

# Mid-State

# Regional Adult Education Network

## Spring 2008 Staff Development Event

DoubleTree Inn  
Carrier Circle (Exit #35 off NYS Thruway)  
6301 State Route 298  
Syracuse, New York 13057

### Wednesday, May 21 & Thursday, May 22

- BEST + Administration Training
- BEST + Refresher
- NRS Update & Overview
- NYS Report Card Training
- TABE Administrators Training
- TABE Results Affecting Instruction
- Pre-Service for New Teachers
- Psychological Reports
- LDA Teaching Strategies

### Friday, May 23

- Pre GED/GED Connections

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## Pre Service Teacher Training

**Trainer: Mickey Smith**

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

- Elements of positive adult learning experiences and principles of adult learning
- Experiences, aspirations, and concerns of students in adult literacy programs
- Making the connection between intake, goal setting, and instruction
- NYS adult education learning standards
- Instructional planning
- Resources for the adult literacy practitioner

**Date:** May 21, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

## 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 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:** May 21, 2008

**Time:** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

## TABE Administration Training

**Trainer: James Matt**

The Test of Adult Basic Education , TABE, is the required assessment tool for Adult Basic Education programs funded by the New York State Education Department. This assessment is used to place students in adult basic education (ABE) classes and to measure educational gain. Highlights include a test and scoring 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:** May 21, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12 Noon

## TABE Results Informing Instruction

**Trainer: Rosemary Matt**

Administering the TABE correctly and recording the scores is simply not enough! This workshop will go beyond using the diagnostic tool to for assessment purposes only. Participants will secure the link between the TABE score and instruction by learning to steer instructional practice toward learner outcomes on the TABE and NRS reporting tool.

**Date:** May 21, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

→ **DAY TWO**

## NRS Updates and Review

**Trainer: Rosemary Matt**

Our NRS Liaison for New York State, Rosemary Matt, will provide an overview of NRS 2008 highlighting changes and trends. Discussions will include goal setting and NRS Table strategies. This session will be most useful for program managers, literacy coordinators, and lead teachers.

**Date:** May 22, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

## BEST Plus Test Administrator Training

**Trainer: Paula Colavito**

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.

**Date:** May 22, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

## NYS Report Cards

**Trainer: Rosemary Matt**

A sample NYS Report Card will be reviewed with emphasis on calculations and the data sources used to generate the report card scores. Programs are encouraged to bring their own NYS Report Card for a specific Q & A from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Date:** May 22, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 to 4:00 pm

## Psychological Reports: How to Use This Information for Adult Students with Learning Disabilities

**Trainer: Learning Disabilities Association**

Psychological Reports: How to use this information for students with learning disabilities: This interactive session is designed to familiarize participants with the process of interpreting test results. Sample psychological reports will be presented to show how to use the information from psychological reports within the classroom to help improve educational services and student academic performance. Confidentiality issues will be reviewed. Adult education practitioners, program ADA compliance staff as well as program managers would benefit from this workshop. Participants will: 1) understand the basic structure and format of a psychological report; and 2) review contents of a report for classroom recommendations and ADA accommodations.

**Date:** May 22, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

## LDA Teaching Strategies

**Trainer: Learning Disabilities Association**

As a follow up to Learning Disabilities 101, the Learning Disability Association of Mohawk Valley will present this session on integrating teaching strategies aimed at universal design for adult learners. Implementing good teaching techniques and strategies will assist your learning disabled students through the learning process while enhancing the teaching and learning environment for all literacy students. Participants will walk away with practical applications designed for immediate implementation.

**Date:** May 22, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm



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### Refreshments

Coffee, tea, and a variety of baked goods will be served each morning at 8:30 am.

Lunch is included for all FULL DAY participants (those attending one full day session ie. 9 or 10 am to 4 pm OR both an am session and pm session). Unfortunately, we are unable to offer lunch to those attending only one half day session. Lunch tickets will be issued at the registration table. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The following workshop will be held off-site at the

Rome ACCESS Site  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Computer Lab  
214 West Liberty Street  
Rome, New York 13340

### Pre GED/GED Connections

**Trainer: Tanya Lipinski Meier**

PBS LiteracyLink's GED Connections is a stand-alone multimedia learning system that helps adult learners advance toward their GED and improve skills needed at the workplace. Combining video programs, print, and online computer technology, GED Connections helps learners develop strategies and practice for success on the GED exam and beyond. Used in the classroom or in a Distance Learning Model, the integrated multimedia components of GED Connection work together to make studying for the GED easy for a busy adult who needs to work at his or her own pace.

Tanya Lipinski Meier, Director of the East RAEN facilitates this full day workshop preparing adult educators to utilize the GED Connection Series as a resource with adult students working toward the GED Exam.

*Teacher guides will be available for use during the training. They are available/recommended for purchase @ \$27.00 from the trainer.*

**Date:** May 23, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(please check all that apply)

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Please return *completed* registration form to:

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