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Adult Education Policy Forum

June 5, 2015

Agenda

- Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE)
- Adult Training and Development Network (ATDN)
- 2015-2016 Meeting Reminders
- CT Adult Virtual High School (CTAVHS)
- CT Adult Reporting System Update (CARS)
- GED Update
- Occupational Health and Safety for Adult Learners
- National External Diploma Program (NEDP) Update
- College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) Update
- Federal Grant Update
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Update
- State Grant Update
- Provider Performance Summary 2014



ATDN Update

- Continued to incorporate College and Career Readiness (CCR) Standards into all professional development initiatives
- Facilitated CCR standards project for 12 adult education programs with 22 participants attending
- Scored 1,198 writing samples for FY 2014-15
- Created an NEDP evaluation workshop for CT practitioners
- Delivered Disability Contact Person Training for all adult education program providers
- Facilitated four workplace forums to support and enhance program quality
- Organized a very successful *23rd Annual Conference on Serving Adults with Disabilities* featuring Lauri DiGalbo as keynote speaker for over 300 attendees at the Water's Edge Conference Center



2015-16 Meeting Reminders

Policy Forums for 2015-16

- Friday, September 25, 2015
- Friday, January 15, 2016
- Friday, June 10, 2016

To be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 4 Sebethe Drive in Cromwell

Meetings for Program Facilitators for 2015-16

- Friday, September 25, 2015, Statewide meeting

To be held from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott

Regional Facilitator Meetings for the Fall of FY 2015-16

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| • October 22, 2015 | 1:00-3:00 p.m. | East Haven Adult Education |
| • October 29, 2015 | 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Waterbury Adult Education |
| • October 30, 2014 | 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | CREC Central |



CTAVHS Update



2015-2016

- Course Updates
 - War & Music
 - Media Literacy
 - Bridges Math
- Mentor Online Course
 - Summer 2015
- Art Appreciation Course
 - 2015-16 Program Year
- GED Test Packs



Connecticut Adult Reporting System (CARS) Update



- All data entry for fiscal year 2014-15 that includes information relative to student demographics, entry status, reasons enrolled, enrollments, attendance, achievements, credits earned and all appraisal and pre-post assessments **must be entered in CARS by July 24, 2015**. After this date the system will be locked and no data entry will be possible
- Effective today, **Friday, June 5, 2015**, the **FY 2015-16** program year will be activated in CARS
- The updated CARS Data Collection Forms were e-mailed to all adult education providers on June 3, 2015. These forms may also be accessed from the CSDE Web site

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2620&Q=320698&sdePNavCtr=|45471|#45549>



CARS Update continued

- New and experienced user training dates have been scheduled for FY 2015-16, please refer to the May 19, 2015, Operational Memorandum #03-15 for dates, times and registration procedures
- Every program is expected to have their CARS data entry designee(s) participate in CARS training
- The updated CARS manual for FY 2015-16 will be made available on the CSDE Web site by August 17, 2015



GED Update

2015 GED® Test Performance: Connecticut

Volume continues upward climb

2014 CBT

January 1-April 30:

- Test takers: 241
- Test Volume: 763
- Pass Rate: 40%

2015 CBT

January 1-April 30:

- Test takers: 528
- Test Volume: 1,261
- Pass Rate: 54%



GED Update continued

GEDTS Publisher Program 2015

- Last month, publishers had the opportunity to opt-in to have their content reviewed by a third party
- Publishers with content that demonstrates 100% match with GED® test objectives will be formally recognized on the GED Testing Service Web site as *Reviewed and Aligned*
- Publishers that show deficiencies in their content will be given specific guidance on what to improve and six months time in which to make improvements
- Only publishers with completed reviews or reviews in process will remain on GEDTS website as of September 1, 2015
- The primary objective is to improve test-taker success on the test by providing adult educators and test-takers with data about publisher contact that helps them select the best student materials



GED Update continued

Calculator Policy

To ensure test-takers have all the tools they may need to demonstrate their skills and abilities on the 2014 GED® test:

- Test-takers are permitted to use a handheld *TI-30XS Multiview Scientific Calculator* on the GED Mathematical Reasoning, Science and Social Studies test subjects
- On the Mathematical Reasoning test, test-takers are not permitted to use a calculator on Part 1 of the test; they may only use the calculator on Part 2 of the test

Beginning FY2016, Authorized Pearson VUE Test Centers will provide test-takers who wish to use a handheld calculator with the *TI-30XS Multiview Scientific Calculator*.

This simple process eliminates the need for test-takers to take the three minute break to retrieve a handheld calculator from their locker and provide equity of access to all test-takers.



GED Update continued

The 2014 GED® Test Webinar Archive

- Watch a webinar video and catch up on the latest detailed information pertaining to the 2014 GED® test
- Each webinar features playback video, slideshow presentation and slides featuring comments
- The most recent webinar series, “Tuesdays for Teachers” takes a deeper dive into classroom strategies and techniques for the 2014 GED® test’s four test subjects. The most recent include:
 - Mathematical Reasoning (March)
 - Improving Students’ Mathematical Problem-Solving Skills (April)
 - Close Reading: A Key to Teaching Constructed Response (May)



Occupational Health and Safety



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- Collaboration among the Connecticut Departments of Public Health, Labor and Education; Federal OSHA and Federal Department of Labor
- Topics to include occupational health and safety
- Possible delivery options:
 - Teacher training (train the trainer)
 - Large group presentations to adult education students
 - Classroom visits from representative staff
- Integrated English Language/Civics discussion forum will be devoted to occupational health and safety



NEDP Update

- Providers offering the NEDP must have at least two certified scorers for the new NEDP written prompt being used in the Diagnostic phase of the program
- A Moodle course is available online through CASAS/NEDP
<http://training.casas.org/course/search.php?search=written+prompt>
- CASAS will be sending a memorandum regarding the following:
 - New Writing Guidelines for the Generalized Assessment to begin on July 1, 2015
 - Updates in Diagnostics
 - Updated Individualized Competency
 - More autoscored items
- A three day training for new advisors/assessors will be held in New Haven during the week of August 17, 2015
- Other NEDP trainings scheduled for 2015-16 year will be forthcoming



College and Career Readiness Standards

- The CSDE has adopted the CCR Standards in compliance with WIOA
- All adult education programs must implement CCRS by July 1, 2017
- In May we began training cohorts of teachers and directors in the use of CCRS for instructional purposes
- The next CCRS training session will be held in New Haven during the week of August 17, 2015
- Two ELA and two Math teachers from each adult education program need to be trained
- The goal is to eventually have all programs with lead trainers/coaches in CCRS



Federal Grant Update

- The adult education unit is currently reviewing the PIP Continuing Applications for FY 2015-16
- The grants for FY 2016 are expected to be funded at the same level as FY 2015
- A new RFP incorporating the new WIOA regulations will be issued in the spring of 2016



WIOA Update

- The CSDE is a core partner in developing a Unified State Plan with the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services
- Biweekly meetings are held with partners
- The Public Comment period ends June 15, 2015
- A Connecticut Unified State Plan is to be completed by December 2015 for submission to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Education by March 2016



State Grant Update

FY 2014-15

- Final Adult Education State Grant Award Letters and ED-114 Budgets have been disseminated to all school districts via the State's Pre-payment Grant System
- The final state grant cap percentage was 7.71 percent based upon the expenditures reported in the ED-245 and ED-245A state grant revision application forms
- Final May payment for FY 2014-15 has been issued
 - Remember Entitlement and Payment may be different
- ED-141 Statement of Expenditure Reports are due to the CSDE on or before September 1, 2015
 - Remember submission is done electronically via the State's Prepayment Grant System. Please work with your district business office



State Grant Update continued

FY 2015-16

- ED-244 and ED-244A- Adult Education Applications are currently being reviewed. Unofficially the cap will be approximately 7.57 percent. This cap percentage is based upon a flat appropriation.



The Adult Education Provider Performance Summary

It's Back !

- For FY 2014
- Measures that examine areas of:
 - Recruitment
 - Retention
 - Testing
 - Performance
- Standards of a measure that when calculated lead to earned points
- Attainable refers to the maximum number of points a program has the potential to earn when a standard is calculated
- Range refers to the percentage range to which points are assigned



The Adult Education Provider Performance Summary continued

Calculation Protocol Highlights



- Recruitment standards were not calculated for:
 - Federal Grantees;
 - Cooperating Eligible Entities; and
 - Any Provider whose denominator/student count was less than 20
- Retention and Testing standards were not calculated for:
 - Any provider whose denominator/student count was less than 20
- Performance standards, where applicable, were calculated regardless of the denominator/student count



Location for 2015 -16 Policy Forums

Courtyard by Marriott
4 Sebethe Drive
Cromwell, CT

Next Forum:

Friday, September 25, 2015

Have a great. . .

