Welcome to WebChat with MNABE!

• We’ll begin at 1:00.
• Everyone is currently muted to reduce background noise.
• If you are having any tech issues, please chat to Kathy Linder for assistance.
• The PowerPoint and handout will be posted on the Literacy Action Network website.
Welcome to WebChat with MNABE!

Statewide ABE Webinar Discussion
September 14, 2016
How to Share Ideas & Questions

Type using the webinar’s chat function

Raise your hand and ask over phone or headset during Q & A periods when unmuted

Ask Kathy if you have any tech questions or need technical assistance
MNABE Staff Participating

From the Minnesota Department of Education
• Todd Wagner, State ABE Director
• Julie Dincau, Transitions
• Cherie Eichinger, Administrative Support
• Brad Hasskamp, Secondary Credential/Policy
• Astrid Liden, Professional Development
• Laurie Rheault, Grants
• Alice Smith, GED Records/Administrative Support
• Jodi Versaw, Program Quality

From Literacy Action Network
• Kathy Linder, Coordinator
Today's Topics

1. Transitions
2. Grants
3. PD Opportunities
4. GED
5. WIOA
6. Questions
TRANSITIONS
UPDATES
Julie Dincau
Grant Opportunities

• Pathways to Prosperity
  Deadline is September 30, 2016

• ABE Navigating and Advising Support Services
  Deadline is October 19, 2016
ABE Fiscal Update

• Revised Award Letters
• Final Fiscal Completion Reports
Revised Award Letters

- Revised SFY 17 ABE Award Letters
- Allocations in SERVS
**General Information:** Complete this form to comply with the end of the year fiscal reporting requirements for ABE consortia authorized under Minnesota Statutes 124D.531 and federal law CFDA 84.002. Attach this report the Expenditure Guideline Reports for the fiscal agent and all consortium members who receive payments recorded by the fiscal agent. This form along with the expenditure detail report should be mailed to: Laurie Rheault Grant Services, Highwat 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113.

**Instructions:** Summarize the total expenditures for the approved ABE consortium during the past program year for your state aid expenditures. In Column A only report expenditures for revenue awarded as State ABE Aid (FIN 322). In Column B report expenditures that occurred between July 1, 2016-September 30, 2016 but are using FY 16 funding (course code 006). Column C should show expenditures against your federal allocation using FIN 438. To report money transferred to consortium members, use Expenditure code 390/394 for state expenditures and 303/304 for federal expenditures. All expenditures will be compared to your organization’s certified audited UFARS data as well as your local expenditure reports that must be submitted with this form.

Both a completed electronic and hard copy of this form must be submitted to MDE by November 15, 2016. A detailed expenditure report must be submitted with the signed hard copy.

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**Revenue Source:** State law M.S. 124.D requires ABE fiscal agents to disclose ALL sources of consortium revenue (actual funds, not in-kind contributions)

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### The expenditures as reported above are to the best of my knowledge true and correct.

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Dates to Remember

• November 1, 2016 – All draws and budget revisions for SFY 16 in SERVS Financial, for FIN 438 Adult Basic Education, must be completed. Budgets will be locked on November 2, 2016

• November 15, 2016 – Final Fiscal Completion Reports for SFY 16 expenditures are due
  – 1 signed copy mailed and
  – 1 excel spreadsheet (not PDF) emailed to:

  Laurie Rheault
  Grant Services
  1500 Highway 36 West
  Roseville, MN 55113
  laurie.rheault@state.mn.us
PD OPPORTUNITIES

Astrid Liden
CCRS Implementation Cohort

Approximately 60 participants from 13 participating programs:

1. Adult Options
2. Brainerd
3. Detroit Lakes
4. DOC – Lino Lakes
5. DOC – St. Cloud
6. Lakes & Prairies
7. Lyndale Neighborhood Association
8. Metro North
9. Minnesota Literacy Council
10. NW Service Cooperative/Tri-County Community Corrections
11. Rochester
12. Southwest Metro
13. St. Paul
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ABE Support Services Conference (MDE)

Thursday, November 17, 2016
- ABE Foundations for Support Staff
- CASAS and TABE Certification Training

Friday, November 18, 2016
- General Session on WIOA accountability
- Concurrent Sessions on disabilities, intake practices, cultural competency, testing, distance learning and the state ABE database
Volunteer Management Conference

- December 2, 2016
- Minnesota Department of Education
- Strategies & resources for working with volunteers
- Volunteer Engagement Awards
- Free lodging for those traveling more than 50 miles from Roseville
ATLAS Study Circles

• Low-Literacy Adult ESL Study Circle II: Next Steps in Designing Balanced Instruction
  – Next offering: Tue. Oct. 11, Tue. Oct. 25, and Tue. Nov. 15, 2016, 5:30-8:30 pm

• Integrating Language & Numeracy Study Circle *(NEW this year!)*

• Pronunciation Study Circle *(NEW this year!)*
  – Next offering: Fri. Jan. 6, Fri. Jan. 20, and Fri. Feb. 10, 2017, 1:00-4:00 pm

• Low-Literacy Adult ESL Study Circle I *(the original study circle, developed in 2011)*
  – Next offering: Spring 2017, dates TBD

Application information at [www.atlasabe.org/calendar-of-events](http://www.atlasabe.org/calendar-of-events)
Career-focused Contextualized Instruction PD

- Applications available October 11
- Applications due November 18
- Kick-off Webinar - January 19, 2pm-3:30pm
- 2-day Workshop - February 9-10
- Online Community of Practice & Coaching
- Final Workshop – May 19
ATLAS Resource Virtual Open House

- Webinar
- Tuesday, Sept. 20
- 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Register at www.atlasabe.org/calendar-of-events
Standards-aligned planning templates

ELA and Math Lesson/Unit Planning Templates now available on ATLAS Content Standards Resource Library:

http://atlasabe.org/resources/content-standards
CCRS Math Practices in Practice!

- Series of 8 15-min. webcasts
- Each offers:
  - an explanation of the highlighted Practice
  - facilitation questions to ask students
  - sample activities at multiple levels
  - classroom videos that demonstrate the Practice
- Viewing guide
- Available at: http://atlasabe.org/resources/mni-toolkit/math-practices/mathematical-practice-webcast-series
What’s happening with GED?

- Accommodations
- GED Ready Promotion
- GED Ready Vouchers (Expiration and promotion)
- Free Testing Promo Code
- GED News
Accommodations

- New online process for requesting accommodations
- Step-by-step manual in resources
- Can currently still use fax process
GED Ready Promotion

• 50% off GED Ready Tests ($3/each)
• Must purchase and take test between September 26-October 31
• Use code “GEDGO” when purchasing
• www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/promos
• Make sure students know but don’t use before September 26!
GED Ready Vouchers

• Next week, an email will be sent to ABE managers, coordinators and lead teachers
• Complete the survey
• Vouchers will be sent after October 4
• Requests cannot be emailed at this time
How long will the GED be free in MN?

- The first test in each subject continues to be free.
- Use code “MNGED30”
- Both the MN House and Senate have allocated $245,000 for free GED testing. (Previously, $120,000 was allocated for $10 off each 1st test or $40 off each full battery.)
- At current rates, if this amount is appropriated, the free GED will end sometime in fall 2016.
GED Ready® Practice Test Sale
September 13, 2016  events, GED® Program Updates, Other News

You can help make sure your students are prepared for the GED® test by having them take the GED Ready® practice test. It is the closest thing to taking the GED® test without actually doing so. This fall, we’re offering 50% off of the GED Ready® price for students using the code GEDGO between Sept. 26th and Oct. 31st, 2016.

To save, students should log into MyGED® to order their GED Ready® practice tests through the “Study” tab. Please remind your students to use the code GEDGO at checkout to get the savings. Students must purchase, and take, their discounted GED Ready® practice test by Halloween!

Click here for more information.
WIOA Information

- State Plan revised
- Local and regional plan timeline
- Regulations
- Federal Competitive Application (Re-Compete)
- Resources and training
Revised and submitted on September 1, 2016.
More detail added, mostly to ensure a competition of federal WIOA Title II funds for ABE programs.
Local and Regional WIOA Plans

All MN Local and Regional Plans

- 1st drafts were not accepted
- 90+ day period to revise plans
- Revised local plans due mid-October
- Revised regional plans due January 14, 2017
WIOA Federal Regulations

• ABE has not had federal regulations since the 1990’s
• Todd, Brad and Julie have attended federal regulations boot camp
• Currently training other state ABE staff
For Title II

- Allowable ABE activities
- IEL/Civics
- Corrections
- Allocating funding to ABE local providers
- State and local boards
- One-stops
Federal Competition Key Features

- Separate state and federal funding
- Joint accountability
- Applications reviewed by region
- Applicants must identify service area or special population
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<td>Letters of Intent Due</td>
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<td>Applications Due to Local Boards and to Minnesota Department of Education</td>
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<td>Review of Applications by Region</td>
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<td>Awarded providers announced</td>
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ABE Manager/Federal Grant Meeting (December 8, 2016 at TIES, St. Paul)

- Federal ABE Competitive Grant Application Information
- Federal Regulations
- ABE Accountability

Essential for all consortia to attend! Recommend each consortia send multiple staff.
For More WIOA Information

Online

- Federal US Department of Ed www2.ed.gov/aefla
- Support Staff Conference (November 17-18)
- ABE Manager/Federal Grant Meeting (December 8)
Thank You!
Next Web Chat:
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
1:00-2:15pm
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