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Adult Education Policy Forum

September 25, 2015

Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Update
- College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) Update
- Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE)
- CT Adult Virtual High School (CTAVHS)
- Important Meeting Reminders
- 2015-2016 Important Due Dates
- Adult Education Directory Information Form

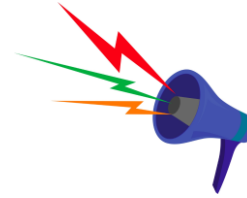


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- GED Update
- CARS Update
- Other Updates
- State Grant Update
- National External Diploma Program (NEDP) Update
- Federal Grant Update
- Program Compliance and Quality Review for FY 2015-2016
- Legislative Update



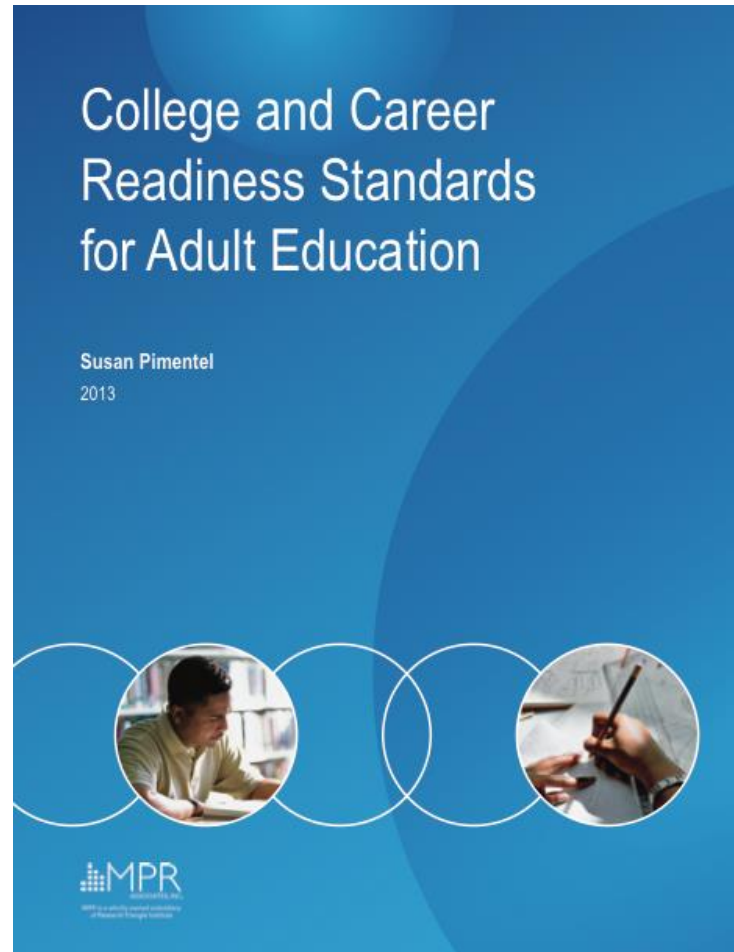
WIOA Update



- The CSDE is a core partner in developing a Unified State Plan with the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
- Consultants from the CSDE's Adult Education Unit are serving on committees for the development of the new state plan
- The CSDE will hire a contractor to assist with our portion of the unified state plan
- A Connecticut Unified State Plan is to be completed by December 2015 for submission to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education by March 2016



CCR Standards Update





Update

Available Now:

- GED Prep Course
 - Available to all Adult Ed providers – not just AHSCDP
- Mentor Orientation Course – Mentor Success
- Updated AHSCDP courses

Coming Soon:

- GED Test Packs (October 1)
- Art Appreciation Course (Term 2)
- Counselor Online Course (Spring/Summer 2016)



Important Meeting Reminders



Policy Forums for 2015-16

- Friday, January 15, 2016
- Friday, June 10, 2016

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

Last CARS Training Date for 2015-16 –New Users

- October 21, 2015 9:00 am-1:00 p.m. Middletown Office of the CSDE

Disability Contact Person Training

- October 23, 2015 AM and PM Middletown Office of the CSD

Regional Program Facilitator Meetings for the Fall of FY 2015-16

- October 22, 2015 1:00-3:00 p.m. East Haven Adult Education
- October 29, 2015 1:30-3:30 p.m. Waterbury Adult Education
- October 30, 2014 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CREC Central



2015-16 Important Due Dates and Reminders

YEAR	2015				2016									
MONTH	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	
ADULT ED STATE GRANT	1 FY 2015 ED-141 Statement of Expenditures due to CSDE Electronic Submission						15 FY 2016 ED-245 and ED- 245A AE Grant Revisions due to CSDE-Also E-mail Template	15 FY 2017 ED-244 and ED- 244A AE Grant Applications due to CSDE Also E-mail Template						1 FY 2016 ED-141 Statement of Expenditures due to CSDE Electronic Submission
FEDERAL GRANTS (PIP Grants)	18 FY 2015 PIP End-Of-Year Report due to CSDE					19 FY 2016 PIP Mid-Year Reports & Budget Revisions to CSDE				3 FY 2017 PIP Application to CSDE			16 FY 2016 PIP End of Year Reports due to CSDE	
CARS Data Entry Timelines (see CARS manual)		30 Enter Sept.	27 Enter Oct.	25 Enter Nov.	29 Complete first semester data entry	26 Enter Jan.	25 Enter Feb.	29 Enter March	27 Enter April	29 Enter May	22 Complete all data entry for FY 2016			
POLICY FORUMS	25 Courtyard by Marriott 4 Sebeth Dr. Cromwell				15 Courtyard by Marriott 4 Sebeth Dr. Cromwell					10 Courtyard by Marriott 4 Sebeth Dr. Cromwell			TBD	



Adult Ed Directory Information Form

**Adult Education Program Directory Information Form
FY 2015-2016**

Town:		Town Code:	
Program Name:		Telephone:	Fax:
Program Location:			
Program Website Address: (if applicable)			
Director/Coordinator Name:			
Director Address: (if different from program location)			
Director Telephone: (if different from program)		Ext.: _____	
Director E-mail:			
Provider Type: LEA <input type="checkbox"/> CEE <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Adult Ed Grant (PIP) Only <input type="checkbox"/> (check one)			
Adult Education Programs Being Offered by Provider: Check (✓) all that apply			
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Adult High School Credit Diploma
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. ESL	<input type="checkbox"/>	6. National External Diploma
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. ABE	<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Spanish GED Preparation
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. GED Preparation	<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Other (e.g., Transitions, IBEST, Financial Literacy, EL/Civics, etc.)
Program Schedule: Check (✓) all that apply: Daytime <input type="checkbox"/> Evening <input type="checkbox"/> Summer <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Semester(s) <input type="checkbox"/>			
Number of Program Sites:			
General Interest/Enrichment (Non-Mandated) Program: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If Yes, Name of Contact Person:			
Lead GED Registrar - all programs		Disability/Accommodation Contact Person - all programs	
Name:		Name:	
Telephone: (if different from program)		Telephone: (if different from program)	
E-mail:		E-mail:	
GED® Chief Examiner - test centers only		GED Manager™ Contact Person - test centers only	
Name:		Name:	
Telephone: (if different from program)		Telephone: (if different from program)	
E-mail:		E-mail:	
CCS Trained Program Facilitator - all programs		CARS Data Administrator	

- The Directory Information Form for FY 2016 was e-mailed to all adult education directors, CEE Agency heads and PIP providers on Thursday, September 10, 2015
- Completed forms must be e-mailed to Gina Hoag at gina.hoag@ct.gov on or before, Friday, October 2, 2015



GED Update

GED Testing Service updates:

- Embedded TI-30XS Multiview Scientific Calculator in GED Ready launched September 1, 2015
- High Impact Indicators are specific indicators that may have a significant impact on students overall test performance success
- New Extended Response Quick Tips sheet
- Updated Extended Response Resource Guides for Educators
- Passages and prompts for two new GED Ready tests
- Updated Answer Guidelines for RLA and Social Studies
- Revised rubric and scoring tool for ERs in Spanish for RLA and Social Studies



GED Update continued



New Laminated Boards For Test Center

Two new double sided boards will include:

- Board 1
 - Side 1: Math Formula Reference Sheet
 - Side 2: Calculator Reference Sheet
- Board 2
 - Side 1: RLA Extended Response Answer Guidelines
 - Side 2: SS Extended Response Answer Guidelines

November 1, 2015, is the anticipated shipment date to test centers



GED Update continued



GED Career Resource

- PathSource career exploration program will launch from MyGED portal at the end of September 2015
- The Career Assessment component (based on O*Net) helps students to identify potential career pathways
- Over 3,000 videos are available to students to explore careers and learn more about them
- Based upon student engagement a new features will be added once initial data on program effectiveness is analyzed



GED Update continued

Career Videos

Exclusive informational interviews with **real professionals** to give honest, unbiased insights into **thousands of careers**.

Featured

Most Likes

Newest Videos

Federal Career Clusters and Pathways

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources

Architecture & Construction

Arts, AV Technology & Communication

Business Management & Administration

Education & Training

Finance

Government & Public Administration

Health Science

Hospitality & Tourism

Human Services

Information Technology

Health Sci



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COMMUNITY ORGANIZER: A Degree In Journalism Is Useful For Many Different Opportunities

About this video (VIDEO ID = 1225)

Elsa shares her story of being a Community Activist for a national organization advocating for families. Elsa describes her typical day, and her career path. Elsa's career in journalism took a dramatic turn when she started a family, and although she was out of the work force for a while, she was able to make important connections through her blog. The skills she acquired as a journalist have helped her move on to other work -- good writing skills are needed in all sorts of industries.

Degree: Journalism
Job Title: Organizer
Employer: Moms Rising

Job Summary: Social Media Manager

Job Description

A social media manager keeps customers connected with the top-performing social networks, including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Quora, etc. The social media manager focuses on brand building and presents a positive image of the company. The job typically includes updating Twitter feeds, replying to customers on Facebook, and adding other respected clients to your company's LinkedIn profile all play a role in creating an online presence to make your client the next big thing.

On-the-Job Training

Short term on-the-job training can be expected for entry level roles.

Quick Facts

Average salary
National Statistic [Change Location](#)
\$25,000 - \$80,000

Projected Job Growth
10 to 20 percent

Typical schedule
Full-time, Flexible, Part-time, Long hours

Typical workplace
Home, Indoor, Office

Educational Path

Education Requirement
Internship
High school degree
Bachelor's degree

Recommended Education Degree
High school degree
Internship
Associate degree
Bachelor's degree
Master's degree

Recommended Majors
Social Sciences
Social Work
Psychology
Counseling

MOST LIKES

I'M FEELING LUCKY



VP, SALES & SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT: From Journalism To Sales For Onlin...
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FABRIC & FURNITURE DESIGNER/MANAGER: Turned Painting Degree Into Ar...
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JOURNALISM PROFESSOR: Teaching Students How To Produce Video News S...
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CONVENTION STAFFING ORGANIZER: Seeing Projects Through, From Beginn...
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JEWELRY MAKER/PAINTER: Take Advantage Of The Opportunity To Learn E...
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MARKETING ASSISTANT - MANUFACTURING COMPANY: Many Different Skills ...
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TECHNICAL MARKETING ENGINEER: There Are So Many Different Kinds Of ...
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MAMAS JUSTICE ORGANIZER: Don't Assume Someone's Gender
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GED Ready[®] practice test for \$1
Use code: **BACKTOSCHOOL**

The GED Testing Service is offering a *Back to School Fall Promotion* in order to incentivize testing, grow test-taker volume, and help boost test-taker confidence.

From September 21, 2015, through October 31, 2015, students can take the GED Ready[®] practice test for \$1

- Students log in at GED.com, order the GED Ready[®] practice test they want to take then enter promo code BACKTOSCHOOL at checkout to discount the test to \$1
- The \$1 fee for any practice test purchased, but not started by October 31, 2015, will be refunded
- During this promotion, adult education providers may also purchase GED Ready[®] practice test vouchers for \$1 at [Pearson VUE voucher store](#)
- Any \$1 vouchers that were purchased and not used by October 31, 2015, may be applied as credit toward future GED Ready[®] practice test purchases



CARS Update



- The FY 2015-2016 CARS Data Collection Forms now include the GED Registration Form
- The FY 2015-2016 CARS Manual of Policies and Guidelines may be accessed from the CSDE Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Adult/accountability/carspolicies.pdf>
- CARS data administrators are reminded to:
 - review the user list and the access levels users have to CARS; and
 - check “*not active*” for any users who are no longer with the program
 - enter CDP transfer credits individually and NOT by one summarized/combine entry
- CARS Report #5: *Student Transcript Report* has a new look and format



CARS Update continued



- The CARS GED registration screen has a new option that allows users to “*check if diploma acquired*”
- The Adult Education Program Profile Glossary of Terms has been updated and may be accessed from the CARS or CSDE Web site





Other Updates

- CASAS e-test units will cost \$1.05 for 2015-2016
- The Connecticut Competency System (CCS) Manual of Assessment Policies and Guidelines may be accessed from the CSDE Web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Adult/accountability/ccspolicies.pdf>
- Status of Adult Education Teacher Evaluation
- CSDE Implementation of a Confidentiality Statement for CARS Data Entry personnel, GED Registrars and anyone with access to GED Manager



State Grant Update

FY 2015-2016

Recommended Appropriation	Adult Education Appropriation minus \$400,000 for Transition Pilot Grants	Grant Amount Available to Towns, Districts and Cooperating Eligible Entities	ED-244/A Preliminary Requests
\$21,035,200	\$20,635,200	\$19,603,440	\$21,175,248






State Grant Update

FY 2015-2016

- Preliminary Adult Education State Grant Award Letters and ED-114 Budgets have been disseminated to all school districts via the State's Pre-payment Grant System
- The preliminary state grant cap percentage is approximately 7.42 percent compared to 8.35 percent for FY 2015
- ED-141 Statement of Expenditure Reports were due to the CSDE on September 1, 2015



CASAS Functional Writing Assessment (FWA)

- Effective July 1, 2015, the CSDE no longer requires administration of the CASAS FWA 
- All picture prompts must be returned to Susan Pierson at the CSDE, 25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457
- A signed inventory form should accompany the returns
- Programs are asked to destroy the FWA training manuals at their site(s)



Professional Development Update

The CSDE has contracted with **two** Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs) for delivery of our FY 2015-2016 Professional Development initiatives and trainings

- Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)
- Education Connection

Staff from both RESCs will be responsible to deliver training to our adult education staff



Professional Development Update

Some of the services and training areas being offered by CREC include:

- Disability Contact Person Training
- CCR Standards Training
- Disability Workshops
- GED Math and RLA Workshops



Some of the services and training areas being offered by Education Connection include:

- GED Contact Person
- GED Social Studies and Science Workshops
- Technology Training/Workshops
- Collaboration with CREC on the 24th Annual Conference on Serving Adult with Disabilities



Each RESC PD Provider will establish their own training dates and registration process



NEDP Update

- Providers offering the NEDP must have at least two certified scorers for the new NEDP written prompt being used in the Diagnostic phase of the program
- A Moodle course is available online through CASAS/NEDP
<http://training.casas.org/course/search.php?search=written+prompt>
- The second and third days of advisor/assessor training will be held in October, 2015. The first day of training took place in August
- Other NEDP trainings scheduled for 2015-16 year will be announced soon
- The NEDP Directors meeting is TBD



Federal Grant Update

- The FY 2016 federal adult education grant awards are available through the CSDE's Prepayment Grant System. Based upon the federal appropriation for FY 2016, awards were issued with no reductions.
- The PIP End of Year Reports were due to the Adult Education Unit on September 18, 2015. Thank you for your timely submissions.



Program Compliance and Quality Review

- Two districts have been chosen for PCQR Monitoring for the 2015-2016 program year:
 - ❖ New Haven
 - ❖ East Hartford
- The following districts will receive PCQR follow up from last year's monitoring:
 - ✓ Bridgeport
 - ✓ Greenwich
 - ✓ Vernon (Spring)



Legislation Update

Series 2015-2016

Circular Letter: C1 <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2615&Q=335762>

Summary of Education-Related Legislation Enacted in the 2015 Regular and Special Sessions of the CT General Assembly

- **Public Act 15-237- An Act Concerning High School Graduation Requirements**
Delays, by one year, implementation of the scheduled changes to the State's high school graduation requirements. Creates a nine member task force to study the alignment of the high school graduation requirement changes with the Common Core State Standards adopted by the SBE and the feasibility of adding CRP training as a graduation requirement.
- **Public Act 15-238 – An Act Concerning Student Assessments**
Eliminates the option (grade 10 or 11) of students taking mastery exams designed to measure grade appropriate skills in reading, writing and math and instead requires they be take in the 11th grade. Exams must be nationally recognized college readiness assessments that measure essential and grade appropriate skills.



Next Policy Forum:
Friday, January 15, 2016

All the Best for a Happy and
Successful School Year!

