Welcome to 
Web Chat 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 Karla Vien for assistance.
- The PowerPoint and handouts will be posted on the Literacy Action Network website.
Welcome to Web Chat with MNABE!

Statewide ABE Webinar Discussion
September 20, 2017
MNABE Staff

From the Minnesota Department of Education

- Todd Wagner, State ABE Director
- Julie Dincau, Transitions Specialist
- Cherie Eichinger, Administrative Support
- Brad Hasskamp, Secondary Credential & Policy Specialist
- Astrid Liden, Professional Development Specialist
- Alice Smith, GED Records/Administrative Support
- Jodi Versaw, Program Quality Specialist
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 Karla if you have any tech questions or need technical assistance
Today’s Topics

1. Accuplacer Next Generation-Multiple Measures
2. Transitions
3. Program Quality Standards
4. Accountability
5. Looking Ahead
6. PD
7. Manager Webinars
8. GED
9. HSE Testing Stakeholder Working Group
10. Additional Questions
Laurie Rheault has retired! 😞😊
New Local ABE Administrators!

- Tracie Kreighbaum, Dakota Prairie and Lakeville
- Jason Sellars, Burnsville
- Nola Speiser, SE-Faribault
- Jessica Turner, Brainerd
- Others?
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Updates

Pakou Yang and Julie Dincau
Accuplacer Next Generation Information

Recorded Overview Webinar:

 hoyhttps://collegeboardtraining.webex.com/collegeboardtraining/lsv.php?RCID=5e64b9eb253bfaf96bdb29a557a11dab
Next Generation Transition (MN)

Monday, October 30, 2017
2:00-3:00 pm CST
Meeting number (access code): 636 810 752
Meeting password: Nkp522FQ

Join the webinar >>
Join by phone: 1-866-469-3239
Multiple Measures for Course Placement

System Director of P20 and College Readiness

651-201-1760

Pakou.Yang@minnstate.edu
Transitions Updates

Julie Dincau
Pathways to Prosperity Grants

- The grant opportunity has not been posted.
- There will only be one Request for Proposal (RFP) for this grant opportunity. It is approximately $12 million.
- They are accepting feedback on a proposed model that is attached.
The event is open to all workforce development professionals FREE of cost.

Register at:
https://umn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6LQUJI8xm6xWd7L
Examine the WHY, WHAT and HOW of these invaluable student experiences

Thursday, September 28, 2017
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

North Hennepin Community College, Business Center

No conference fee, free parking and lunch provided
Sponsored by the Academic and Student Affairs, Minnesota State System Office

Accountability & Data

Todd Wagner

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
The feds have not yet negotiated performance targets for the 2017-18 year.
New Tests Approved By Feds

- The U.S. Department of Education has approved TABE Forms 11 and 12 for the NRS.
- Minnesota is looking into them and will likely decide whether to approve them this fall.
New Data Entry Deadline

All July-September data needs to be entered by November 1

Data to be entered and complete in the ABE database:

- New Students Entered
- All Tests Entered
- All Contact Hours
- All Diplomas Earned Entered
- All NRS-Required Information Entered
Annual ABE Program Data Cycle

Data should be entered at least monthly; attendance needs to be entered daily

All October-April data reviewed by June 1
- Programs submit reports via SERVS

All May-June data reviewed by July 31
- Programs email reports to Cherie
- MDE pulls and matches data

All July-September data checked by November 1
- No program submission to MDE
- MDE pulls and matches data
There will be a report card released late Fall 2017 using 2016-2017 data that will include local ABE consortia:

- Level Completions
- Diploma/GED Attainment
- Postsecondary Entry
- Employment Outcomes

Remember: There will not be a Program Improvement process based on these results.
Training on WIOA Accountability Measures

Starting 2017-18, we are implementing full WIOA accountability measures. More information coming fall 2017:

- Support Services Conference (November 30-December 1)
- Webinar for Administrators (TBD)
- State Update Session by MNABE office at Regionals
Looking Ahead
In Development:
Program Quality Standards

NEEDED:
ABE staff willing to participate in discussions about what program quality means on the ground in Minnesota ABE programs.

Contact Jodi to volunteer or for more info
Narrative Writers Workshop – November 9

Narratives due in 2018

- AEOA
- Burnsville
- Dakota Prairie-Farmington
- Lakes & Prairie-Wadena
- Lakeville
- International Education Center
- NW Service Cooperative
- Osseo
- South Suburban-South St. Paul

Narratives due in 2019 (Review 2018 narratives June 21, 2018)

- Alexandria
- AOIE-Hopkins
- Carver Scott
- Detroit Lakes
- Duluth
- Metro East-North St. Paul
- Hiawatha Valley-Red Wing
- Rochester
- St. Paul
- West-Monticello
Applications for New/Expanding Standard Adult Diploma Programs

- To be released Winter 2018
- Training: May 10-11, 2018
- Applications will be emailed by Cherie and posted to www.mnabe.org
Professional Development
Statewide PD survey

- PD committee helps to design survey & analyze results
- A significantly SHORTER survey will be launched November 7 and will be open through the end of December
- PD survey data is used to:
  - Inform supplemental service activities and resources
  - Inform statewide and regional PD initiatives and events
  - Inform consortium PD planning (using consortium results)
- Thank you for encouraging & supporting staff participation!
We really do read your responses!

A few of the recent PD initiatives informed by survey data include...

- 1-room schoolhouse online community, webinars, workshops
- Workshops on lesson planning using CCRS & TIF
- Adult Career Pathway program development cohort
Regional events

- **North** – October 12-13 in Walker
- **South** – November 3 in Mankato
- **Metro** – March 23 in St. Paul
- **South** – April 13 in Mankato
- **North** – April 19-20 in Grand Rapids
Other upcoming events

- **Volunteer Management Conference** – September 27, 2017

- **MELED Conference** – October 27-28, 2017
  - [www.minnetesol.org](http://www.minnetesol.org)

- **CTE Works! Summit** – November 2, 2017
  - [www.cteworksminnesota.org](http://www.cteworksminnesota.org)

- **Support Services Conference** – November 30-December 1, 2017:
  - Thursday: ABE Foundations & assessment certification
  - Friday: general and concurrent sessions

- **Language & Literacy Institute** – January 25-26, 2018

- **MCTM (MN Council of Teachers of Mathematics) Conference** – May 3-5, 2018
Year-long cohort focusing on best practices in distance learning (DL) recruitment, screening and orientation, instruction, and assessment

Face-to-face kickoff on October 9 followed by a series of webinars and development of DL plan for your program

Program applications (administrator + teachers) are due NOW!

http://mnabe-distancelearning.org/
Training and support for teachers of Intermediate ABE and Advanced ESL students in evidence-based reading assessment and instructional practices – leading to implementation of STAR classes, STAR groups, or individualized STAR instruction

- 4 face-to-face institutes + implementation assignments and action planning
- Program (administrator + teacher) applications due October 13!
- Last opportunity to participate in this model; hybrid training will be offered in FY20
Webinar 1: ABE Students and Systems
- October 30, 1:30-3:00
- Objectives
  - Define ABE
  - Overview of WIOA legislation
  - Identify common student goals
  - Name types of ABE students
  - Explain local, state and national ABE systems
  - Explain funding sources

Future Webinar Topics:
- Webinar 2: Policy, Accountability and Assessment
- Webinar 3: ABE Instruction and Standards
- Webinar 4: Professional Development and Supplemental Services
Throughout ALL of this work, students & their goals are at the core. We know that the professional or “soft skills” as defined in the ACES TIF (Transitions Integration Framework) are central to success in any career pathway. Transitions minded, TIF-informed planning & instruction form the background of our work in Adult Career Pathways.
Applications due November 17!

Goal: to prepare instructors to integrate basic skills instruction with career-focused content

Key Activities:
• Participation in workshops & webinars focused on career-focused contextualized basic skills instruction
• Development of career-focused unit and lessons
• Individualized coaching calls
• Networking with colleagues via online community of practice

CCI Informational Webinar
Tuesday, Oct. 17
2:00 – 2:30
ACES Webinars

Discuss strategies and resources for integrating transitions skills into instruction with other ABE practitioners

- Tuesday, November 28, 1:30-3:00
- Tuesday, February 27, 1:30-3:00
Explore and implement universal design for learning (UDL) principles in your classroom and instruction.

View a recorded webinar in January, implement UDL practices, and share via webinar in February.

More info at http://mn.abedisabilities.org/ or email wendy_sweeney@rdale.org
New CCRS Resources!

Content Standards

In this resource library, we will be posting information about the College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education (CCRS), which is a central component of the content standards being implemented in Minnesota ABE.

The CCRS is one of three main documents that comprise these standards, each focusing on an essential area of knowledge and skills our adult students need for success in post-secondary education and technical training, workforce, citizenship, and community integration.

- **College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education (CCRS)** – English Language Arts/Literacy, Math, and Foundational Reading Skills

  - Get an introduction to the CCRS and earn 5-6 CEUs by taking a FREE online course. CCRS Foundations: An Introduction to the College & Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education! Find out more >>

  - Participate in the CCRS Implementation Cohort, which kicks off each fall! Find out more >>

- **Transitions Integration Framework (TIF)** – Key transitions skills in the areas of effective communication, developing a future pathway, navigating systems, learning strategies, self-management, and more. This document is a main component of the Academic, Career, and Employability Skills (ACES) Initiative.

  - For a summarized version of this in-depth document, see the TIF at a Glance.

- **Northstar Digital Literacy Standards** – Basic digital literacy skills needed to perform tasks on the internet.

CCRS ELA RESOURCES:
- CCRS ELA Standards
- ELA Implementation Tools
- Sample ELA Resource Evaluations
- Sample ELA Lesson/Unit Plans
- Sample ELA Student Tasks
- ELA Workshop Materials

CCRS MATH RESOURCES:
- CCRS Math Standards
- Math Implementation Tools
- Sample Math Resource Evaluations
- Sample Math Lesson/Unit Plans
- Sample Math Student Tasks
- Math Workshop Materials

CCRS GENERAL RESOURCES:
- Program CCRS Implementation
- English Learners & CCRS
- CCRS Workshop Materials
Adult ESL Resources

Type “ESL resources” into any online search engine, and within seconds millions of results appear. Sorting through the results to find resources that are useful for adult ESL teachers can be time-consuming and overwhelming.

This online resource library is being created to help adult ESL teachers locate quality materials and websites that have been vetted and recommended by Minnesota Adult Basic Education (ABE) practitioners, so that busy teachers can focus on providing quality instruction for English language learners.

The ESL Resources Library is still under construction, so watch for new resources to be posted soon!

Have a Resource or Materials to Share?

As we build this resource library, we would love to hear from you if you have something to share with your colleagues! Please email Andrea Echeberger, ATLAS ESL Resources Consultant, with your ideas.

Email link not working? >>

ESL RESOURCES

TEACHING LANGUAGE
- Grammar in Context
- Pronunciation
- Reading in L2
- Speak/Listen/Conversation
- Writing in L2

CLASSROOM PRACTICES
- Classroom Management
- Content-Based Instruction
- Multilevel Instruction
- Project-Based Learning
- Student-Centered Teaching

ASSESSMENT
- Goal-Setting
- Checking for Learning
- Providing Corrective Feedback

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE
- Academic Vocabulary
Quiz: What’s Your GED IQ?
Access Important GED Features

- GED Accommodations
- GED Works
- GED Manager
- GED Prep Connect
GED Accommodations

- Less than 45% of testers with approved accommodations have accessed their accommodated testing

For More Information:
- www.gedtestingservice.com/accommodations
GEDWorks Employers

In Minnesota

1. Walmart (employees and family)
2. KFC
3. Taco Bell
4. Pizza Hut

http://gedworks.com
GED Manager Access

Student-Authorized View
- Local ABE Program Staff
- Corrections
  - Jail and Prison ABE Staff
- Jurisdictional
  - State ABE Staff
Getting Student Permission

What are you doing to encourage your students to grant you permission to see their data in GED Manager?

What issues are you encountering?
GED Prep Connect recorded overview informational webinars:

- [https://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/gedprepconnect](https://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/gedprepconnect)

Go to:

- "Helpful Resources"
- Under that is "Webinar Updates"
- "Watch the Webinar for GED Manager Users"
GED Manager User Discussion, Advanced Tips and Questions

Wednesday, October 11, 2017
Time: 2:00-3:00pm
Register at: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/7481931821420332289

For current MN GED Manager users with Student-Authorized View. We will:
- Review GED Manager system updates unveiled October 4,
- Give advanced tips on GED Prep Connect, and
- Discuss your questions

Participants are expected to review information and overview webinars on GED Prep Connect before this webinar.
GED® Testing Subsidy

GED® testers need to use the code MNGED10 in order to access the $10 discount.

- 2017 state legislature allocated $125,000 to partially subsidize testing for approved high school equivalency testing.
- The subsidy will pay for $10 per first GED® test in each subject and up to $40 total per tester in a complete battery.

This discount is applied for testers that:

1. Select “Minnesota” as the location they will test;
2. Schedule testing at any non-corrections testing centers in Minnesota and in approved test centers in border communities as requested by local ABE staff in Minnesota; AND
3. Use the code MNGED10 when scheduling and purchasing the test.
New State Legislation

Replaces the term “GED” with state education commissioner approved high school equivalency assessment(s).

- Official procurement process required (competitive RFP)
- Timeline: TBD, 2 years possible
See attached materials:

- High School Equivalency Test Selection Process
- Application (due Friday, 9/22)
2017-2018 Web Chats

Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, January 10, 2018
- Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Time: 1:00-2:30pm
Thank You!
Don’t forget to fill out your evaluations after!
Questions

The recording, PowerPoint and handouts will be posted on the Literacy Action Network website.