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WIOA: What Now?

Shifts in Policy, Shifts in Practice

Webinar Series

*Collaborations Between Adult Basic Education and
Local Workforce Investment Boards*



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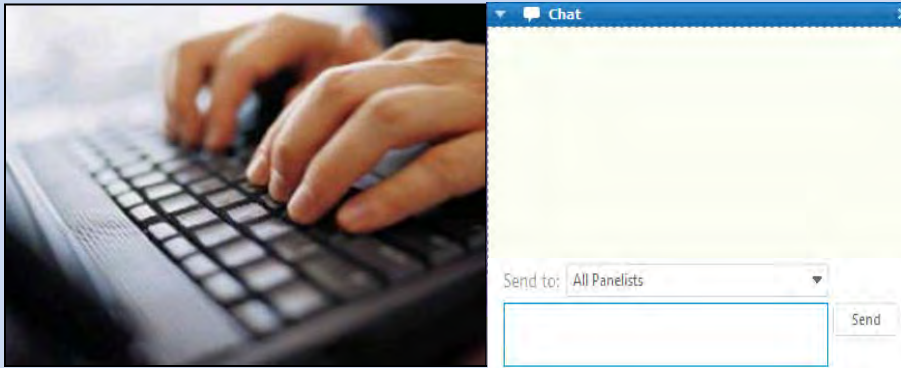
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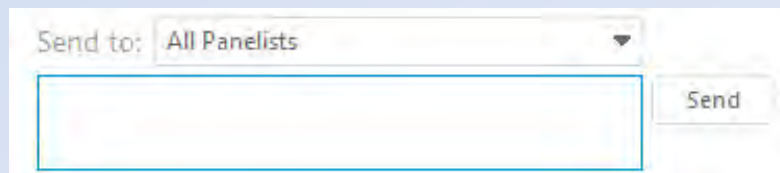


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Agenda

- Overview of WIOA
- Presentations on joint ABE & WIB activities
- Panel discussion
- Questions from participants



Presenters



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Presenters



Tim Shenk

Adult Education Program Director
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Kevin Perkey

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WIOA Basics

- Signed July 2014
- Draft regulations to be issued by OCTAE spring 2015 followed by a public comment period.
- In effect July 1, 2015, but no change in core performance measures until July 2016.



WIOA Key Shift

Strengthens alignment between adult education, postsecondary education, and employers.



Expands the purpose of adult education – to transition to postsecondary education and obtain employment.

WIOA Key Principles

- Alignment across systems
- Unified strategic planning
- Role of state and local WIBS
- Common measures
- Engagement of employers
- Partnerships and investments in one-stop delivery system



ABE and LWIB Collaborations on Boston's North Shore (Massachusetts)

North Shore Community Action Programs (NSCAP) and the North Shore Workforce Investment Board

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NORTH SHORE
**community
action**
PROGRAMS 



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

We put the North Shore of Massachusetts to work!

WIB Skills Gap Sub-Committee

Quarterly meetings:

- ▶ Employers
- ▶ Community college
- ▶ ABE providers
- ▶ Workforce development, etc.

To eliminate gap between job-seeker skills and employer needs:

- ▶ Joint strategic planning,
- ▶ Resource sharing
- ▶ Surveys of the field



Adult Career Pathways

- ▶ Sub-contract to provide “Pathways to Manufacturing” for high level ESOL students at NSCAP
- ▶ WIB/Career Center hold bi-monthly meetings of all locally funded Career Pathways providers to share best practices, problem-solve
- ▶ WIB/Career Center supports recruitment, alignment of services, program oversight
- ▶ WIOA eligibility screenings for additional training



Other Career Center Collaborations

- ▶ Out-stationed Education & Career Advisor via ABE partner makes referrals to Career Center customers in need of basic skills
- ▶ Career Center Access Points model moves services into communities and programs
- ▶ ACT Career Ready 101 implementation strategy and support



ABE Community Planning

- ▶ Labor Market Information presentations to ABE teachers, advisors, & practitioners
- ▶ Collaborations on annual ABE Next Steps Fair – held at local Community College to expose ABE/ESOL students to opportunities for training, higher-education, career-track employment
- ▶ Resource sharing, WIB participation on various workgroups



**North Shore
Adult Education
Partnership**



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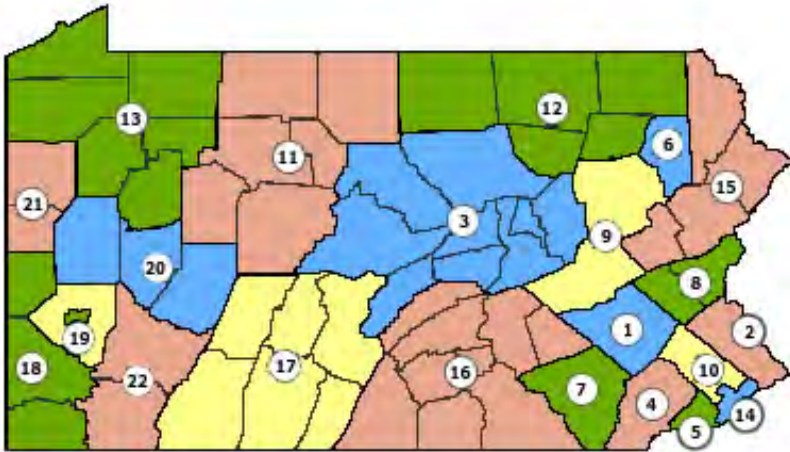


Student Referral



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SouthCentral and Lancaster Workforce Investment Areas



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The two regions

SouthCentral

- 8 counties, 6 CareerLinks®
- 13 programs
- Co-located



Lancaster

- 1 county, 1 CareerLink®
- 2 programs
- Co-located



Relationship building

- Make your friends before you need them
 - Title II providers
 - CareerLink personnel
 - WIB staff
- Conference presentations
- Strategic planning
- Grant writing



Student Fowzia Abdullahi
with State Senator Smucker

Lancaster: Funding flowing in both directions

➤ WIB Adult Education

- WorkKeys® prep classes
- GED for youth
- TABE testing
- Soft Skills classes



GED
Graduate
Juan
Vadi

➤ Adult Education WIB

- Trainings: Manufacturing, Welding, Blueprint Reading, Forklift, OSHA, Construction, Intro to Office Procedures

South Central Adult Education Coalition

- Meet quarterly with SCWIB staff
- Mission, goals and outcomes
- Presentations to the Board
- Brochure
- Advocacy





Courtney Gantz (pictured with Adult Education instructor Elizabeth Woratyla) and Istvan Szoke

- Took Adult Education pre-LPN classes at the CareerLink
- Enrolled in and completed LPN training at the Lancaster County Career & Technology Center.



Panel Discussion



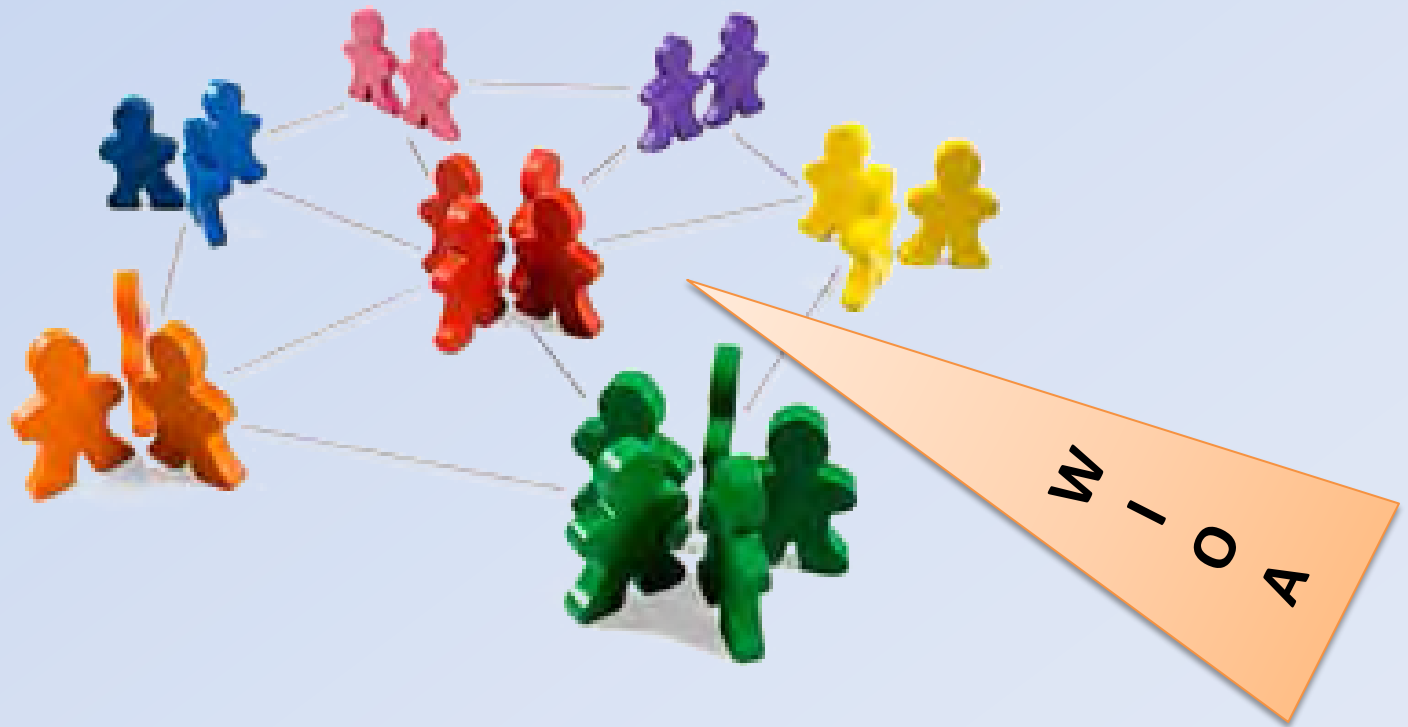
What makes the collaboration work?



**How has the collaboration
shaped or changed your approach?**



How do you envision moving forward under WIOA, in light of key shifts?



Advice for others just getting started?



Questions?





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- Technical assistance and professional development
- Online professional development courses on college and career readiness elements
- Curriculum tools for teaching and advising

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