

WHAT'S COMING UP

May 2005

Staff/Program Development Activities at the Adult Literacy Resource Institute/ SABES Greater Boston Regional Support Center



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Wholistic Evaluation of Adult ESOL Learners for Learning Disabilities

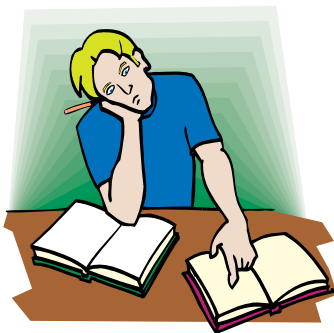
WHEN: Wednesdays, June 1 and 8, 2005. 1:00-4:00pm.

WHERE: The A.L.R.I., UMass Boston, Wheatley Bldg., 4th floor, room 04-167.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Required. Please return the registration form on page 5 by May 23.

PRESENTER: Robin Schwarz. Robin, a veteran ESOL teacher, has focused on learning disabilities in adult ESOL students in her doctoral studies at Lesley University, where she has also been working in their Learning Lab. Recently, she has been involved in the development of the PowerPath assessment tool, and will soon be moving to Ohio to work on this project full-time.

DESCRIPTION: In this mini-course, nationally-known expert on learning disabilities in ESOL populations Robin Schwarz will go over the factors that affect learning and how to screen for them with adult ESOL learners. She will focus especially on the development of phonological skills as a strategy to use by ESOL teachers with learners who are having difficulties making progress in learning English.
(Questions about this activity?--Contact Maria E. Gonzalez at 617-287-4072 or e-mail <mariae.gonzalez@umb.edu>.)



*Co-sponsored by the Learning Lab @ Lesley University
and the Minority Language Assessment Project at Lesley.*

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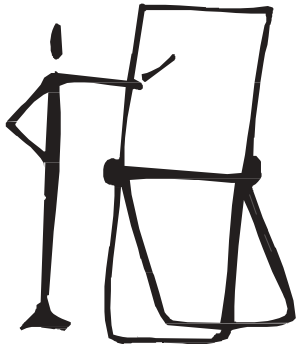
Adult Basic Education/ Workforce Development Promising Practices

WHEN: Friday, June 10, 2005; 8:30-4:30 (coffee at 8:30, first panel starts at 9:00 sharp!)
(Lunch will be on your own, but drinks and dessert will be provided.)

WHERE: UMass Boston, Wheatley Student Lounge (4th fl., just past A.L.R.I. room 04-167)

PRE-REGISTRATION: Required. Please return the registration form on page 5 by June 1.

DESCRIPTION: Join us for an opportunity to continue this year's conversation about the role of workforce development, job-readiness, and skills training within our ABE programs. This mini-conference will highlight various aspects of workforce development/adult basic education collaboration and provide an opportunity for networking. The panels of presenters are currently being formed; the lists below indicate what we know at this time. (*Questions about this activity?-- Contact Deborah Schwartz at 617-287-4076 or <deborah.schwartz@umb.edu>.*)



Panel 1: Funding and Developing a Literacy/Skills Training Program

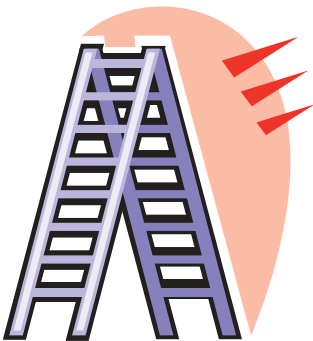
These speakers will focus on relationship-building and collaboration as a means to procure funding for and develop successful literacy, skills training and job placement programming. In addition, the speakers will address the current funding climate and how programs can position themselves for opportunities that may be available "down the pike." Presenters include:

Angel Bermudez, Boston Foundation
Beth Hogan, North Shore Community Action Programs
Rebekah Lashman, Boston Private Industry Council
Andrea Perrault, Massachusetts Department of Education, ACLS
Laurie Sheridan, SABES Central Resource Center, World Education
Mary Sarris, North Shore Workforce Investment Board

Panel 2: Promising Practices of ABE and Workforce Development Programming

A number of Massachusetts ABE and ESOL programs are on the cutting edge of integrated career development and literacy programming. Find out what it takes to serve students' literacy and work needs within one program and/or through collaboration with other programs. Presenters include:

Tressa Antworth, Dorchester Transition to Work Collaborative
Richard Goldberg, Asian American Civic Association
Linda Hamilton Korey, Jamaica Plain Adult Learning Program
Margaret Raisty, Jewish Vocational Service
Karla Torrez, Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation



Panel 3: The Extended Care Career Ladder Initiative:

Moving Up in the Nursing Home Industry

By focusing on one of the more innovative Career Ladder training programs for incumbent workers, this panel will explore the impact of one sector-defined approach to helping clients move up in the places of work. Panel being formed.

Video in the Classroom-- De Colores: Lesbian and Gay Latinos

WHEN: Thursday, May 19, 2005. 2:00-4:00pm.

WHERE: The A.L.R.I., UMass Boston, Wheatley Bldg., 4th floor, room 04-167.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Required. Please return the registration form on page 5 by May 12.

PRESENTER: Maria E. Gonzalez, SABES Coordinator at the A.L.R.I.

DESCRIPTION: Last May's historic law in Massachusetts allowing gays and lesbians to marry incited a lot of learner-initiated discussions in adult basic education classrooms. Many teachers reported being unprepared and somewhat surprised at the diversity of opinion present in their classrooms. The first anniversary of the law this month means that the topic will once again feature prominently in the newspapers and other media. This video will provide a catalyst for us to discuss ways in which to deal with issues related to the lives of lesbians and gays in our society. *De Colores* is a moving documentary on Latino families coming to terms with their lesbian and gay family members. (Questions about this activity?--Contact Maria at 617-287-4072 or e-mail <mariae.gonzalez@umb.edu>.)



ADARN (Americans with Disabilities Act Regional Network) Sharing Group

WHEN: Friday, June 3, 2005. 10:00am-12:00noon.

WHERE: The A.L.R.I., UMass Boston, Wheatley Bldg., 4th floor, room 04-167.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Required. Please return the registration form on page 5 by May 26.

FACILITATOR: Jackie Fletcher, ADA Coordinator with the Massachusetts Department of Education, Adult and Community Learning Services.

DESCRIPTION: At the request of ADA Coordinators, the ADARN Sharing Groups are starting up again in the various SABES regions. These sharing groups give ADA Coordinators at adult basic education programs the opportunity to meet with their peers and with the ADA Coordinator at ACLS to discuss issues and topics related to disabilities and the ADA. They provide access to a statewide pool of resources and peer support that will enhance the quality of services an ADA Coordinator can provide to adult learners and to program staff. The ADARN Sharing Group is intended for both new and experienced ADA Coordinators. (Questions about this activity?--Please contact Sandra Darling at the A.L.R.I., 617-287-4074, or e-mail <sandra.darling@umb.edu>.)

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Technology Activities

SMARTT Update Training:
Friday, May 27, 2005; 10:00am-12:00noon.

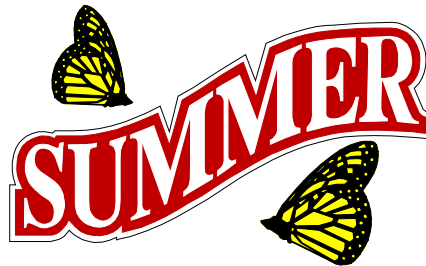
Introduction to Cognos Training:
Friday, May 27, 2005; 1:00-3:30pm.

TC Boston Sharing Group:
Friday, May 20, 2005; 2:00-4:30pm.

Location:
The A.L.R.I., UMass Boston, check with Akira for the room.

Pre-registration:
Required; please call Akira Kamiya at 617-287-4075 or e-mail <akira.kamiya@umb.edu>.

During the



In general, the A.L.R.I./SABES Greater Boston Regional Support Center will remain open during the summer months, and we want to encourage you to continue using our services during this time. (And it should be really nice over here during the summer!) However, there may be individual days when all staff are involved in meetings or when we will be closed for other reasons, and, of course, particular staff will be away on vacation at various times. So, if you're planning to come in during the summer to use the library or to use other A.L.R.I. services, it's a good idea to call ahead to make sure that we'll be open and that any staff you're hoping to work with will be here at that time.

Space Still Available...

Space is still available in these activities that were advertised in our April Announcements:

ESOL Basics II: A Toolkit for More Experienced Teachers mini-course (Weds, May 18 & 25; 10:00-4:00)

Weaving Writing into Math Instruction workshop (Thursday, May 12; 1:00-4:00)

The Role of the Counselor in ABE Programs workshop (Tuesday, May 10; 1:00-4:00)

Ethics within ABE Counseling Practice workshop (Tuesday, May 24; 1:00-4:00)

For information about these activities, please check a print copy of our April Announcements or find them on-line at our website, <www.alri.org>. (Click on Staff Development Activities and then on Last Month's Announcements.) To register, send in the registration form or contact Shirley Williams at 617-287-4073 or e-mail <shirley.williams@umb.edu>.

Please note: A schedule of all activities sponsored by the various SABES regional centers, as well as SABES statewide activities, can be found at the SABES website, <www.SABES.org>.



Registration Form

I would like to attend the following A.L.R.I. staff development events that require written pre-registration:

- Wholistic Evaluation of Adult ESOL Learners for Learning Disabilities mini-course
- ABE/Workforce Development Promising Practices Mini-Conference
- Video in the Classroom: *De Colores* workshop
- ADARN Sharing Group

Name _____ Position _____

Your Program or Organization _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone Number(s) _____ E-mail Address _____

Please tear off and return this form to:

Shirley Williams, Adult Literacy Resource Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston,
Wheatley Bldg., Room 04-167, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125-3393

(You can also pre-register by e-mailing all of the above information to <shirley.williams@umb.edu>.)

Sign Up for the ABEBoston Listserv

This listserv allows ABE practitioners and programs in the Boston region to get information out to one another, and the A.L.R.I. will be using it more and more to communicate with ABE practitioners in our region. We hope you've already signed up, but, if you haven't, we encourage you to do so now. To join the list, go to: <http://lists.literacytent.org/mailman/listinfo/abeboston> or send an e-mail to Akira Kamiya at akira.kamiya@umb.edu.

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