

Central Illinois Adult Education Service Center

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Professional Development Opportunities Winter - Spring 2010

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2010 COABE/ProLiteracy Conference

“Coming Together in Chicago”

March 15 – 19, 2010

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BEST Plus

Thursday, January 7, 2010

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield

The BEST Plus is a computer-adapted oral proficiency assessment on CD administered as a face-to-face oral interview. The test items reflect everyday American life at home, at work, and in the community. Training will include an overview of the BEST Plus; video examples of the test as it is administered to adult English learners; scoring exercises, with explanations of why learner language is scored at a given level on the scoring rubric; and administration practice on computers with partners.

Time Management in the Adult Education Classroom

Monday, January 11, 2010

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Online via Wimba

Monday, January 11, 2010

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Online via Wimba



Effective time management skills are critical in any occupation; however, teaching adult education students often presents a special challenge. Included in this Wimba session will be a brief overview of effective classroom management skills. The rest of the session will consist of helping teachers assess effective ways to organize their time in the classroom.

New Teacher Orientation

Friday, January 15, 2010

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Western Illinois University, Macomb

Using a simulated lesson on liberty and justice, this workshop introduces teachers to (1) characteristics of adult learners and adult learner classrooms, (2) learning styles and goal-setting, (3) materials to supplement core texts and a variety of instructional activities, (4) organization of instruction, (5) specific assistance for the least able readers, and (6) formal and informal assessment. This workshop meets the ICCB 6-hour New Teacher Orientation requirement for new adult educators.

Effective Essay Writing

Friday, January 15, 2010

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Quincy Public Schools - Teen Parent Services, Quincy

How do your students know what a good essay is? Have they ever read one? Do they know an essay if they see it? This workshop begins with just that – reading and responding to essays published by Stephen King, E.B. White, and Will.I.Am. Then we will use what we learned reading essays as we work on writing essays. We will end with a brief overview of GED Essay scoring.

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ESL Provider Workshop

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Online via Wimba



The topic for discussion will be “Tips for Coping with Decreasing Funds.” Bring your questions and your solutions! What are you or your program doing to deal with your reduced ESL budgets? Share the creativity and joy of ESL!

New Teacher Orientation

Friday, January 22, 2010

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Parkland College Adult Basic Education, Champaign

Using a simulated lesson on liberty and justice, this workshop introduces teachers to (1) characteristics of adult learners and adult learner classrooms, (2) learning styles and goal-setting, (3) materials to supplement core texts and a variety of instructional activities, (4) organization of instruction, (5) specific assistance for the least able readers, and (6) formal and informal assessment. This workshop meets the ICCB 6-hour New Teacher Orientation requirement for new adult educators.

Evidence-Based Reading Instruction: Focus on Vocabulary, Fluency & Alphabets

Friday, January 29, 2010

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Danville Community College, Danville

Developing a rich vocabulary is an important part of reading. No more copying words ten times and using them in complete sentences. Do your students stumble over words, read words inaccurately, or read in stops and starts? If so, this is the workshop for you! These are basic reading problems that need to be addressed before higher-level reading can occur. Learn where to begin working with your students and what to do. This is teacher and student friendly! All levels and all subjects apply!

Career Clusters 101

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Lawrence Education Center, Springfield

What are Career Clusters? How are Career Clusters structured? Where do Career Clusters fit into my adult education classroom? This workshop will include the answers to these questions and many more. An update on the state of the workforce in Illinois will also be included.

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BEST Plus

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby

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In Search of Black History

Friday, February 5, 2010

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Western Illinois University, Macomb

In the spirit of Black History Month the Central Illinois Adult Education Service Center is offering a workshop featuring an integrated lesson with black history as its unifying concept. Join us to learn about black history of special interest to Illinois residents, and learn about some of the more obscure people and events that have enriched black history in our nation. You will leave the event with information, resources, and lessons to take back to your classroom.

Reading & Writing in the Multilevel Classroom

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Online via Wimba

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Online via Wimba



You have a classroom filled with students who TABE between 4th GLE and 12th GLE. Everyone has many needs, even the 12th GLE. Join us for tips on how and why to teach predicting for reading plus how to begin to teach writing for a wide range of levels.

Doing Everyday Math

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Illinois Central College, Peoria

This workshop will provide a wide variety of engaging ideas for making connections between mathematics and the daily lives of students. The activities focus on many day-to-day situations in which some form of mathematics is used, often without the user's awareness.

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Bridging the Gap between the Classroom and the Workplace

Friday, February 12, 2010

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Spoon River College, Canton

In conjunction with ICCB's plans to roll-out the bridge program, the Central Illinois Adult Education Service Center is offering a training to show teachers the part they can play in transitioning students into the workforce. This workshop will include basic knowledge and skills of the various career pathway clusters, an understanding of contextualized instruction, resources and lesson ideas for use across the curriculum, and an update on the state of the workforce in Illinois.

Evidence-Based Reading Instruction: Focus on Comprehension

Friday, February 19, 2010

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Danville Area Community College, Danville

When you know fluency, alphabets, and vocabulary are not the problem, maybe a student needs instruction in comprehension. Sometimes students need to learn "how" to connect sentences to make meaning. Sometimes they need to learn "how" to relate ideas. Sometimes they need to learn "how" to recognize when they miss an idea or don't understand and then they don't know what to do about it. Comprehension instruction is learning "how" to create meaning. There is more to it than meets the eye!

Recruitment and Retention Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Online via Wimba



Incentives will be the topic of discussion. Please bring information regarding what incentives you and your program have tried. What works? What doesn't work? Staff, teachers, administrators are all welcome.

TABE 9 and 10

Friday, February 26, 2010

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Illinois Central College Adult Education, Peoria

During this workshop, participants will learn about the TABE forms 9 and 10. Appropriate placement based upon the results, post-testing, and diagnostics will be discussed and practiced. In addition, TABE issues with regard to NRS will be reviewed.

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12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Peoria Adult Education and Family Literacy Center, Peoria

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Let's Get Moving!

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Online via Wimba

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Online via Wimba



This workshop will focus on just one of the multiple intelligences – bodily/kinesthetic. Get students moving in the classroom with tactile/kinesthetic activities to reinforce learning in the five subject areas.

Effective Essay Writing

Friday, March 5, 2010

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Black Hawk College Technology Center, Rock Island

How do your students know what a good essay is? Have they ever read one? Do they know an essay if they see it? This workshop begins with just that – reading and responding to essays published by Stephen King, E.B. White, and Will.I.Am. Then we will use what we learned reading essays as we work on writing essays. We will end with a brief overview of GED Essay scoring.

Contextualized Instruction

Friday, March 12, 2010

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Textbook Tools to Make and Take – The Turbulent Sixties

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Prairieview Community Center, Macomb

Balancing a busy schedule and dealing with classroom challenges, teachers are always happy to get ready-to-use materials that have been tested in the GED classroom. In this workshop, participants will make and receive reproducible worksheets, manipulatives, activities, and ideas for their classrooms relating to specific GED textbook lessons.

Contextualized Instruction

Saturday, March 27, 2010

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Lincoln Land Community College, Jacksonville

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The Millennial Learner and Other Generations in the Classroom

Monday, March 29, 2010

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Carl Sandberg College, Galesburg

Do you have not only a multilevel classroom but also a multigenerational classroom? Join us as we work through an overview of the various generations with their strengths and weaknesses as learners. We will demonstrate a variety of activities both of the high-tech and low-tech varieties for you to use. Leave this workshop with ideas and activities to implement your next day in class.

Evidence-Based Reading Instruction: How Does Assessment Fit In and What is It?

Thursday, April 8, 2010

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Online via Wimba

Thursday, April 8, 2010

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Online via Wimba



Adult reading research indicates that reading instruction begins with diagnostic assessment. Evidence indicates that the silent reading score from TABE does not provide the information teachers need about the reading strengths and needs of their ABE students. Find out what reading assessment is and how it can help you to help your ABE students.

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ESL Provider Workshop

Friday, April 9, 2010

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Black Hawk College Outreach Center, East Moline

Black Hawk ESL teachers will tell about their program and give a tour. Then we will plan next year's schedule. Finally, Nelson Aguiar-Rivera, associate director for AEFL, ESL/Immigrant Issues for ICCB, will bring news of ESL in Illinois this year and what to expect in the future.

Contextualized Instruction

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Danville Area Community College, Danville

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Recruitment and Retention Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Online via Wimba



Questions? Ideas? Resources? If you are looking for these, consider yourself officially invited to join us. In the past, we have discussed incentives for students attending class or going on to the local community college after passing the GED test. We have shared community power point presentations, brochures, intake forms, and research. We have also looked into how teachers affect recruitment and retention. Staff, teachers, administrators are all welcome.

Evidence-Based Reading Instruction in a Day

Friday, April 23, 2010

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield

Join us for a day of learning how to assess and instruct students **HOW** to read. You will learn why and how to assess students in the four components of reading: alphabetics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Then you will learn how to use direct and explicit instruction to teach ABE students the necessary skills in each component. Follow-up assistance will be available.

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Multilevel ESL Classes

Friday, April 23, 2010

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Heartland Community College, Bloomington

Every ESL class eventually becomes a multilevel class in terms of both learner strengths and needs. This workshop will introduce strategies to make these classes easier for teachers and more responsive to students' strengths and needs. Participants will practice techniques through classroom applications in the various content areas and then work to adapt them to their own classes.

First Words – Conversation for Beginners

Friday, April 23, 2010

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Heartland Community College, Bloomington

Every new word in a beginning ESL classroom should provide an opportunity for conversation, both inside and outside of the classroom. In this workshop, we will structure activities to facilitate meaningful communication with even the earliest learners through the use of thought groups, activities, and conversational stimulus.

Science and Math Fair: Making Connections

Friday, May 7, 2010

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Capital City Training Center, Springfield

Workplace Math, Everyday Math, Science for the ABE/ASE classroom and more! This one-day mini math and science conference will allow participants to choose presentations of specific interest to their students. Examples, handouts, and materials will be provided to help students succeed in math and science. Several guest presenters are planned. Lunch will be provided.

Student Orientation – What are others doing?

Friday, May 7, 2010

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Online via Wimba

Friday, May 7, 2010

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Online via Wimba



Part of the effective recruitment and retention package is an orientation that is done outside of the classroom. Look inside a few programs to see how they give student orientations. We will also examine what is working.

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**Free Resources are available for loan at
www.cait.org/ciaesc/library**

STAR Reading Series for Central Illinois

STAR (STudent Achievement in Reading) is a reading reform initiative that includes professional development, tools, and resources that will expand your knowledge of effective reading instruction and improve your ability to support reading improvement.

To join this initiative, a program should identify a program team of administrators and reading instructors of ABE intermediate-level learners (TABE grade level equivalency 4.0 – 8.9). Your team will then participate in a series of six STAR workshops. Site-based technical assistance is available to help program teams implement what's being learned in the workshops.

If you would like more information about participating in STAR or if you have any questions, please contact Debbe Rigney-Hays at 800-572-9033.

Day 1	Overview & Diagnostic Reading Assessment
Day 2	Reading Assessment (con't) & Introduction to Alphabetics
Day 3	Alphabetics Instruction & Fluency Instruction
Day 4	Fluency (con't) & Vocabulary Instruction
Day 5	Vocabulary (con't) & Comprehension Instruction
Day 6	Comprehension (con't) & Classroom Management

Need professional development hours? Check out the:

★ Wimba Extravaganza! ★



The Illinois Service Center Network is presenting an ENTIRE DAY of online Wimba sessions each month. Each day will include sessions for both ESL and ABE/GED instructors. Each session is worth one hour of professional development credit. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity!!

“Magnificent Monday”
Classroom Management
January 11, 2010

“Terrific Tuesday”
Multilevel Classrooms
February 9, 2010

“Wonderful Wednesday”
Instructional Strategies
March 3, 2010

“Thrilling Thursday”
Assessment
April 8, 2010

“Fantastic Friday”
Recruitment & Retention
May 7, 2010

You can find out more information and register at:

★ www.excellenceinadulthood.com ★
then click the “Online Learning” tab

If you have never taken an online Wimba session before, you will need to do the following:

- Obtain a microphone
- Run a set-up wizard on your computer
- Attend a live, online orientation session called a Walk-Through.
Check the Excellence website for more information.