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Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

Journal Writing for Improved Learning and Classroom Relationships in Public Schools: Applications for Disadvantaged Adults

This review is an exploration into whether classroom methods similar to those applied by K-12 teachers are valid for adults and can be successfully applied to classrooms for disadvantaged adults: specifically, journal writing as a tool for improving learning and classroom relationships. The literature dispels the myth that teaching adults differs in every way from teaching children. The reviewed literature and research combine to support the use of journal writing for disadvantaged adult learners.

Supporting Literacy for People with Intellectual/Developmental Challenges

This handbook, which is intended for tutors, disability practitioners, and others working with adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities, contains supplementary materials for and about supporting literacy for these learners. The handbook is a product of extensive research of existing literature; discussion and exchange with literacy experts, practitioners, and some learners, and input from pilot agencies delivering literacy programming.

The Fairfax County Family Literacy Curriculum

This curriculum is designed to be used in a multi-level adult ESOL family literacy class. There are four modules to choose from: Introductory, Government, Health, and Consumerism. Each module provides easy to follow lesson plans and activities for adult learners and includes parent-child activities, computer/Internet activities, and reproducible worksheets.

Please email GK-Henderson@wiu.edu if you would like a copy of these articles.

Web Spotlight

NCL Advocacy Clearinghouse and Toolkit

www.ncladvocacy.org/about.html

The NCL Advocacy Clearinghouse and Toolkit is a one-stop collection of public policy advocacy resources designed to assist you in advocating for adult literacy at the federal level. Adult literacy advocates have previously lacked one central location where they can easily access advocacy resources from across the field. In response to this need, the National Coalition for Literacy, with the support of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, developed the online Advocacy Clearinghouse and Toolkit. Resources are organized into seven sections: Advocacy Home, Toolkit, Legislative Updates, Fact Finder, Research & Reports, Your Advocacy Rose, and Press & Media.

CIAESC Staff Development Events

Excellence in Adult Education

Wednesday March 25, 2009, 06:00PM - 07:00PM

Online via Wimba

Math Sum-It!

Friday March 27, 2009, 08:30AM - 04:00PM

Heartland Community College, Normal

NO REGISTRATION FEE! Contact CIAESC to register,

Predicting! Help Your Readers Be Active Readers

Wednesday April 1, 2009, 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Online with Horizon WIMBA

Using Tutors in the ESL Classroom

Wednesday April 1, 2009, 06:00PM - 07:00PM

Online with Horizon WIMBA

ESL Provider Workshop

April 3, 2009, 09:00AM - 12:00PM

Lincoln Land Community College

Textbook Tools to Make and Take - Trees, Dendrochronology, and More!

Wednesday April 8, 2009, 08:30AM - 03:30PM

Prairieview Community Center, 1407 E. Wheeler, Macomb

Office 2007 - What's New?

Wednesday April 8, 2009, 06:00PM - 07:00PM

Online with Horizon WIMBA

Ideas for Field Trips

Wednesday April 15, 2009, 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Online with Horizon WIMBA

Study Skills and Learning Styles

Friday April 17, 2009, 09:00AM - 12:00PM

Black Hawk College Tech Center, East Moline

Motivation and Cultural Differences in ESL Classrooms

Friday April 24, 2009, 10:00AM - 01:00PM

DeWitt-Livingston-McLean ROE, Normal

Motivation and Cultural Differences in ESL Classrooms

Friday May 1, 2009, 09:00AM - 12:00PM

Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield

Wimba Online Registration

1. Go to www.excellenceinadulthood.com
2. Click on "Online Learning" at the bottom of the blue Main Menu list.
3. Click on "Wimba Sessions" (listed under "Online Learning").

The **Wimba Set-up Wizard must be successfully completed** on your computer prior to participation in either a Wimba Walk-Through or a Wimba session. Each participant **must complete a Wimba Walk-Through** prior to signing up for other events.

Call CIAESC at 800-572-9033 to register for on-site workshops.

CIAESC Resource Library Picks

CIAESC maintains a lending resource library of professional and classroom materials (books, videos, audiotapes, disk software and CD-ROMs) and makes the resources available at no cost to all adult education program staff in the Illinois Service Center Network service region. To check out materials listed below or to customize your search for additional resources, please go to our web site, www.cait.org/ciaesc and click on the Resource Library graphic. To find one of the titles listed below, type the title in the search form title field and begin search. Directions to conduct your own search and to check out materials via the online shopping cart are provided. Patrons are encouraged to utilize the online system. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call (800) 572-9033 to arrange for check out.

In Search of DuSable

This KRT Productions television documentary details the efforts to excavate the grave of Jean Baptiste Point DuSable, an African-American trader and pioneer known as the "Father of Chicago, Illinois". VHS – TRT 45:25 (2002)

Working in the Middle: Strengthening Education and Training for the Mid-Skilled Labor Force

This book presents information based on both statistical research and interviews with students, educators, and employers that offers a comprehensive view of the education and training of the growing mid-skilled labor force who have a high school diploma but lack a baccalaureate degree. The author stresses the advantages realized by both employers and local educational institutions when they join forces to meet the needs of mid-skilled workers. (1996)

Beyond the Myths and Magic of Mentoring: How to Facilitate an Effective Mentoring Program

The author of this publication provides step-by-step guidelines for putting together cost-effective mentoring programs that foster learning and are personally rewarding for mentors. Using case examples of actual mentoring programs, the book reveals what successful programs have in common and offers advice on how to avoid common pitfalls. (1991)

Designing and Assessing Courses & Curricula: A Practical Guide

This guide reflects the best and latest practice in course and curriculum design and connects this knowledge with the task of assessing learning outcomes at course and curricular levels. Presents a successful change model that shows how to move from concept to actualization, from theory to practice. (1998)

Journeys to Fame: A Collection of Short Biographies

This is an easy-to-read collection of brief biographies of famous Americans followed by several pages of exercises and thought/discussion topics. There is no answer key. (1978)