond to Dianna at [dbaycich@literacy.kent.edu](mailto:dbaycich@literacy.kent.edu) Thank you for your help!

### Assessment

What standardized assessments can I use for ESOL reporting?

The OBR approved assessments for tracking progress of Ohio ABLE ESOL students are:

BEST Plus\*

BEST Literacy\*

CASAS - Life and Work series Reading and Listening tests, and the Reading for Citizenship test

\*Available for purchase at a discount through the Northeast ABLE Resource Center. Order form located at [www.neable.org/esol/assessment/assessment](http://www.neable.org/esol/assessment/assessment).

### Transitions Information

Where can I find information on transitions?

The OLRRC and the NWRC are pleased to announce the ABLE Transitions Repository of resources. Click [here](#) to visit the site and find new resources for your students transitioning to ABE, college and the workplace.

## Upcoming PD Opportunities

### COABE Conference

April 18-22, 2009 in Louisville, KY

Register at <http://coabe2009.org>.

### NYTKN Webinar on Understanding and Applying the New TESOL Standards for ESL/EFL Teachers of Adults - "Standards, Strategies, and Resources for Meeting the Diverse Needs of Our Students Through Personal Professional Development"

April 29, 2009, 10:00 am - 11:30 am.

For more information and registration, visit

[http://www.tesol.org/s\\_tesol/seccss.asp?CID=1919&DID=11442](http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/seccss.asp?CID=1919&DID=11442).

### BEST Plus Training

June 26, 2009 in Euclid, Ohio

Register on the Calendar of Events at [www.ohioable.org](http://www.ohioable.org).