

Mid State Regional Adult Education Network (RAEN)
James Matt, Director

Fall '07 Staff Development Opportunities

SMART- Skills to Make Adults Ready to Succeed

Newly released distance learning program:

NYSED has now approved the SMART Distance Learning Program. SMART is a new and exciting distance learning program that provides the adult learner with the academic, life management, and career skills they need to achieve success in their lives. Those agencies who have included the SMART program in their EPE plan for FY07/08 will be accommodated first as space is limited. Please note, staff from these programs must complete this training before offering the program to students. For others, the materials and curricula may be very useful in any adult education program traditional format.

SMART covers five significant life management themes and was specifically designed to support the objectives of adult basic education. The themes are:

- Communication SMART
- Consumer SMART
- Eating SMART
- Family SMART
- Living SMART

Each theme consists of four packets, making SMART a twenty packet program. Each packet is divided into four sections. The sections are:

- Career SMART
- Life Management Theme
- Sharpen your Skills
- TABE and BEST Plus Alignment

SMART is customized, making it user friendly and specific to the needs of both ABE and ESL learners. We are confident that your students and teachers will enjoy SMART and benefit from it tremendously.

November 1, 2007 – 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Utica ACCESS Site, 508 Second Street, Utica NY

Mid State RAEN Fall Two Day Event November 6,7, 2007 Radisson Hotel Utica

Learning Disabilities

Trainer - LDA of the Mohawk Valley –

Learning Disabilities 101

This workshop will address what learning disabilities are, how they impact an individual academically and socially and how instruction can be tailored in a way that is effective for adult learners.

This workshop will also discuss diverent techiques, strategies and simple accomodations that have proven beneficial for the adult learner with a learning disability. The workshop allows time for discussion of different scenarios and a question and answer session.

Date: Tuesday November 6, 2007

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with a continental breakfast and lunch provided

Location: Radisson Utica Center
200 Genesee Street
Utica, New York 13502



BEST Plus Refresher Training

Trainer: Paula Colavito

BEST Plus Refresher for the experienced BEST Plus Administrators. You must have attended and been certified as a BEST Plus Test administrator. This 1/2 day workshop has been developed by CAL (Center for Applied Linguistics) for previously trained test administrators to receive comprehensive scoring review and **practice**. Participants will have the opportunity to watch a training video, practice scoring techniques and discuss BEST Plus Test experiences. Participants are asked to bring their BEST Plus Test Training Manual and their BEST Plus Scoring Rubric for reference during this workshop.

This training will satisfy the NYSED required BEST Plus Refresher training. Program managers are welcome to attend.

Date: November 6, 2007

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with lunch provided

Location: Radisson Utica Center, 200 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502

NRS Updates and Review

Trainer: Rosemary Matt

Our NRS Liaison for New York State, Rosemary Matt, will help you understand updates as they pertain to NYS Adult Education. This session will be most useful for program managers, literacy coordinators, and lead teachers.

Date: November 6, 2007

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon with a continental breakfast and lunch provided

Location: Radisson Utica Center, 200 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502

TABE Administrator Training

Trainer: James Matt

The TABE is the required assessment tool for Adult Basic Education programs funded by the New York State Education Department to place students in adult basic education (ABE) classes and to measure educational gain. Highlights include a test and scoring tables overview, effective test administration, using TABE scores for placement, and a discussion of the relationship among TABE test scores, class placement, outcome reporting and the standard error of measure.

This is the NYSED approved training referenced in the EPE and NRS Manuals.

Date: November 6, 2007

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Pre Service for Teachers

Trainer: Mickey Smith

The Pre-Service is a day workshop that offers teachers, tutors, program managers, and counselors new to the field an introduction to key concepts, policies, and practices in adult literacy education. Among the issues the Pre-Service Institute explores are:

- Elements of positive adult learning experiences, and principles of adult learning
- The experiences, aspirations, and concerns of students in adult literacy programs
- Federal and state adult literacy policy
- The connection between intake, goal setting, and instruction
- NYS adult education learning standards
- Instructional planning
- Resources for adult literacy practitioners

Date: November 7, 2007
Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with a continental breakfast and lunch provided
Location: Radisson Utica Center, 200 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502

Learning Disabilities: Adapting & Accommodating Universal Design and Assistive Technology

Workshop Goals Are:

1. To understand the concepts of Universal Design for Learning and Differentiated Instruction
2. Apply the concepts of Universal Design for Learning to classroom practice
Specifically, this workshop is designed as an educational approach to teaching all learners, through assessment, drawing on new brain research and new media technologies specific to adult learners.

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BEST Plus Test Administrator Training

Trainer: Melissa Woodhams

The BEST Plus, developed by Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL), is an individually administered face-to-face scripted oral interview designed to assess the English language proficiency of adult English learners. The Best Plus is intended to assess interpersonal communication using everyday language. The BEST Plus integrates current knowledge in the assessment of speaking and listening skills with the latest knowledge and practice in educational measurement to present a precise, updated, and flexible oral assessment. This training satisfies the NYSED required BEST Plus training.

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Registration

Please indicate on this form the *specific event(s)* that you are registering for and include *all* of the specific information requested in the blanks below (*please be sure to include e-mail*). If your contact information has changed, please send us a completely updated form so that we can continue to keep you informed of all our upcoming events. Thank you...

Name _____ Job Title: _____
Organization: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____

(please check all that apply)

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- Learning Disabilities 101** – November 6, 07 – *Radisson Hotel, Utica* – 9 am to 4 pm
- BEST Plus Refresher Training** – November 6, 07 – *Radisson Hotel, Utica* – 10 am to 4 pm
- TABE Test Administrator Training** – November 6, 07 – *Radisson Hotel, Utica* – 1 pm to 4 pm
- NRS** - November 6, 07 – *Radisson Hotel, Utica*, 9 am to noon
- BEST Plus Refresher Training** – November 6, 07 – *Radisson Hotel, Utica* – 10 am to 4 pm
- Pre Service for Teachers** – November 7, 07 – *Radisson Hotel, Utica* – 9 am to 4 pm
- Adapting & Accommodating Universal Design and Assistive Technology**
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- BEST Plus Test Administrator Training** – November 7, 07 – *Radisson Hotel, Utica*
9 am to 4 pm

Please return *fully completed* registration form

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