

Spring 2007

Mid State Regional Adult Education Network (RAEN)

Spring '07 Staff Development Event

April 24, 25 and 26, 2007 DoubleTree Hotel Syracuse, New York

Learning Disabilities 101 & Effective Strategies for Teaching Adults with Learning Disabilities

New York State Education Department Required Training:

BEST Plus Refresher
BEST Plus Administrator
TABE Administrator
Crossroads Café

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Tuesday April 24, 2007 - 9 am to 4 pm

Presented by **Learning Disabilities Association** of Central NY
This will be an interactive, engaging training that is being
presented by teachers for teachers.

The workshop will address

- What are Learning Disabilities
- How do they impact an individual academically and socially
- How instruction can be tailored in a way that is effective for adult learners

The workshop will also:

- Discuss different techniques, strategies, and simple accommodations that have proven beneficial for Adult Learners with Learning Disabilities
- Provide the latest information and discuss different scenarios
- Offer a question and answer period
- Engage each instructor/participant in sharing their success stories or areas of difficulty so the presenter can tailor their presentation to meet their needs

National Reporting System Review

Tuesday April 24, 2007 - 9 am to 12 noon

Presented by **Rosemary Matt**, NRS Liaison for NYS, Literacy Assistance Center

This session will focus on updates regarding the NRS Reporting. Included is a comprehensive look at the use of NRS data both from a program and state perspective. Interpreting data and understanding the strategy involved for improving program performance and learner outcomes is a complicated process. Together we will demystify the NRS tables and better understand the relationship between goals and outcomes as they pertain to the four follow up measures in NRS. Particular attention will be given to the third wave implications on the report.

GED Math

Tuesday April 24, 2007 - 1 pm to 4 pm

Presented by **Harry Kellenberger**, Literacy Instructor, Madison Oneida BOCES

This workshop is an exploration of methods and strategies for solving math word-problems. Participants will look at how GED learners learn and what practices might help them to be more successful at solving math problems. It is requested that all who attend this workshop bring their ideas and success stories to share with the group.

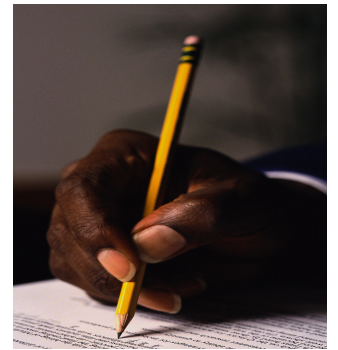


GED Language Arts Writing Workshop: Part I

Tuesday April 24, 2007 - 9 am to 12 noon

Presented by **Gail Tauber**, Literacy Liaison, Syracuse City School District

Help your students perform successfully on the GED Writing Test. This workshop offers teachers a way to show learners how to “hear” the GED Essay format using a contextualized approach. This workshop is geared for all levels of GED writing instruction.



TABE Administrator Training

Tuesday April 24, 2007 - 1 pm to 4 pm

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.

Understanding New York State's Program Level Report Cards

Wednesday April 25, 2007 - 9 am to 11 am

Our NRS Liaison for New York State, **Rosemary Matt**, will lead the discussion of the New York State Program Level Report Cards. The rubric for the scoring process will be shared in detail along with a charting of how the report card may be used to promote program improvement. This session will be most useful for program managers, literacy coordinators, and lead teachers.



BEST Plus Refresher Training

Wednesday April 25, 2007 - 10 am to 3 pm

Presented by **Paula Colavito**, NYSED Certified BEST Plus Trainer, Broome-Tioga BOCES

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. 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.

GED Language Arts Writing Workshop: Part II

Wednesday April 25, 2007 - 1 pm to 4 pm

Presented by **Gail Tauber**, Literacy Liaison, Syracuse City School District

This workshop offers teachers a way to show learners how to “see the rating rubric” of the GED Essay. In addition, teachers will obtain “quick tip” handouts for the multiple choice question section to use with their students. During this workshop, participants will have an opportunity to practice scoring model GED essays and authentic student essays. Participants can bring samples of their own students’ essays to use in rating practice. (15 copies)

Participants do not need to attend Part One to register for Part Two

Crossroads Café

Wednesday April 25, 2007 - 9 am to 4 pm

Presented by **Ann Marie Przybyl**, NYSED Certified Trainer, Mid West RAEN Director

A Proven Way to Learn English and Build Literacy Skills

This workshop will train and support the adult educator utilizing Crossroads Café as a teaching resource for the Adult ESOL Student. Crossroads Café is a video-based program for teaching English as a second language (ESL). This series helps students build English language skills and better understand U.S. culture by depicting the lives of six characters who are typical of many ESL learners. Included in this training are the requirements for NYSED approving programs to collect EPE for Crossroads Café delivery in a traditional, distance-learning, or combined setting.

Audience: Educators, practitioners, managers, and administrators who currently include or hope to include Crossroads Café in their program.

BEST Plus Test Administrator Training

Thursday April 26, 2007 - 9am to 4 pm

Presented by **Paula Colavito**, NYSED Certified BEST Plus Trainer, Broome-Tioga BOCES

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 is the required NYSED training.

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: _____

**All workshops are being held at
The Syracuse Doubletree Hotel (Formerly The Syracuse Wyndham)
6301 Route 298, East Syracuse, New York**

(please check all that apply)

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Lunch provided for all day attendees only

Please return fully completed registration form to:

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Questions? Call: Nancy White (315) 738-7310**