

EFFECTIVE TRANSITIONS IN ADULT EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 9 - 11, 2015

Crowne Plaza at the Crossings, Providence, RI





Greetings Colleagues:

Welcome to the ninth national conference on Effective Transitions in Adult Education! The NCTN team is excited to connect colleagues and experts from across the country for inspiration, support and learning.

The conference is taking place in a time of great change, challenge, and opportunity in the adult education field. Through the sharing of innovative and effective practices, strategies, and policies we aim to strengthen our collective capacity to ensure that soon all adults will have access to the college and careers they desire to earn family-sustaining wages and enjoy a higher quality of life.

The preconference sessions, concurrent workshops, keynote speeches, Innovations and Initiatives Shaping Adult Education policy panel, and Promising Models in the Use of Technology panel are offered with the significant transition of the field in view. In this spirit, a design workshop Making Skills Everyone's Business Through Ideation and Innovation will be moderated by staff from the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the U.S. Dept. of Education and World Education. This workshop will provide the opportunity to generate strategic ideas and leverage place-based, collective impact approaches to closing the skills gap in your community.

We wish to thank GED Testing Service®, BurlingtonEnglish, Aztec Software, WES Global Talent Bridge, and Nellie Mae Education Foundation for helping to make this conference possible. Their support of improving preparation and access to college, training, and careers for adults is important and appreciated. Thank you to all of the presenters for sharing their time and expertise.

As we look to the 2016 conference, we invite you to share your ideas on improving the structure and content of the conference. Our hope is that you leave this conference energized with fresh ideas to implement during the coming year and a commitment to stay in touch.

Sincerely,

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Conference Registration Grand Foyer

PRECONFERENCE

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Engaging, Relevant Lessons that are CCR-Aligned Cynthia Peters, World Education, Inc.

Salon I

When content is relevant and engaging, students use their interest in the topic to scaffold into higher-level basic skills. When teachers meet students' needs for relevant content and help them increase their competency, they also support students' persistence in school. Come learn some new instructional strategies that help your low-intermediate and ASE students address major shifts in the ELA segment of the College and Career Readiness Standards. Leave with ready-to-use lesson plans and worksheets that you can use in future lesson planning, and a better grasp of how to align your teaching to the Standards.

Promoting Life Skills, College, and Career Readiness for All ESOL Learners

Luanne Teller, World Education, Inc.

Salon II

The Life Skills, College, and Career Readiness Guide was developed by a team of Massachusetts practitioners to translate lists of skills into real life tasks that adult learners can practice and master in every ESOL classroom, from beginner through transitions. The Guide is intended to be a document that students, teachers, and programs can adapt and use. In this session, we will review the research that served as the foundation for the Guide and engage participants in working with and envisioning how the Guide might be used in their own programs.

Engaging Students in Science: Using Research-Based Instruction Cynthia Zafft, World Education, Inc.

Salon IV

In this interactive workshop, teachers will explore lessons that dig deeper into the science content of everyday experiences. Science-contextualized lessons give students the opportunity to practice reading complex informational text, writing detailed summaries, and applying math concepts. These hands-on components make learning "stick." You don't need to be a science teacher but you will learn more about science along with your students. And it's fun!

SESSION I

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Proficiency-Based Teaching and Learning

Barbara Bowen, RI Adult Education Professional Development Center; **Donna Chambers,** Consultant; **Nancy Labonte**, RI Department of Education; and **Katie Ehresman**, Boston Public Schools *Bristol A*

We will explore the principles of proficiency-based teaching and learning to expedite an instructional shift in literacy and math for all levels. The workshop will be a how-to guide for creating quality project-based tasks and rubrics that are aligned with college and career readiness standards, using the tools of Understanding by Design® and technology to assure transfer of learning. Come prepared to think and work hard.

Blended Learning for ASE and College Transition Classes David Rosen, Newsome Associates

Bristol B

We will look at models that integrate face-to-face and online learning, with an emphasis on those in transition to college programs. We will discuss the opportunities and challenges involved with implementing them. Participants will get a link to a new guide to blended learning for adult educators, written by the presenter.

What Do We Mean When We Talk About Student Voice? Tobie Baker-Wright, Jobs for the Future; Eugenie Inniss, Jobs for the Future Tiverton

Participants in this interactive session will discuss current research on student voice, think through a current problem of practice, and discuss the role of student voice in adult basic education and transition to postsecondary education.

Reboot Your Digital Strategy!

Steve Quann, World Education, Inc.

Narragansett-Ocean

Learn how your program and students can take advantage of national developments in digital literacy and access. The presenter will demonstrate helpful resources, websites, and tools to get teachers, tutors, and students "connected." Bring your own device (BYOD) for a hands-on experience.

TABE®: What's New For 2015 and Beyond Karen Volkers, CTB/McGraw-Hill Education Salon I

The Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE®)—first launched in 1967—continues to adapt to align with new standards in order to meet the needs of Adult Educators. This session will discuss how TABE® is in the process of aligning to the new College and Career Readiness Standards and changes in High School Equivalency tests.

Bridging the Gap: Taking Adult ESOL Learners to College Marianna Geraskina, El Centro Del Cardenal, Catholic Charities; Maryalice Guilford, Catholic Charities, Erin Robinson, Catholic Charities Salon II

Adult English Language Learners pursuing a college education deal with multiple socio-cultural and academic challenges. We will look at ways ESOL programs can help students to overcome these challenges and ensure their students' success. The presenters will speak about their program design, academic content and strategies, and focused counseling approach.

Holy WIOA, Batman!! Integrating Workforce Innovation & Adult ESL Melanie Fox, BurlingtonEnglish; Robert Breitbard, BurlingtonEnglish; Joseph Spencer, Rowan College at Gloucester County Salon III

Adult ESL instructors know the importance of age-appropriate, relevant, just-intime learning. Administrators must align curricula with workforce innovation, provide career pathways, and report progress. Learn how BurlingtonEnglish empowers schools and colleges to provide dynamic, practical WIOA-aligned content in the classroom, self-study opportunities, and comprehensive reporting tools.

Funding Job-Driven Programs with SNAP Employment and Training Marcie Foster, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture *Salon IV*

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training (E&T) program, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, plays an important role in serving unemployed and underemployed SNAP households. This session will provide an introduction to using SNAP E&T funding to support job-driven programs for underprepared learners.

Addressing the Workforce Integration Barriers Faced by Immigrant Professionals

Tadd Wamester, Upwardly Global *Salon V*

Immigrants and refugees looking to rebuild a career in the U.S. face very real challenges. Upwardly Global's mission is to eliminate employment barriers for skilled immigrants and refugees and integrate this population into the professional U.S. workforce. This session will explore Upwardly Global's model for supporting skilled immigrants, and highlight strategies and programs that support effective immigrant workforce integration. Employers, communities, families, and our economy, all benefit when we harness the talents of all Americans.

SESSION II

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Effective Transitions Require Collaboration: Rhode Island's Journey Jill Holloway, RI Adult Education Professional Development Center; **Karisa Tashjian**, RI Family Literacy Initiative; **Barbara Bowen**, RI Adult Education Professional Development Center; **Jane May**, Community College of RI *Bristol A*

The requirements of WIOA point us all in the direction of increasing scope and effectiveness. Rhode Islanders find that many of our projects that have become pockets of brilliance, despite level funding, are built on collaboration and partnerships that need to be sustained.

Developing Non-Cognitive College Persistence Skills Sabrina Marschall, Shippensburg University of PA; **Cindy Murray**,
Shippensburg University of PA; **Deb Schooley**, Shippensburg University of PA *Bristol B*

Today's college students struggle with multiple demands. What can be done to help adults manage their multiple roles and responsibilities, and succeed as college students? The SWOT analysis framework and personal vision statement can help students identify their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and develop an action plan.

Adult Education and Workforce: Career Pathways and Your Students Stacie Evans, NYC Mayor's Office of Workforce Development *Tiverton*

New York City is transforming its workforce system to a career pathways framework. In this session, we will present an overview of the initiative, then focus specifically on bridge programs. We will work through activities that explore the bridge model and its ability to be adapted for various learners.

Self-Determination: What Does It Mean For Your Students? Cynthia Zafft, World Education, Inc.

Narragansett-Ocean

This workshop, from the federally funded Learning to Achieve (L2A) series, considers ways that practitioners can support adults with learning disabilities in developing self-determination to achieve their goals. It explores what it means for adults with learning disabilities to be self-determined and considers the six factors that affect individual's ability to be self-determined. L2A materials support all struggling learners and acknowledge that we all have learners with diagnosed and undiagnosed learning disabilities in our adult education (and college) classrooms.

Essential Writing Skills for the College-Bound GED® Student Charlene Gill, Austin Community College Salon I

Fewer than half of first-time college students ever enroll in, let alone successfully complete, their most important college gateway course: English Composition. Why is this the case, and what can Adult Education instructors do to ensure our students will be successful beyond our classrooms? In this workshop, discover the five key skills your GED® students must possess to master college-level writing and succeed in college.

Reading Skills for Successful Transition of ESL Learners Lynn Savage, City College of San Francisco Salon II

Publication of The College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education has raised practitioner interest in linking reading and writing activities. We will present four different strategies to connect reading and writing, using examples for beginning, intermediate, and advanced learners. Participants will discuss ideas for incorporating these strategies into their teaching.

Increasing Opportunities for New Americans at Community Colleges Jill Casner-Lotto, Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education; Teresita Wisell, Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education; Gautam Ramchandani, GlobalSource

Salon III

CCCIE will present findings of this first-of-its-kind national survey of community colleges, including information on actions to improve immigrant students' access and success, college completion, and career readiness. We'll also share a new data metrics template providing key performance indicators that can be used to identify barriers to immigrant student success and develop well-targeted solutions.

Finding Vermeer: A Multi-Disciplinary Classroom Adventure Krissy Shelvy, VT Adult Learning; Alyssa Gagne, VT Adult Learning Salon IV

We will examine the integration of art education into the core skill subjects through a team-taught course using the book Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett. The instructional strategies used to foster critical thinking skills through a combination of reading, writing, applied mathematics, and art history will be addressed.

Developing Human Capital in the Age of WIOA Mitch Rosin, Aztec Software Salon V

As states move forward with developing unified and combined state plans under WIOA, the needs of adult education classrooms are evolving. In this workshop you will learn the details of WIOA, why the law was written the way it was, the use of credentials in competency-based learning, and how contextualized instruction and career pathways can help build applied workplace skills.

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Technology Panel

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Promising Models in the Use of Technology

Adult education programs and practitioners across the country are improving their students' digital literacy skills and employing innovative models of blended learning. Hear a panel of experts speak about the current trends in the use of educational technology in adult learning and join World Education in launch of the new EdTech Center.

Panelists:

- Heidi Silver-Pacuilla, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education
- Gabe Martinez Cabrera, Digital Promise
- Karisa Tashjian, Rhode Island Family Literacy Initiative
- Alisson Walsh, Mobile Beacon
- Kristan Fitah, Asian American Civic Association
- **Diana Satin**, Diana Satin Consulting
- Robert Breitbard, BurlingtonEnglish
- **David Rosen**, Newsome Associates

Moderator: **Steve Quann**, World Education, Inc.

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Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Johan E. Uvin**, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, United States Department of Education.

SESSION III

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Teaching Higher Order Math Skills Using *The Change Agent* and the *Math Practitioner*Sally Waldron, World Education, Inc.

Bristol A

Are you looking for authentic, College and Career readiness Standards-based numeracy resources? In this interactive session we will explore using the New England Literacy Resource Center's *The Change Agent* and the Adult Numeracy *Network's Math Practitioner* as math resources. Participants will leave with new strategies and resources for teaching math using low-cost materials designed for adults.

Building the Transition Program at Hawkeye Community College's Metro Center

Anna Laneville, Hawkeye Community College Metro Center *Bristol B*

Hawkeye Community College Metro Center's transition program collaborates with the college's main campus, lowa Workforce Development, and other agencies to pave students' way to postsecondary education. We will explore the program's ongoing successes and challenges and the role that collaboration plays in a student's transition, especially in light of WIOA.

Bridging the Gap for Internationally-Educated Immigrants: Community Colleges and Service Providers

Katherine Gebremedhin, WES Global Talent Bridge; **Lori M. DeBiasi**, Jewish Vocational Services — Boston; **Jill Casner-Lotto**, Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education

Tiverton

Learn how community colleges and immigrant service providers are creating innovative partnerships to provide pathways to success for skilled immigrants re-entering professional fields. Presenters will highlight one such partnership and demonstrate a new interactive resource that enables practitioners to learn more about best practices and connect with model programs.

Developing Critical Thinking Skills for the High-Risk Student Linda Wolfson, Vita Education Services; **Gail Huber**, Vita Education Services *Newport*

Students with unclear goals, poor problem solving, and multiple barriers to participation may be considered at-risk. Cognitive skills instruction can benefit at-risk learners transitioning to postsecondary education. Participants will experience activities designed to develop the critical thinking skills that help students to persist in their studies.

Back on Track: Supporting Transition and Persistence from High School Equivalency to College

Amy Dalsimer, LaGuardia Community College; **Citlalli Negrete**, LaGuardia Community College *Barrington*

LaGuardia Community College is expanding access to college for nontraditional adult students, immigrants and opportunity youth. This session focuses on applying lessons learned in year one of the Back on Track Project, part of a USDOE First in the World Grant Initiative. Presenters will share data-driven intervention strategies in reducing barriers to matriculation and student melt.

Successfully Manage, Evaluate, and Scale Your College Transitions Program

Charlene Gill, Austin Community College; **David Borden**, Austin Community College

Wickford

The presenters will discuss the steps they took to successfully convert their grant funded College Transitions Program pilot into a fully-funded permanent program that is operating at twice the capacity of the original pilot and is integrated into the community college. Participants will learn promising management and evaluation practices as well as ideas for expansion and sustainability.

How Skills Make A Difference In Health-Related Issues: Results from PIAAC

Sondra Stein, American Institutes for Research *Kinaston*

The Program for International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) was conducted in 24 countries in 2011-12. This presentation examines performance on PIAAC literacy, numeracy, and digital problem solving assessments in relation to individuals' health behaviors and outcomes, including self-reported health status, sources of information about health issues, and preventive health practices.

Technology in the Adult Education Classroom Mitch Rosin, Aztec Software

Greenwich

The ability to use technology in the 21st Century is a critical skill. Using online learning opportunities in the adult education classroom provides learners with the skills they need, both academic and technical, to be successful. This workshop will examine the research that supports the use of technology in the classroom, best practices for teachers when instructing in an online and/or blended classroom, how to create blended learning models, and the benefits for learners.

12:00 PM – 1:45 PM Lunch Policy Panel Grand Ballroom

Innovations and Initiatives Shaping Adult Education in 2015

Making Skills Everyone's Business outlines seven interrelated strategies toward the goals of expanding access, closing achievement gaps, assisting workers to advance, and transitioning learners to credit-bearing postsecondary or occupational training. The panelists will discuss selected innovations and initiatives that are advancing these goals in the context of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) implementation. Each panelist will also present a follow-up workshop at the conference that will take a deeper dive into the topics they bring up on the panel.

Panelists:

- Jeff Carter, National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium
- John Colborn, Skills for America's Future at Aspen Institute
- Amy Dalsimer, LaGuardia Community College
- **Lul Tesfai**, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education
- **Johan E. Uvin**, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at the U.S. Department of Education

Moderator: **Silja Kallenbach**, World Education, Inc.

SESSION IV

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Using Mentoring to Strengthen the Field

Andy Nash, World Education, Inc.; **Sally Waldron**, World Education, Inc. *Bristol A*

Mentoring is a well-researched, effective strategy for developing the capacity and confidence of K-12 teachers. Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education's Teacher Effectiveness Project piloted this research in a diverse set of adult education programs. Presenters will introduce the project's teacher mentoring guide, and explore the various ways programs implemented its range of tools.

Evaluation Highlights from Accelerating Opportunity Lisa Soricone, Jobs for the Future

Bristol B

This session presents evaluation findings from Accelerating Opportunity, a program model that integrates basic skills with career and technical education. Presenters will provide an overview of the initiative and key evaluation findings as well as implications for program design and policy. Representatives from participating states and colleges will share their perspectives on the findings.

Engaging Employers in Career Pathways Programs Hope Cotner, Center for Occupational Research and Development *Tiverton*

We will discuss career pathways from an employer's perspective. Topics will include: engaging in meaningful discussions about local workforce needs; understanding the return on investment for industry partnerships; and designing high quality career pathway and bridge programs through collaboration with local employers. Learn how to identify potential partners and communicate messages that resonate with business. This session is hosted by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education's Moving Pathways Forward initiative.

Building a Continuum Between Reading and Writing Lynn Savage, City College of San Francisco *Newport*

Participants will learn strategies that utilize schema theory, text structure, and text dependent questions, and reading tips to address the gap between current instruction and skills needed for college and career success.

Co-enrollment Pathways: Fast Lane to Success or Train Wreck? Donna Droge, Kansas Board of Regents; Lea Ann Curtis, Washburn Institute of Technology; Kathy Petz, Hutchinson Community College; Hector Martinez, Garden City Community College; Gayle Goetz, Wichita Area Technical College; and Travis Combs, Seward County Community College Barrington

Educators will share the challenges and triumphs of Accelerating Opportunities Kansas (AO-K) which re-vamped adult education for developmental, adult basic and GED® learners. AO-K couples career-focused technical pathways with adult education through contextualized instruction and enhanced supportive services resulting in successful transitions into postsecondary education and family-sustaining employment for learners.

NROC and EdReady: Personalizing Success in College Readiness Ahrash Bissell, The NROC Project

Wickford

The NROC Project is a national non-profit impacting college and career readiness. In this vein, NROC recently released EdReady, a free, customizable, personalized-learning platform. We will review the strategies and outcomes from several adult education institutions that use NROC resources (including EdReady) to help students identify and achieve their readiness goals.

Integrating Employability Skills

Ellen Cushing, American Institutes for Research; **Catherine Jacques**, American Institutes for Research *Kingston*

To be competitive in an increasingly global economy, adult learners entering the workforce or starting a new career will need more than just academic knowledge and technical skills to be successful. This workshop will explore how to prioritize employability skills in the adult education context.

Conceptual Understanding with the Order of Operations Connie Rivera, TERC

Greenwich

Making a shift to more rigorous math instruction means conceptual understanding and application in real-world contexts is as important as procedural skill and fluency. With that in mind, we'll look at a sample unit that digs deep into the reasons behind what we think of as the rules for order in expressions. The unit includes six lessons that can be used to bring CCR Level B - D math students to a higher level.

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM Exhibitor's Showcase Grand Foyer

SESSION V

4:15 PM - 5:45 PM

Best Practices for Teaching Mathematics for Out-of-School Youth Cynthia Bell, Literacy Assistance Center

Bristol A

Providing high quality mathematics instruction for opportunity youth is the goal, but it is not always clear how to do this effectively. We will deconstruct best practices for mathematics instruction for youth, such as posing purposeful questions and making connections.

Making Skills Everyone's Business: The Employer Connection John Colburn, Skills for America's Future at Aspen Institute Bristol B

Employers around the country are investing in growing the skills of their frontline workers by investing in High School Equivalency/GED® completion and basic skills of their workforce. These investments ensure workers can succeed in the workplace and advance in careers and education. This workshop will review employer practices and discuss strategies for successful partnerships with employers in developing and delivering these programs.

The Network Approach: Greater than the Sum of the Parts Silja Kallenbach, World Education, Inc.; Karisa Tashjian, RI Family Literacy Initiative Tiverton

Networks of organizations with complementary strengths can often achieve greater impact than individual organizations alone. In this interactive workshop, presenters will share current knowledge and practice about network development focusing on the purpose, benefits, challenges, and status of networks in which adult education programs play a central role. It features immigrants' economic and linguistic integration through education and related services. Presenters and participants will share their experiences and lessons learned about network development locally and nationally.

Engaging Our Big Ideas: Why Writing Matters in Social Studies Peggy McGuire, Independent Consultant Newport

What role does writing have in learning social studies content? How do we teach writing for this kind of learning? Participants will explore instructional strategies that help students develop the writing skills that they can use to deeply understand and communicate their learning about historical events, social movements and civic/cultural issues.

ETS High School Equivalency Testing (HiSET®) Program Douglas Garcia, Educational Testing Service Barrington

Educational Testing Service (ETS) and the University of Iowa (ITP) have collaborated to develop a high school equivalency testing (HiSET®) program, which launched in January 2014 at the request of more than 30 states. Participants will learn about the HiSET® assessment as an alternative to the GED®.

Tools to Maximize Information Access to Faculty, Students and Staff Chauncy Butcher, Montgomery College; Melissa Zervos, Montgomery College Wickford

The Montgomery College Adult ESOL and Basic Skills Program is maximizing access to materials and information for faculty, students, and staff through a variety of technology options. Learn about visual interfaces, social media, and web based voice/text communication systems available to flip the traditional model of information/materials distribution.

What PIAAC says about adult skills and adult learning Sondra Stein, American Institutes for Research; Kingston

The PIAAC assesment of adults' skills background questionnaire asks adults to describe education or training they participated in during the 12 months prior to taking the assessment. What can we learn from the similarities and differences between adults who continue their education and those who do not? How can the findings enable us to help more low-skilled adults successfully transition to postsecondary education?

Early Start: A Transition Program for Student Preparation to Success Sheila Manley, Cuyahoga Community College *Greenwich*

The Early Start program addresses the skills needed for students to: successfully transition to postsecondary education and employment; develop better time management habits; and develop skills to enhance the students' ability to learn. Partnerships will be introduced to methods and strategies that can be incorporated into any workforce or education curriculum.

$6:00 \ PM - 8:00 \ PM$ NCTN Reception

Rotunda

Celebrate years of learning and networking! Join the NCTN team at the reception honoring the ninth anniversary of our national conference with refreshments. The reception is held to thank all who have helped to make the conference an annual success.

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Making Skills Everyone's Business through Ideation and Innovation

Ideation is the creative process of generating, developing, and communicating new ideas. Please join Lul Tesfai and Heidi Silver-Pacuilla from the U.S. Department of Education and staff from World Education, Inc. for a workshop that invites you to generate strategic ideas and leverage, collective impact approaches to closing the skills gap in community. (Bring your ideas and coffee!)

SESSION VI

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Enhancing Student Motivation Andjela Kaur, University of Massachusetts at Boston

Bristol A

The presenter will offer an overview of Motivational Interviewing as a motivation enhancement model which can be used with adult learners. Participants will have an opportunity to experience one technique used in this model and to discuss how this method may work in their program environments.

Financial Workshop Kit: Money Management For Adult Learners Mary "Jeannette" Schultz, National Endowment for Financial Education Bristol B

Adult learners and nontraditional students may be discouraged by the thought of paying for school and handling the workload along with their other financial, family, and community responsibilities. This workshop presents a kit that helps students to manage their money, builds confidence, and empowers them to further their career and educational goals. The presenter will address two interconnected topics of managing money and paying for college.

Student Success...Is It The Beginning Or The End?

Gail Baldwin, Bossier Parish Community College; **Jackie Martin**, Copiah-Lincoln Community College; **Susie Partrick**, Copiah-Lincoln Community College; **Terri Clark**, Pearl River Community College *Tiverton*

Explore student success strategies with two Mississippi community colleges from the Retaining the Gulf Coast Workforce through IT Pathways Consortium (GCIT). They will describe their design and implementation of integrated pathways for college credit and ABE skills simultaneously, through a Department of Labor initiative.

Reading, Writing and Advocacy: Standing Up for Yourself and Others is a Key $21^{\rm st}$ Century Skill

Cynthia Peters, World Education, Inc.

Kingston

Because it is so hard to find a job that pays a living wage, all learners who want to improve their prospects will need not just to succeed at college but also be prepared to effect change in the workplace and in the community. Come explore methods for teaching basic skills in a way that also prepares students to advocate for their needs.

Statistics for Action: Math for Science and Social Studies Connie Rivera, TERC

Barrington

Help your students see data as a useful form of communication through contextualized materials that cross subject areas. Participants will experience activities that will help build understanding of non-textual information and the ability to reason from data.

Mi\$\$ion Admi\$\$ion - Adult Transition to Postsecondary Education Stacy Watts, College Now Greater Cleveland; Holly Craider, Cuyahoga Community College Wickford

Participants will explore the steps to assist adult learners to navigate and choose the appropriate higher education institution, fill out the financial aid paperwork, find scholarship opportunities, and attain the certification they desire.

Preparing Students for Online Learning (Jessica) Lynne Witham, University College at Ellsworth; Ander Thebaud, Regional School Unit 24 Adult Education Narragansett-Ocean

Presenters will discuss challenges for first-time online students and identify resources and learning experiences to prepare them for this new experience. We will provide handouts and ideas for transitioning students to online learning that can be used in an existing program or a new supplementary program.

Using Industry-Based Credentials to Increase Employer Engagement Jennifer Lawrence, Bossier Parish Community College

Rhode Island - Patriots

Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) cracked the code to using industry-based credentials to increase employer engagement via its three rounds of TAACCCT grants. Participants will learn about BPCC's employer engagement practices, recognized by the Education Advisory Board, which have led to a better than 50% placement rate in the cyber information technology and advanced manufacturing pathways.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch Plenary II Grand Ballroom

Student Keynote: Timothy Lovett, Completed his GED® at Hampshire County House of Corrections, and is a current student at Springfield Technical Community College

SESSION VII

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Transition Programs in Rural America Shalom Tazewell, LAMP Adult Education *Bristol A*

Rural areas have unique challenges and opportunities with implementing adult education transition programs and successfully assisting adults with postsecondary and/or career goals. Presenters will describe their efforts in rural West Virginia and provide participants with a blueprint for engaging the community in creating a support system for adult education students.

21st Century Skills For the New Adult Learner

Brandy Rowley, Lanier Technical College; **Lisa Paez**, Lanier Technical College *Bristol B*

This workshop will teach adult educators how to enhance learning and increase retention by incorporating technology into lessons. We will discuss ways to repurpose instruction to include simple technology enhancements and software programs that will help improve students' career prospects and ensure their transition into postsecondary education is as smooth as possible.

Your Students CAN Become Mathematically Proficient Problem Solvers Patricia Helmuth, Sullivan County Board of Cooperative Educational Services *Tiverton*

In this interactive workshop, participants will learn how to choose math activities that promote student thinking and problem solving as defined by the College and Career Readiness Standards. Participants will learn how to foster a student centered learning environment and will leave with resources that they can immediately use in their classrooms.

What Can We Learn From Successful Transition Programs? Jackie Saindon, University of Georgia Kingston

This workshop traces the history of Operation SEEK at Queens College, a program that will be celebrating its 50th anniversary next year. How did this program manage to produce so many successful professionals, and what can we learn that is useful to policy, administration, and curriculum of transition programs?

Mathematizing ESOL

Sherry Lehane, SABES Center for Mathematics and Adult Numeracy; **Melissa Braaten**, SABES Center for Mathematics and Adult Numeracy. *Barrington*

This session offers highlights from a new online course designed to help ESOL teachers integrate math into their practice. Participants will engage in math and language activities to develop their understanding of basic numeracy concepts and how they can be included in the facilitation of language acquisition.

Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization: Issues for Adult Education Jeff Carter, National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium *Wickford*

Full restoration of Ability to Benefit (ATB) is just one of the ways in which reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) might provide an opportunity to make postsecondary education more accessible to students transitioning from adult education. We'll look at various proposals and discuss your ideas during this session.

GED® Graduates and their Transition to College

CT Turner, GED Testing Service® *Rhode Island - Patriots*

More than ever is being done to help adult learners transition from GED® graduates to successful college students. This session will examine the state of GED® graduates and their transition to postsecondary education, since the introduction of the new program in 2014. We will provide an update on the ACE CREDIT recommendations for graduates to bypass placement exams and developmental education. We will also provide an early glimpse into success indicators, performance on the GED® with Honors level (college ready performance indicator), and information on our research plan to better track GED® graduate performance in postsecondary education.

SESSION VIII

2:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Becoming a More Effective Leader Ellen Hewett. World Education, Inc.

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The vision for integrated education and training codified in WIOA demands a great deal of change and professional development of program administrators. The goal of this session is to help participants start or refine a professional development approach that is aimed at strengthening the skills needed now for effective leadership.

Smart Practice: Brain-based Approaches to Teaching Sarah Lynn, Harvard University Bridge Program Bristol B

What does recent research say about the mind, memory, and learning? How can educators translate these findings into engaging and enriching classroom learning? Participants will learn hands-on classroom techniques to enrich student learning and strengthen student memory.

Gaining Confidence as a Writer: A Student's Perspective on Effective Writing Strategies

Cynthia Peters, World Education, Inc.; **Timothy Lovett**, Student, Springfield Technical Community College *Tiverton*

Hear directly from a transitions student about how you can demystify the writing process and help students access their voice and open a channel to their own style. Create a bridge to more formal writing skills, interest in research, and critical thinking. Learn motivating ways to align your teaching with College Career Readiness Standards.

Immigrants in Community Colleges: Mapping Locations, Career Trajectories, Economic Impact

Denzil Mohammed, The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.; **Joshua Tuttle**, Institute for Immigration Research at George Mason University *Kingston*

Presenters will discuss how first-of-its-kind data will map the populations of immigrant students in community colleges at the national, state, and county levels. Learn about data available to identify key characteristics including countries of origin, employment status, and degree fields and show the career trajectories of foreign-born graduates and their local economic impact.

Engaging Employers in Expanding Adults' Economic and Educational Success

Claudia Green, English for New Bostonians; **Cyndy Chapin**, Asian American Civic Association *Barrington*

This workshop will share a continuum of strategies for engaging employers in recognizing and expanding the productive role of immigrants in their own workplaces and local and regional economies. From job placement, to curriculum development, to investment in workplace education, participants will hear diverse perspectives on effective approaches to building and leveraging employer relationships.

Strip Away Misunderstandings in Math: Singapore Strips as Visual Models

Melissa Braaten, SABES Center for Mathematics and Adult Numeracy *Wickford*

This workshop will explore a strategy called Singapore Strips for modeling and visualizing word problems. In this workshop, participants will learn how Singapore Strips support the Mathematical Shifts in the College and Career Readiness Standards and get lots of hands-on practice solving different types of math problems using Singapore Strips.

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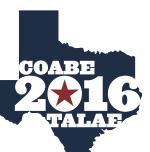


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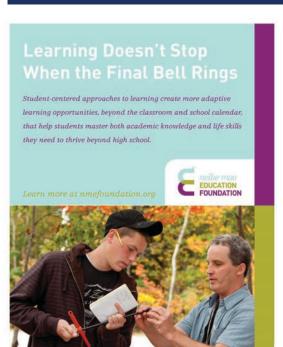






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