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Adult Education Policy Forum

June 10, 2016

Agenda

- Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE)
- Adult Training and Development Network (ATDN)
- 2016-2017 Meeting Reminders
- CT Adult Virtual High School (CTAVHS)
- CT Adult Reporting System Update (CARS)
- GED Update
- State Grant Update
- National External Diploma Program (NEDP) Update
- College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) Update
- Teacher Evaluation
- Voter Education, Registration and Action (VERA) 2016
- Federal Grant Update
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Update



ATDN Professional Development Updates

- Programs held CCRS training for the entire program and/or collaborated with others
- Approximately 300 AE teachers received ELA certificates of completion
- Approximately 50 AE teachers will have Math certificates of completion
- ATDN has begun tentative planning for next year of 100 series
- Stipend Application was emailed to all Directors from SDE
- Career Pathways Advisory Group developing professional development initiative
- 21 Adult Ed Programs began the Teacher Evaluation Training sessions
- 20 participants received Certificates for attending both Teacher Evaluation training sessions
- 25 workshops were offered in GED, Technology and Teacher Evaluation with all of them posted as webinars and/or workshop presentations
- 217 participants attended the 24th Annual Disabilities Conference on April 28th and all of the workshop materials are posted on the ATDN webpage

2016-17 Meeting Reminders

Policy Forums for 2016-17

- Friday, September 30, 2016
- Friday, January 13, 2017
- Friday, June 9, 2017

To be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebethe Drive in Cromwell

Meetings for Program Facilitators for 2016-17

- Friday, September 30, 2016 - Statewide meeting

To be held from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott

Regional Facilitators Meetings for the Fall of FY 2016-17

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| • October 20, 2016 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | East Haven Adult Education |
| • October 21, 2016 | 9:30-12:00 p.m. | CREC Coltsville |
| • October 27, 2016 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Waterbury Adult Education |





Update

Available Now:

- GED Prep Course
 - Available to all Adult Education providers – not just ACDP
- Mentor Orientation Course – Mentor Success
- Art Appreciation & Professional Writing

Coming Soon:

- Counselor Online Course (Summer 2016)

System Reminder:

- Deactivate old OLC/Mentor accounts
- Graduate students





Connecticut Adult Reporting System (CARS) Update

- All data entry for fiscal year 2015-16 that includes information relative to student demographics, entry status, reasons enrolled, enrollments, attendance, achievements, credits earned and all appraisal and pre-post assessments **must be entered in CARS by July 22, 2016**. After this date the system will be locked and no data entry will be possible.
- Effective today, **Friday, June 10, 2016**, the **FY 2016-17** program year will be activated in CARS
- The updated CARS Data Collection Forms were e-mailed to all adult education providers on June 8, 2016. These forms may also be accessed from the CSDE Web site:

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&Q=320698&sdePNavCtr=|45471|#45549>



CARS Update continued

- New and Experienced User Training Sessions have been scheduled for **FY 2016-2017**. Please refer to the May 2016 Operational Memorandum for dates, times and registration procedures.
- EVERY PROGRAM is expected to have their CARS data entry participant in CARS training. Attendance is taken.
- The updated CARS Manual for **FY 2016-2017** will be made available in PDF format on the CARS and CSDE websites by June 8, 2016.

**** Reminders ****

- The CDP Transcript Report for FY16 and onward is a manual entry for “Earned Diploma”, “Graduation/Exit Date” and “All Graduation Requirement Met”.
- Enter CDP Transfer credits individually and NOT by one summarized/combined entry. This was also updated in the CARS manual.



GED Update

- Effective March 1, 2016, the new GED® test passing score for high school equivalency was changed from 150 to 145, for all test subjects.
- With the recalibration of the GED® test passing score:
 - Over 200 Connecticut test-takers were credentialed as a result
 - There has been an acceleration in momentum, testing volume, increasing traffic to GED.com and ABE programs, and lowered anxiety from test-takers
 - All states have accepted and implemented the score enhancement recommendations.
 - ❖ (NJ is still pending)



COABE 2016

- GED Testing Service presented 9 sessions
- Most GED Testing Service sessions PowerPoints can be downloaded at:

http://gedtestingservice.com/in-session/ged-testing-service-sessions-at-the-coabe-annual-conference_042016/





2016 GED Testing Service Annual Conference

LEARN → LEAD → INSPIRE

The Westin in Alexandria, Virginia • July 27 -29



- Registration is open!

<https://2016gedannualconference.eventbrite.com>

- Deadline is June 26, 2016

There will be professional development sessions geared toward Adult Ed instructors



GED Grad Day

GED Testing Service will be having a virtual event on June 15, 2016. It will be a day to drive conversation and action celebrating GED® graduates while motivating the next generation of students to open the doors to their future.

What can programs do to participate in #GEDGradDay on June 15?

1. Post your “Open Door” photo to join the conversation.
 - Take a picture of yourself opening a door.
 - Publish your photo on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook and use the caption to explain how education opens the door to the future.
 - Use the hashtag #GEDGradDay in your post.
2. Engage on the [GED Testing Service Facebook page](#) on June 15.
 - Join the “live” Facebook Q&A session. Participate by asking questions or sharing your advice with future GED students.
 - Watch, like and share the GED Grads video which will debut on June 15. It celebrates the successes of graduates and inspires others!
3. Spread the word! Invite your students and graduates to participate in #GEDGradDay to celebrate with us online!



State Grant Update

- The final 2015-16 Adult Education State Grant Award letters have been disseminated to all school districts via the State's pre-payment grant system
- Final May payment for FY16 has been issued
- ED141 Statement of Expenditure Reports due September, 2016 (electronic submission by business manager)



State Grant Update

Which activities associated with goals are measurable? How?

- Teachers will develop a deeper understanding of how to integrate CCRS.
- Eliminate obstacles to attendance.
- Teachers will avail themselves of CCRS summer sessions.
- A greater number of enrollments.
- 10% increase in number of students served.
- Teachers will continue to build respect of CCRS.
- PD in creating rubric and common formation assessment.
- 65% of students will gain a 4-point growth on the CASAS assessment.
- All instructors will develop curriculum sheets which provide detail on which CCR standards are used in each lesson.



NEDP Update

- Writing Recertification- staff certified before June 30, 2015 must recertify prior to July 2016; staff certified on or after July 1,2015 are valid until June 30, 2017.
- Open Diagnostics are now all online.
- HTML conversion should be done this summer; this will enable clients to access the program on tablets and Macs with a screen size of 11”.



NEDPC Conference



- Where? Residence Inn at Arlington, VA
- When? February 1-3, 2017
- Costs? Registration:\$195
Hotel: TBD

Reminder: *PIP grantees must have representation at this conference*



College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS)

- CSDE has adopted CCRS in compliance with WIOA.
- All programs must be in compliance by July, 2017.
- Training has been ongoing for ELA and Math 100 series
- The 200 series(resource alignment and lesson development) is in progress.
- Schedules and resources can be found at www.atdn.weebly.com



Teacher Evaluation

Since all Adult Education educators hold Connecticut certification, all Adult Education Providers are required to evaluate staff **annually by July 2017 (FY 18)**

Programs can elect to use either:

- the Adult Education Educator Evaluation Plan developed under the direction of the Bureau of Adult Education; OR
- the plan designed and required by their district that has been submitted to CSDE for approval. This may be the SEED model, the Permissive Pilot for Adult Education or a district-developed hybrid.



Teacher Evaluation

- All evaluators are expected to hold an 092 certification. For those adult education coordinators/directors who do not have 092 certification, evaluators may be permitted to perform the duties of a complimentary evaluator (data collection); however, evaluations must be discussed and signed off on by an 092 certified administrator having responsibility and supervision over the adult education program and the coordinator/director.
- All evaluators using the Adult Educator Evaluation Plan are expected to attend a two-part training series that includes:
 - Adopting Evaluation for Adult Education Professionals: plan overview and orientation; AND
 - Effective Feedback for Adult Education Instruction: the observation process, data collection, matching data to the rubric and providing high quality feedback.



Voter Education, Registration and Action 2016 (VERA)

- Want help in supporting your students to be well-informed and engaged voters? Join the New England [VERA 2016](#) campaign! Access a host of teaching resources (including a new online voter guide based on adult students' questions to the candidates), prepare students to register and participate in the election, and help us gather data that shows elected officials that adult students vote!
- Although the election is months away, VERA 2016 offers activities that build background knowledge about the purpose and history of voting, develop media literacy, and help adults compare candidate platforms to their own beliefs. Right before election time, VERA programs are invited to join a regional mock election to practice the process and see how adult students' votes compare to the national results. Visit nelrc.org/VERA to check out the resources and join us in practicing the art of democracy!
- Information about VERA can also be found at www.atdn.weebly.com



Federal Grant Update

- All PIP grants were due on June 3rd.
Thank you for the timely submission
- Please be patient as we review all applications and budgets.
- When they are approved, you will receive an email from the Program Manager,
Susan Pierson



WIOA Update

- Due to the WIOA legislation, a new RFP will be developed for the 2017-18 year;
- Each Workforce Development Board will have a local plan with which PIP grants will need to be aligned and each application must be reviewed by the local board;
- OCTAE will be updating us soon regarding the competition.



Location for 2016-17 Policy Forum

Courtyard by Marriott
4 Sebethe Drive
Cromwell, CT

Next Forum: Friday, September 30, 2016

Have a great.....

