• 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.
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
- Lina Jau, Grants
- 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. Professional Development
2. Fall Manager Meeting
3. Transitions
4. GED and High School Equivalency Testing
5. Assessment updates (TABE and CASAS)
6. Statewide hours and funding
7. Reports, Targets and Program Improvement
8. Questions
Professional Development
• Pre-conference sessions:
  • ABE Foundations
    • an overview of the basics for new staff or those who need a refresher
  • CCRS Foundations: ELA or Math
    • an overview of the standards and instructional shifts
  • Google Applied Digital Skills Curriculum (Wed. a.m. only)

• Poster sessions: Thursday, August 15, 1:15-2:00
• Regional meetings: Thursday, August 15, 4:00-5:00
Mark your calendars!
(Fall 2019)

• ABE Math Institute - Sept. 20, 2019
• Fall North Regional - Oct. 3-4, 2019 (Walker)
• MLC Fall Tutoring Kick-Off - Oct. 26, 2019
• ABE Narrative Writer Workshop - Oct. 29, 2019
• Fall South Regional - Nov. 1, 2019 (Mankato)
• Support Services Conference - November 7-8, 2019
• Fall Manager Meeting - Nov. 19, 2019
• ABE Program Improvement Workshop - Nov. 20, 2019
• Volunteer Management Conference - December 6, 2019
Mark your calendars!
(Winter-Spring 2020)

- Language & Literacy Institute - January 23-24, 2020
- Spring Metro Regional - March 6, 2020
- Spring North Regional - March 26-27, 2020 (Grand Rapids)
- Spring South Regional - April 17, 2020 (Mankato)
- MCTM Conference - April 23-24, 2020

Watch your MN ABE Connect for more events and details!
• Tuesday, November 19
• Tentative location: Metro North Event Center (near MDE)
• 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
What topics or issues would you like addressed at the Fall ABE Manager meeting?

Type answers in chat

AND-OR

Enter ideas in eval at end of webchat
Transitions
Pathways to Prosperity Grant Opportunity

• Pathways to Prosperity (P2P) is an innovative strategy that integrates basic skills education, career-specific training, support services, and employment placement and retention to meet the needs of adults.

• The Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) website has more information on the grant opportunity

• Deadline:

• Applications must be received at DEED by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2019.
Regional Transitions Plans

- **2018-2019 Regional Transitions Plans**
  - The final report is due next Monday, July 15, 2019
  - The report will be reviewed. If there are questions regarding activities then the Regional Transitions Coordinator will be contacted.

- **2019-2020 Regional Transitions Plans**
  - The plans were submitted June 13, 2019.
  - They were reviewed June 14 - 26, 2019.
  - The plans are currently in the approval process.
Thank you to the Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Reviewers
# New Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Grantees

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In 2016, the Minnesota state legislature appropriated $100,000 to be used for Navigating and Advising Support Services within ABE programs.

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National Study of the Implementation of Adult Education under WIOA

National Assessment of Adult Education
What is the National Study of the Implementation of Adult Education?

- Part of the Congressionally-mandated national assessment of federally-funded adult education program and strategies
- Led by the federal Institute of Education Sciences in collaboration with the Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education
- Conducted by the American Institutes for Research
What Are The Study’s Research Questions?

• To what extent are the reforms to adult education promoted by WIOA being implemented at the state and local levels?

• In what other ways has implementation changed since before WIOA?

• What challenges are state agencies and local providers experiencing in implementing adult education under WIOA?
What Will the Provider Survey Measure?

- Funding and expenditures
- Instructional and support services provided
- Collaboration with community partners to provide instruction and other services
- TA and PD received from the state or its contractors
- How providers use data in communications and decision making
- Challenges in implementing adult education under WIOA
What to expect

- When will the surveys be administered?
- The local provider survey will be administered in Fall 2019. State directors of adult education will be asked to provide contact information for local providers beginning in June 2019.
- How do I participate when the survey begins?
- Watch for an email, letter, or phone call from the American Institutes for Research with participation information and instructions in September /October. The survey will be sent in mid-October.
GED & High School Equivalency Testing
Who's Going to the 2019 GED Conference?

- Brad is going from MDE

If you are going, please either:
- Chat in and let us know or
- Email Brad Hasskamp (brad.Hasskamp@state.mn.us) to let him know

GED Annual Conference • Swissotel in Chicago, Illinois
July 24, 2019—July 26, 2019
14,101 GED Tests Taken in MN (July 2018-June 2019)

- 4,603 Testers (fewer than last year)
- 2,981 Test Completers
- 2,533 High School Equivalency Diploma Earners (more passers than last year!)
- 85% passing rate (compared to national 79% passing rate)
- May 2019 was the peak testing month with 1,622 GED tests taken.
- 85 days on average from creation of GED.com account to earning high school equivalency diploma.
196 MN GED Testing Centers (July 2018-June 2019)

Top 10 Test Centers by # of Exams Taken

1. Harmony Adult Education: 935 exams
2. Hubbs Center for Lifelong Learning: 812 exams
3. Minneapolis Adult...n - South Campus: 590 exams
4. Hawthorne Education Center: 539 exams
5. Cedar Valley Learning Center - ABE: 531 exams
6. Mounds View Adult Education: 503 exams
7. GED Test W-DOC ... Corr Fac-Mens2: 462 exams
8. North Hennepin Community College: 430 exams
9. DOC MN MCF - Saint Cloud: 373 exams
10. Summit Academy OIC: 346 exams
The state of Minnesota will pay for a tester’s first GED test in each subject using the promo code **MNGED30** (while funding lasts). This promo code can be used when scheduling tests to be taken between Monday, July 1 and December 31, 2019. Please note that this subsidy will apply for testers that:

- Select “Minnesota” as their testing location in www.ged.com;
- Live in Minnesota;
- 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
- Use the MNGED30 promo code in their account when scheduling and paying for tests.
• If a student does not pass or does not show up for testing, they will NOT receive the subsidy for the retake tests; they will have to pay the standard retake test price.

• Once the subsidy expires or runs out, there will be no state subsidy left and testers will have to pay the full testing fee. We cannot predict exactly when this subsidy will run out and when it does, the subsidy will automatically shut off through GED.com’s system.

• The MNGED10 code no longer works. Any students that had already used the code for tests after June 30 will still get the partial subsidy.

• If testers are having issues with the subsidy working, please email Brad Hasskamp (brad.hasskamp@state.mn.us).
Temporary calm waters on the HiSEAs

- Minnesota High School Equivalency Assessments
- No changes at this time
- Staff from MN Administration, Education, and Corrections agencies are finalizing the competition materials. Administration is currently editing materials.
Assessment Updates
TABE and CASAS updates!

- TABE 9/10 no longer approved for testing in ABE programs
- CASAS GOALS Reading has not yet been approved for ESL levels.
  - CASAS is planning on resubmitting the tests to the U.S. Department of Education in October 2020 for ESL approval.
  - Remember, CASAS Life and Work is approved for ESL levels until February 2021.
Statewide hours and funding
Statewide hours and enrollees

• May 1, 2018-April 30, 2019

Contact hours: 4,465,601

ABE Enrollees: 58,984
## Statewide ABE System Contact Hour Change

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<td>Change from prior year</td>
<td>-0.4%</td>
<td>-5.5%</td>
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<td>-1.3%</td>
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10-year average growth rate = -1.7%
• Total state ABE funding: $49.2 million
• Total federal ABE funding: $5.6 million
Statewide ABE system

- Minnesota
- ABE

41 local consortia
State ABE team
ABE Support Network (supplemental services)
## Contact Hour Rates for Fiscal Year 2020 Funding

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*Rates rounded to the nearest cent*
Fiscal Year 2020 ABE funding process

Initial state aid calculation has been made and posted to MDE website:
  • Please see email from Cherie on June 24 and June 27 for more detail (only sent to fiscal agent contact for each consortium).

Final state and federal aid calculations will be completed in August and award letters will be emailed.

NEW THIS YEAR: ABE consortia must check that the correct data were used to calculate the state aid for the consortium and send a confirmation email to Cherie no later than August 1. Please see email from Cherie on July 3 for more detail (sent to ABE managers, coordinators and lead teachers).
IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT BUDGETS:

Many ABE programs need to create a tentative budget or a budget forecast before July 1.

Be sure to finalize or update this budget with your business office after receiving a final award letter.
Looking ahead: Final Fiscal Completion Reports

Final Fiscal Completion Reports for fiscal year 19 (FY 19) funding will be due in the Fall of 2019.

Please keep in mind:

• FY 19 Federal ABE funding can’t be used for expenses incurred after June 30, 2019

• FY 19 State ABE funding can be used for expenses between July 1 and September 30, 2019

• If FY 19 state funding is used in Quarter 5 (July - Sept 2019) please be certain to accurately report this on Final Fiscal Completion Report
Reports, Targets and Program Improvement
Reports due August 1, 2019

Every consortia must email to Cherie (Cherie.Eichinger@state.mn.us):

• Level Gains with Post-Test Rates Report and
• NRS Primary Goals Report

(All May-June data need to reviewed before submitting reports)
NEW THIS YEAR: Also due on August 1, 2019

• ABE consortia must check that the correct data were used to calculate the state aid for the consortium and send a confirmation email to Cherie no later than August 1. Please see email from Cherie on July 3 for more detail.
## Federally Negotiated Targets for Measurable Skill Gains

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Program Improvement is a process that helps ensure our statewide ABE system reaches federal ABE targets.
In early fall 2019, the ABE Report Card will be released.

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There will be a Program Improvement process starting in Fall 2019 based on the 2019 ABE Report Card.
2019 ABE Report Card:
ABE consortia will be flagged for possible participation in Program Improvement if they fall below the Program Improvement Benchmarks on one or more of the three tables with benchmarks:

Measurable Skill Gains - ABE students
Measurable Skill Gains - ESL students
Post-testing Rates
From all ABE consortia flagged for possible participation in Program Improvement, a group of ABE consortia will be selected for participation in the Program Improvement Cohort.

Factors that will be taken into consideration include:

• Total number of flagged consortia
• Participant numbers
• Unique circumstances
  • Individual sites within a consortium?
Program Improvement Cohort

The Program Improvement Cohort group will participate in:

• Full-day workshop on November 20, 2019
• Site visit by state ABE staff
• Improvement planning
• Technical assistance from state ABE staff
Materials

The recording, PowerPoint and handouts will be posted on the Literacy Action Network website.
2019-2020 Web Chats

January 15, 2020
May 6, 2020
Thank You!

Please fill out the evaluation after the webinar
Questions?

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