



Adult Education Statewide Policy Forum

January 24, 2014

Connecticut State Department
of Education (CSDE)

AGENDA

- Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE)
- ATDN Update
- GED® Testing in Connecticut
- Adult Education Teacher Evaluation
- Federal Grant Update
- NEDP Update
- CARS Update/Provider Performance Summary
- State Grant Update
- Transition Pilot Programs
- CSDE/Other Updates

ATDN Update

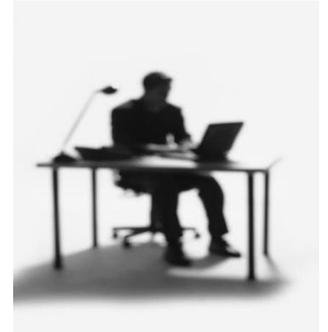
- College & Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) Professional Development
 - *Overview sessions and workshops that focus on developing strategies and skills for instruction for adult learners in the areas of Reading, Math and Writing.*
- May 1, 2014, 22nd Annual Conference on Serving Adults with Disabilities
 - *Water's Edge Conference Center in Westbrook*
 - *The keynote speaker will be C. Leslie Charles*

ATDN Update continued

- National External Diploma Program (NEDP)
 - *Training for Advisor/Assessors in the new Web-Based NEDP.*
 - *Technical assistance and portfolio review to NEDP providers.*
- Connecticut Competency System (CCS) and CASAS Functional Writing Assessment (FWA)
 - *Ongoing training sessions and technical support and assistance.*

GED® Testing in Connecticut

- GED® Update
- GED® Test on Computer
- Questions and Answers



Adult Education Teacher Evaluation Proposal

- Update from the CSDE Talent Office
- Review of the Adult Education SEED Proposal Components
- Next Steps



Federal Grant Update

- PIP mid-year reports and budget revisions are due no later than February 14, 2014
 - *Use the Excel budget templates sent with the December 31, 2013, e-mail and also found on the CSDE Web site.*
- Continuation Application for PIP grants
 - *Will be issued in late March 2014, pending WIA funding.*

National External Diploma Program (NEDP) Update

- Web-based NEDP implementation began July 1, 2013
- New advisor/assessor training took place this January, 2014
- NEDP online refresher training scheduled for February 7, 2014, at CREC/Coltsville
- NEDP Written Prompt Training -TBA

CARS Update and Provider Performance Summary (PPS)

- CARS Merge Requests
- CSDE Accountability Policy Change
 - *Level completion was included as a measure in the PPS with up to 11 points (6 in ESL).*
 - *In light of USDOE's revised assessment policy (2012-13) regarding CASAS Life and Work Listening, CSDE does not want this one measure to negatively affect any provider.*

Provider Performance Summary

- CSDE Accountability Policy Change continued
 - *Level completion undervalues scale score gain – a more accurate measure of learner growth- and greatly discounts diploma attainment.*
 - *CSDE will adjust the weights for the “level completion” measure in the PPS.*
 - *The scale score gain approach will also be in alignment with adult education’s Results Based Accountability (RBA) report to the Connecticut General Assembly.*

Adult Education State Grant Update FY 2014 and FY 2015

- The **FY 2014** Adult Education State Grant Revision Application, forms **ED-245** and **ED-245A**, will be due to the Bureau on or before **March 17, 2014**
- The **FY 2015** Adult Education State Grant Application, forms ED-244 and ED-244A, will be due to the Bureau on or before **April 15, 2014**

Adult Education State Grant Update FY 2014 and FY 2015 continued

- **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**



1. Submission of the **ED-245/A** revision application forms and the **ED-244/A** initial application forms must also include the completed **Budget Narrative Templates**.
2. The Budget Narrative Template is an **Excel** document (one each for the ED-245, ED-245A , the ED-244 and ED-244A) consisting of **three** sheets. An **instruction page**, the **budget narrative pages** and the **ED-114 budget form**. The tabs for each sheet can be found at the bottom of Excel workbook.
3. The Excel budget template must also be submitted electronically to valerie.marino@ct.gov by the respective due dates. Be sure save the template the name of your program before e-mailing (e.g., Waterbury ED-245 FY14 or Wallingford ED-244 FY15).

Adult Education State Grant Update FY 2014 and FY 2015 continued

- **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**



4. Remember, the Excel Budget Template **does not replace** the revision application forms ED-245 and ED-245A or application forms ED-244 and ED-244A.
5. The Excel Budget Narrative Templates may be accessed from the CSDE/Adult Education Web page as separately posted link.
6. NOTE: Section I of the ED-245 is collecting additional information for those providers offering enrichment programming particularly college preparatory, postsecondary developmental education courses and/or activities.
7. FY 2015 Support Percentages can be accessed from the CSDE Web site at www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&Q=320684&sdePNavCtr=|45472|#45554

Transition Pilot Programs

- Three Adult Education Program were awarded funds to pilot transition to college for adults **with** diplomas
- Manchester, Meriden and New Haven will report on:
 - *Observations*
 - *Outcomes*
 - *Implications*

CSD E Updates

- Personnel



Thank you for coming!

Next Policy Forum
June 6, 2014

