

# ADULT EDUCATION STATEWIDE POLICY FORUM

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June 7, 2013

Connecticut State Department of  
Education (CSDE)

# Agenda

- Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE)
- CSDE Update
- GED Update
- National External Diploma
- Federal Grants
- CARS Update
- CT Adult Virtual High School (CTAVHS)
- Professional Development
- State Grant
- Adult Education Teacher/Administrator Evaluation

# CSDE Update

## New Bureau Chief

### *Welcome John Frassinelli*

The Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education welcomes Mr. John Frassinelli. Mr. Frassinelli comes to us from the Connecticut State Department of Public Health where he served as the state director of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

# CSDE Updates continued

- Dr. Sarah Barzee has assumed the role of Interim Chief Talent Officer. Dr. Barzee succeeds Dr. Diane Ullman in this role. Dr. Barzee served in the capacity as Division Director for Leadership Development
- Mrs. Ellen Cohn will soon join the SDE as Division Director of Standards, Curriculum and Instruction, in the Academic Office. Mrs. Cohn comes from the Wallingford Public School system where she has served as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

# GED Update

## Computer Based Testing in CT

- Update on results
- CBT testing sites
- CBT registration procedures
- CBT forms
  - GED Test on computer
  - Registering for the GED Test of Computer
- Paper vs. CBT

# GED Update continued

## **GED schedule modification**

- 1,332 English seats
- 326 Spanish seats
- Expect delayed results

# GED Update continued

[www.GEDTestingService.com](http://www.GEDTestingService.com)

- Use Web site for resources for teachers and students
- Positive messaging
- Closeout campaign

# First CBT Examinee in Connecticut



# National External Diploma Program

- All new students entering NEDP beginning July 1, 2013 will be in the web-based program
- Students who are already in the paper/pencil version can continue through June 30, 2014. This is a transition year!
- Full launch training for advisor/assessors will be provided later in the summer/early fall
- New advisor/assessor training will be held in the fall of 2013.
- NEDP written prompt training coming soon!

# Federal Grants

- Due to the Sequestration
  - EL/Civics Allocation was reduced 5.5%
  - Comprehensive allocation reduced 5.3%
  - Bureau is reviewing grants and funding
  - Programs will be notified as soon as all numbers are finalized
- End of Year Reports (EOY)
  - EOY Report forms will be sent out later this month
  - Forms will be due to the Bureau on or before September 13, 2013

# Connecticut Adult Reporting System (CARS) Update

- Effective Monday, June 3, 2013, CARS was updated to include the additional GED testing dates
- Effective today, Friday, June 7, 2013, the FY 2013-14 program year will be activated in CARS
- New and experienced user training dates have been scheduled for FY 2013-14, please refer to the May 30, 2013 Operational Memorandum
- #03-13

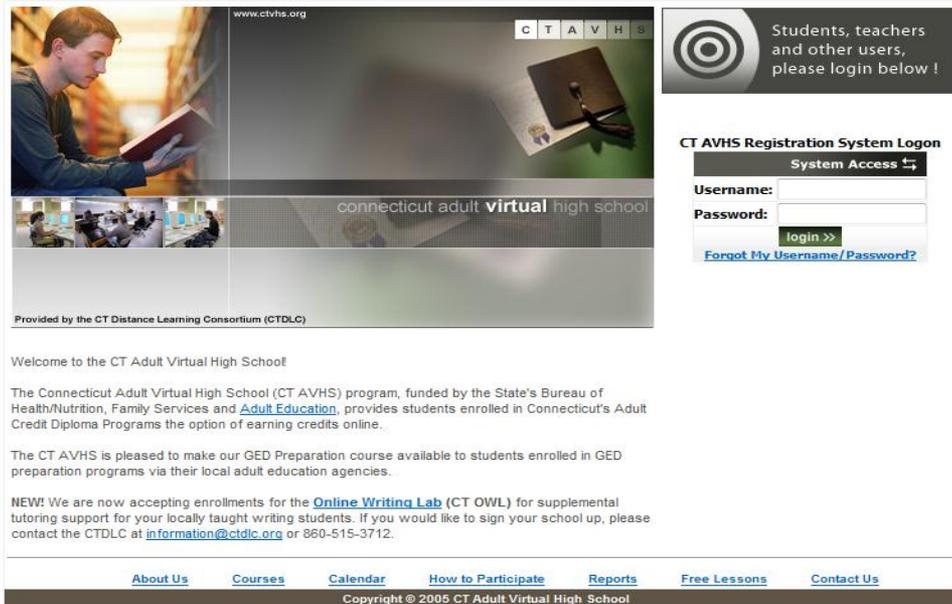
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# CONNECTICUT ADULT VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL

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FY 2013-2014

# CT Adult Virtual High School (CTAVHS)



The screenshot displays the CTAVHS website interface. At the top left, there is a banner image of a student reading a book, with the URL [www.ctvhs.org](http://www.ctvhs.org) and the acronym 'CTAVHS' in a stylized font. Below this is a navigation menu with links for 'About Us', 'Courses', 'Calendar', 'How to Participate', 'Reports', 'Free Lessons', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area features a 'CT AVHS Registration System Logon' section with a 'System Access' button, 'Username:' and 'Password:' input fields, a 'login >>' button, and a 'Forgot My Username/ Password?' link. Below the login section, there is a 'Welcome to the CT Adult Virtual High School' message, followed by a paragraph about the program's funding and a paragraph about GED preparation. A 'NEW!' announcement is also present. The footer contains the copyright notice: 'Copyright © 2005 CT Adult Virtual High School'.

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CTAVHS

connecticut adult virtual high school

Provided by the CT Distance Learning Consortium (CTDLC)

Welcome to the CT Adult Virtual High School

The Connecticut Adult Virtual High School (CT AVHS) program, funded by the State's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and [Adult Education](#), provides students enrolled in Connecticut's Adult Credit Diploma Programs the option of earning credits online.

The CT AVHS is pleased to make our GED Preparation course available to students enrolled in GED preparation programs via their local adult education agencies.

**NEW!** We are now accepting enrollments for the [Online Writing Lab \(CT OWL\)](#) for supplemental tutoring support for your locally taught writing students. If you would like to sign your school up, please contact the CTDLC at [information@ctdlc.org](mailto:information@ctdlc.org) or 860-515-3712.

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# CTAVHS continued



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## Welcome to the CT Adult Virtual High School

CTAVHS provides students enrolled in participating Adult Education Programs the option of taking courses online as a part of their Adult Credit Diploma work, and/or their GED or ESL preparation.

This online learning program provides Connecticut with shared resources available to students across the state, regardless of where they are located, or their ability to commute to a traditional classroom setting. The professional development components of this program increase local expertise and standardize educational resources.



## Program Benefits

- Courses may be accessed outside of a school schedule (24-7 via the internet)
- Prepare for the 21st century global workforce
- No fees, schedule slots, or licenses required
- Online CT certified teachers skilled in online learning practices provide one-on-one instruction
- Flexible Enrollment courses allow students to enroll when ready
- Transitions and Bridges Math courses designed to prepare students for college
- Online Writing Lab provides tutoring to help increase writing abilities
- A Financial Literacy course with a focus on real world applications



## Getting Started

- Check our Participating Adult Ed Centers
- Contact your local Adult Ed Guidance Counselor
- Take the self-assessment to see if Online Learning is for you
- Check the Technical Requirements
- Visit the Course Catalog to see what's offered
- Check out the Calendar to see when courses start



# CTAVHS continued

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Main Menu



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My Message Center

- [My Messages](#) **(You Have 0 Unread Messages)**



My Resources

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 **My Functions**

- [Search Students](#)
- [Search Courses](#)
- [Search OLC/Mentor](#)
- [Reports](#)
- [Dashboard](#)

 **Course Management**

- [Progress Reports](#)  
Search and view progress reports.

 **Student Management**

- [Manage Students](#)  
Add, edit or delete students from the CTVHS system.

 **User Management**

- [Manage Mentors](#)

 **Resources**

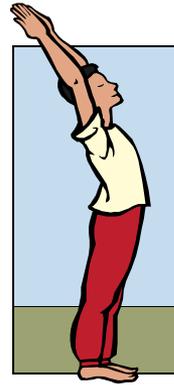
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# CTAVHS continued

## Changes for FY 2013-14

- Orientation exercises will be required assignments
- Students will have up to three weeks to complete orientation
- Teachers will make two to three documented contacts with students, copying the Online Learning Coordinators (OLCs) and Mentors regarding outstanding orientation assignments
- Students will receive an automated warning e-mail after two weeks if orientation exercises have not been completed
- Students will be automatically dropped after three weeks if no progress has been made on orientation



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# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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FY 2013-2014

# Professional Development

- Connecticut's focus will be on Math and English Language Arts curriculum based on College and Career Readiness (CCR) standards
- Overview of the CCR standards will be at the introduced at the Summer Institute and upcoming Policy Forums
- More information to come

# State Grant

- **FY 2012-13**

- ED-245 and ED-245 A Budget Revision (final cap percentage 5.64%)
- Final Payment for May has been issued
  - Remember Entitlement and Payment may be different
- ED-241/A Summary Report usually due in September is no longer required
- ED-141 Statement of Expenditure Report due September 1, 2013

- **FY 2013-14**

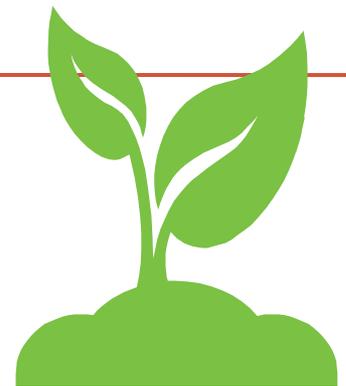
- ED-244 and ED-244A- Adult Education Applications

# CONNECTICUT'S TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEM IN ADULT EDUCATION



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Planting the SEED



# CT's Teacher Evaluation Review

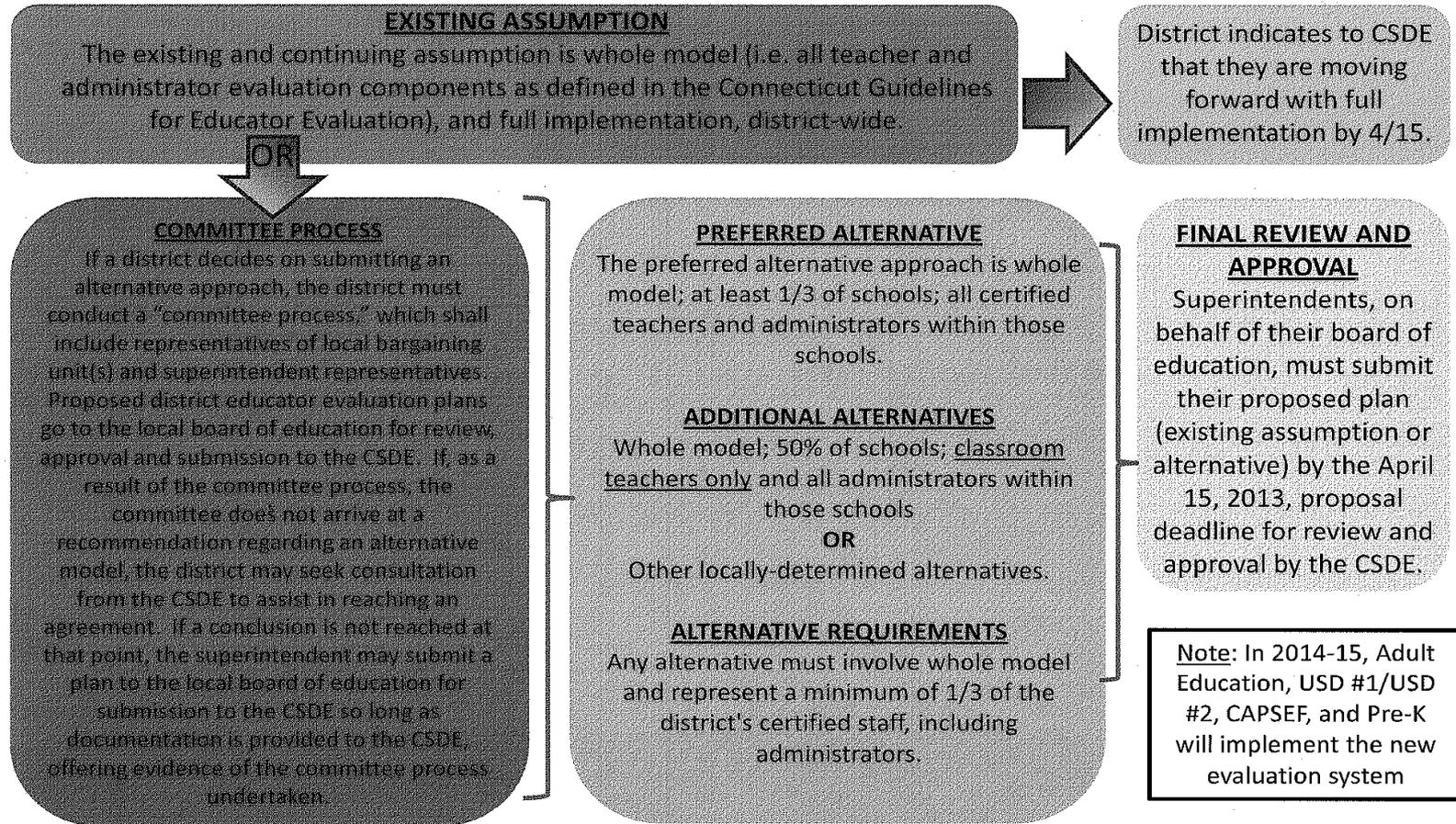
## **Public Act 12-116: An Act Concerning Education Reform**

- Amended Section 10-151b of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.)
- Called for the State Board of Education (SBE) in consultation with the Performance Evaluation and Advisory Council (PEAC) to adopt guidelines for a model teacher evaluation and support program

# CT's Teacher Evaluation Review continued

- SDE adopts PEAC Guidelines in June, 2012
- CT CSDE's model is "SEED"-System for Educator Evaluation and Development

# SBE RESOLUTION FOR ROLLOUT OF EDUCATOR EVALUATION AND SUPPORT SYSTEM: 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR



**Note:** In 2014-15, Adult Education, USD #1/USD #2, CAPSEF, and Pre-K will implement the new evaluation system

[full implementation for all districts expected in 2014-2015]



# CT's Teacher Evaluation Review continued

- February 22, 2013, Commissioner Pryor issued a memorandum pertaining to greater district flexibility surrounding statewide implementation of CT's Educator Evaluation and Support System
- In part the memorandum stated that as a result of additional challenges associated with implementation in special settings, implementation of Connecticut's Educator Evaluation and Support System will occur in the following settings in 2014-2015
- Adult Education was listed as one of the five settings

# CT's Teacher Evaluation System in Adult Education

- CAACE leadership in collaboration with the CSDE Adult Education Unit established an Adult Education Teacher Evaluation Work Group
- The goal of the work group is to provide recommendations and help develop a model system for how adult education teachers will be evaluated in CT
- The work group met on May 22, 2013 for the first time

# CT's Teacher Evaluation System in Adult Education

## **Teacher Evaluation Work Group Members**

- Maria Groody, Bristol Adult Education
- Richard Tariff, EastConn Adult Education
- Tina Jeter, Hartford Adult Education
- Paul Flinter, Wallingford Adult Education
- Alpha Nicholson, Hartford Adult Education
- Melanie Sandora, New London Adult Education
- Stephen Barbieri, Waterbury Adult Education
- Valerie Marino and Sharon Fuller, CSDE

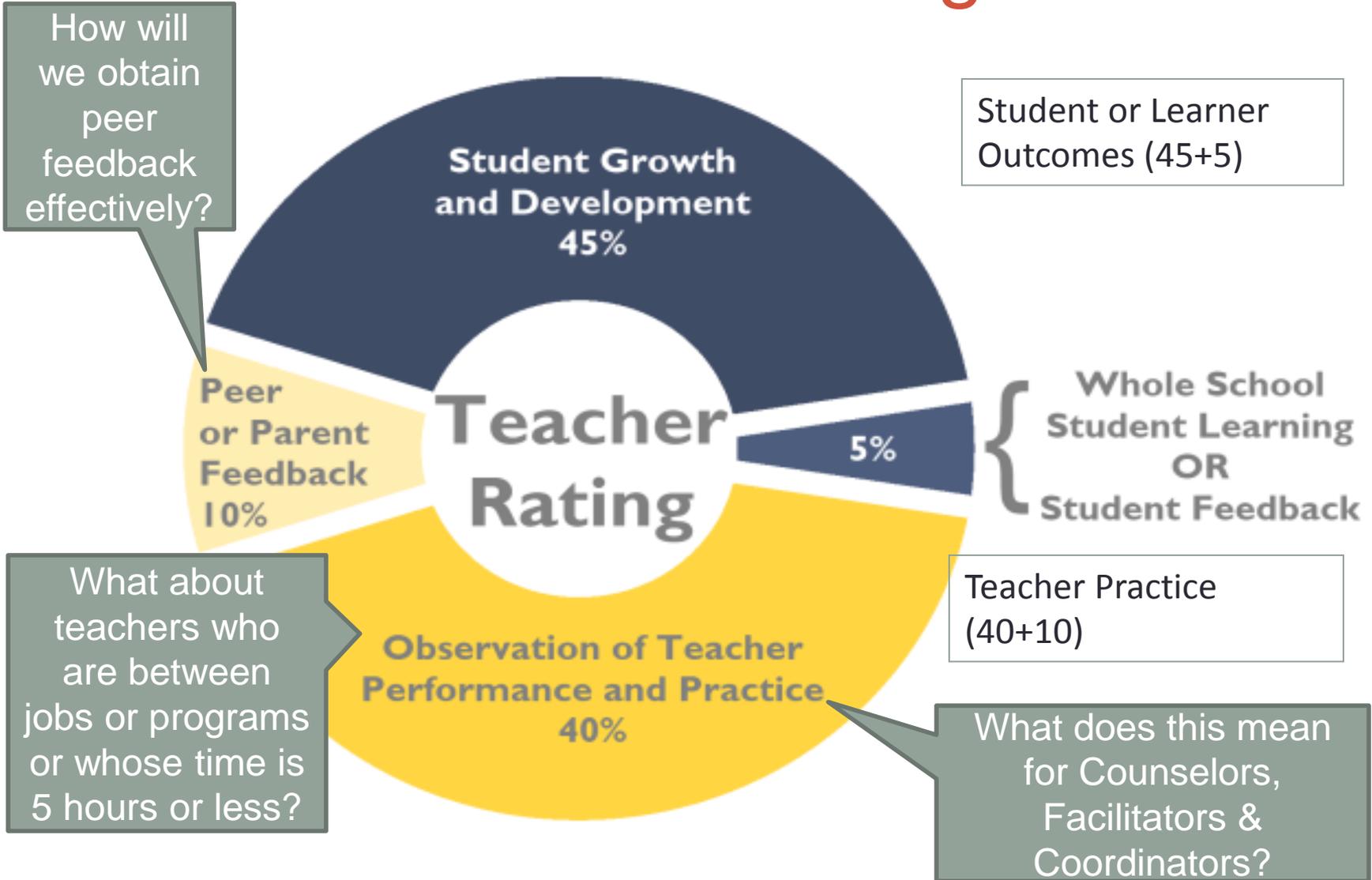
# CT's Teacher Evaluation System in Adult Education

- Sharon Fuller, Education Consultant for the TEAM Program in the Talent Office facilitated the meeting

## **FIRST ASSIGNMENTS**

- Who are the stakeholders?
  - Need input from all programs to present a clear picture of the variety in our teacher assignments, hours and locations.
- Peer Feedback and Student Feedback
  - Looking to have a set of standardized ratings for all programs to use (may use additional indicators) to respond to program/teacher/peer feedback

# Teacher Evaluation Categories



# Work Group Assistance Needed

Check if this situation applies to your program	Position	Hours per Week	Weeks or Semesters per year	Location
	Full Time Salaried Teacher – District Union			
	Full Time Salaried Support Staff – Counselor/Social Worker, Coordinator			
	Full Time Salaried Teacher – not part of district Union			
	Part-Time ABE/GED/ESL/CDP/NEDP	<5 hrs..	1 semester	On/Off-Site
	Part-Time ABE/GED/ESL/CDP/NEDP	5-10 hrs..	1-2 semesters	On/Off-Site
	Part-Time ABE/GED/ESL/CDP/NEDP	Up to 20 hrs.	All year	On/Off-site
	Program Facilitator	10-15 hrs.	All year	On/Off-site
	Counselor	5 hrs.	All year	On/off-site
	Counselor	>5 hr./wk.	Short term	On/off-site
	Adult Ed Director- Part Time-Not 092certified			
	Administrator -092 cert			

# Location for 2013-14 Policy Forums

Courtyard by Marriott  
4 Sebethe Drive  
Cromwell, CT

Next Forum:  
Friday, September 27, 2013

Have a great . . .

