

Welcome to WebChat with Minnesota Adult Education!



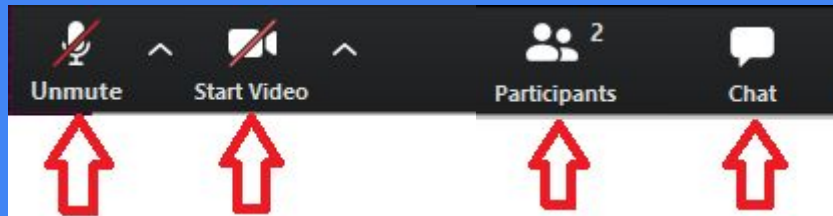
- We'll begin at 1:00.
- Please stay muted to reduce background noise.
- If you are having any tech issues, please chat to Karla Vien for assistance.

Check-In Discussion (introduce yourself, your program, and enter responses in the chat):

- How is staff morale? What ways are you finding success in building staff morale (e.g. rethinking prep time, more breaks, etc.)?

For today's WebChat session

- For tech help, chat to Karla Vien
- Use your first & last name - just like a name tag! Feel free to add your pronouns.
- Bottom of screen: hover your mouse to reveal toolbar



Keep mic and video off
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Open Chat box
& keep it open





Recording Today's Session

The recording will be posted on the Literacy Action Network website.



Welcome to WebChat with MNABE

Wednesday, January 12, 2022



Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Announcements
3. LAN Marketing Project
4. Racial Equity Grant
5. Grants
6. State WIOA Plan
7. Transitions and Partners
8. HighSEAs
9. Professional Development
10. Questions

A large stone monument with a stylized 'Minnesota' in red script and 'Welcome You' in black block letters. A blue banner is overlaid at the top.

Adult Education Team @ MDE

Brad Hasskamp, State ABE Director

Jodi Versaw, Program Quality

Julie Dincau, Transitions

Astrid Liden, Professional Development

Alice Smith, GED Records/Administrative Support

Neill Allard, Communications/Administrative Support

Another team member position has been posted!

Announcements

Grants Specialist Lina Jau has left MDE: Temporary Grant Contacts (Federal)

Federal Grants

- **Submission of financial report forms (FRFs) - for federal grants not in SERVS:** Please send FRFs to Missy Lorey (missy.lorey@state.mn.us).
- **Federal ABE (FIN 438) grants and other grants managed in SERVS:** Budgets, budget revisions or questions should be directed to LaDonna Mustin (ladonna.mustin@state.mn.us). Send an email to LaDonna whenever a budget revision is done. Programming questions should be directed to Jodi Versaw (jodi.versaw@state.mn.us).
- **Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) grants:** Budget revisions should be directed to Missy Lorey (missy.lorey@state.mn.us), and programming issues to Julie Dincau (julie.dincau@state.mn.us).
- **Strengthen ABE (Additional ABE Federal funds) grants FY22:** Budget revisions should be directed to both Brad Hasskamp (brad.hasskamp@state.mn.us) and Missy Lorey (missy.lorey@state.mn.us), and programming issues to Jodi Versaw and Brad Hasskamp.

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State and Other Grants

- **ABE Supplemental Services grants:**
Please contact Astrid Liden (astrid.liden@state.mn.us) for any programming and budget questions.
- **All other ABE grants questions:**
Please send to Brad Hasskamp and Missy Lorey (missy.lorey@state.mn.us).

Hiring a new MDE Adult Education High School Equivalency and Accountability Specialist

Responsibilities:

- Lead, coordinate, and provide technical assistance for high school equivalency testing and credentialing (GED and HiSET);
- Provide support for Standard Adult High School Diploma programming and other Adult Education (ABE) programming; and
- Co-lead Adult Education data, financial reporting, and analysis procedures.

For more information, check out the [position posting](#).

Please share this posting with any great potential candidates!

Closing Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022



MDE Job Application Process Details



**WE ARE
HIRING**

How to Apply: Click "Apply" at the top of the [posting](#).

Job Opening ID: 51536

Location: Roseville/Twin Cities Metro (with telework eligibility)

If you have **questions** about applying for jobs, contact the job information line at 651-259-3637. For additional information about the application process, go to the MN Careers System (www.mn.gov/careers).

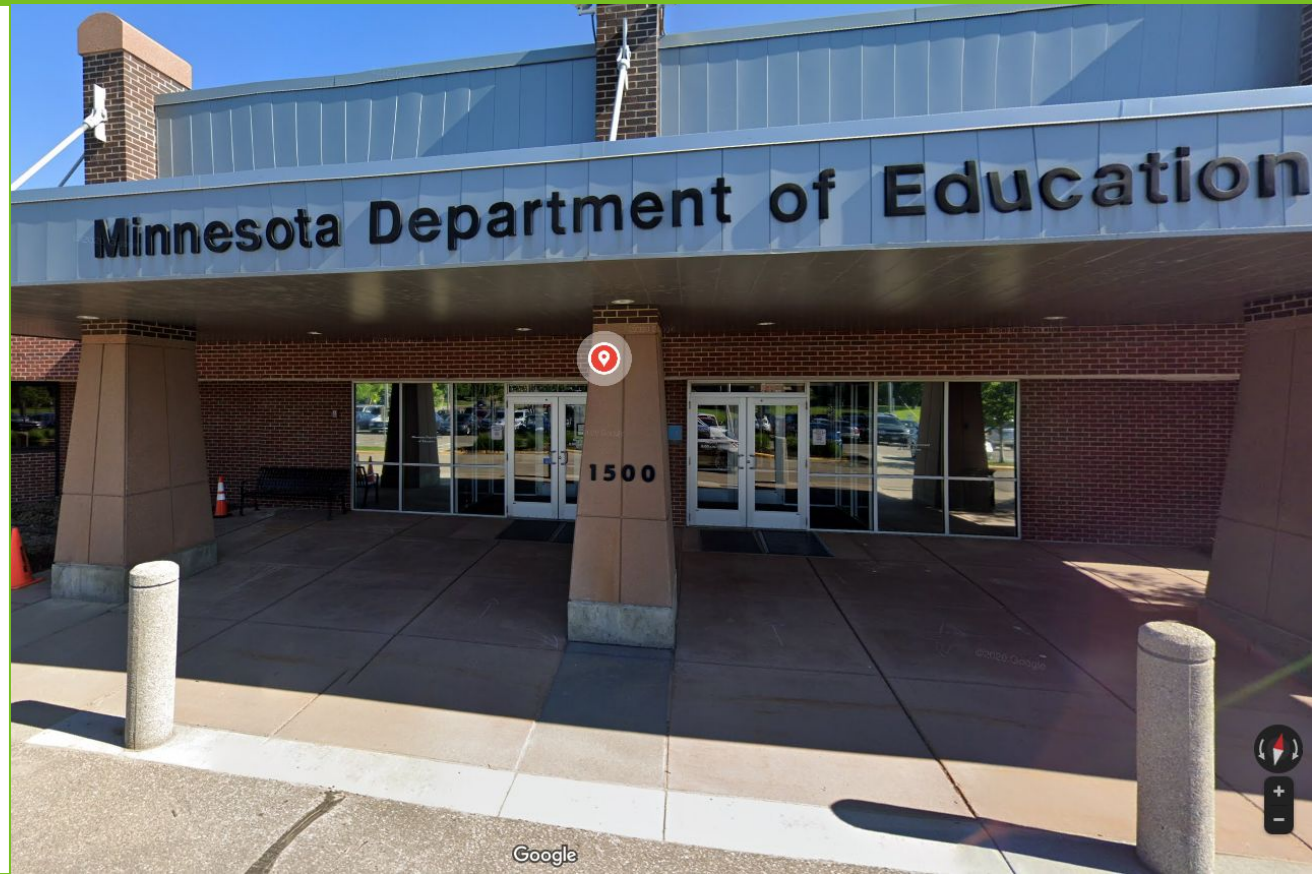
Note that you will need to create a profile in the State of Minnesota Career System, complete an application, attach a current résumé, and complete additional steps.

MDE Building Move

As of December 3, 2021, the Adult Education Team at MDE no longer has access to the building in Roseville.

We currently do not have a building to work out of and are required to work virtually.

We do not yet know when we will have access to the new building.



MDE Staff Attending Events Virtually



Currently, MDE staff are still attending all meetings, sessions, and events virtually.

MDE staff attendance at in-person events is only allowed for a very limited set of important meetings on a case-by-case situation with approval from the Assistant Commissioner.



Advocating for Minnesota
Adult Basic Education

LAN Marketing Project

LAN Project: Marketing for ABE (phase 1)



LAN is developing a statewide marketing plan for ABE

- Includes a 'toolkit' of resources will be produced for local use by consortia
 - based on suggestions from managers & others in the field of ABE
- Resources will include some combination of templates for social media posts, radio ads, videos or other materials on basic recruiting topics in various languages, materials for ABE programs to use with employer partners, marketing templates that can be customized by programs and others

LAN Project: Marketing for ABE (phase 2)

Resources will be distributed to consortia statewide

Consultation will be provided as needed

Some limited financial mini-grants will be available for implementation

For information and to make suggestions, contact:

- **Kaija Bergen, kbergen@neighb.org**



Southwest Adult Basic Education

Racial Equity Grant Update

Updates: Racial Equity in Adult Education

- Statewide MN Adult Education Racial Equity Advisory Board
- Data Analysis
 - Rose Chu; Plum Blossom Strategy
 - Administration Survey
 - Google Form
 - Educator Survey
 - Learner Survey
- ISO Statewide MN Adult Learner Advisory Board candidates



Grants

2021-22 Additional ABE Funding



- First invoices due January 31
- Budget Revisions and Financial Report Forms: Send to Brad Hasskamp and Missy Lorey (missy.lorey@state.mn.us)
- Technical Assistance Doc: Latest version released December 16, 2021
- Questions?
- **Will everyone spend the money allocated?**

Contact Hour Reporting Working Group Recommendation Approved!

For the ABE annual application submitted in 2022, all consortia will submit a Table A (contact hours from May 2021-April 2022) and again Table A1 (March 2019-March 2020).

Consortium contact hours for FY23 ABE funding will be determined either by using Table A or reusing Table A1, whichever has a higher number of contact hours.

This recommendation was endorsed by the Literacy Action Network. MDE Adult Education, Finance, Government Relations, and the Executive Teams have reviewed the recommendation. It has been approved!

Reminder: consortium membership changes



Any consortium member changes need to be communicated to MDE (Brad and Jodi) by February 1st in order to be implemented with the FY23 state ABE funding formula

Federal Adult Education Grant Competition

Federal law (WIOA) requires that states run a grant competition for Federal Adult Education funds.

In Minnesota, we ran this competition in 2017, and are now running it again in 2022.



Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

Federal Adult Education Grant Competition Materials

[Grant Application materials now posted](#) on MDE Grants Website

Grant Applications Due: Friday,
March 25, 2022 (by 3:30 p.m.
Central time)

*[Note that this is the federal adult education
(ABE) grant and funding, but not the IELCE
grant.]*



Federal Adult Education Grant Implications



Please note: Any provider that does not apply or get approved through the federal grant application process will not be eligible for any federal adult education funding, which includes low-incidence disability aid.

Webinar: Federal Adult Education Grant Competition



Wednesday, January 19, 2022 (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

- Open to any eligible Minnesota applicants interested in applying for the federal adult education grant.
- Register for the webinar [here](#)
- For additional information on the Webinar, please contact Neill Allard at neill.allard@state.mn.us.

Questions: Federal Adult Education Grant Competition

If you have questions about this grant:

- Email Neill Allard at neill.allard@state.mn.us

Questions received by February 11, 2022, will have answers published on the grants website page on February 18, 2022.



State WIOA Plan

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Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

The [Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#) (WIOA) is a law authorizing federal funding for workforce development activities. It is the foundation of our workforce development initiatives and job-training programs for adults and youth.

WIOA gives government, nonprofit, education, and industry partners greater flexibility to work together. The result is career training programs that give workers the skills they need to get good jobs at family-sustaining wages and give employers the qualified workers they need to stay competitive.

[U.S. Department of Labor WIOA Fact Sheet](#)

State Plan

Reports

Regional and Local Plans

Policy and Guidance

State Plan

WIOA State Plan

- [Minnesota's Combined State Plan for WIOA - July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2023](#)

- This is Adult Education's (and WIOA partners') plans with each other and the federal government.
- State plan revisions due every two years.
- Current WIOA State Plan on DEED site.

2022 State WIOA Plan Revision Tentative Timeline



- December 14, 2021: U.S. Department of Labor releases WIOA State Plan revision guidance.
- January 3, 2022: State agencies meet to discuss WIOA state plan revision process.
- By February 1, 2022: All state agencies must submit their proposed revisions to DEED.
- Early February-Early March 2022: Revised WIOA State Plan posted for public comment.
- March 15, 2022: DEED must submit the revised plan to the federal government

2022 State WIOA Plan Overview and Proposed Adult Education Revisions

Minnesota State WIOA Plan

- Adult Education specific section (pp.225-253)

Potential Proposed Revisions

- Reduce duplicated information.
- Extend federal competition to once every 6 years (or federal reauthorization), instead of once every 5 years.
- Slightly revise federal funding formula to allow MDE to incentivize IET programming and to fund statewide online career pathway classes for providers approved for federal funding.
- Articulate system innovations in equity, technology and other areas

Questions and/or other revision suggestions?



Transitions and Partners

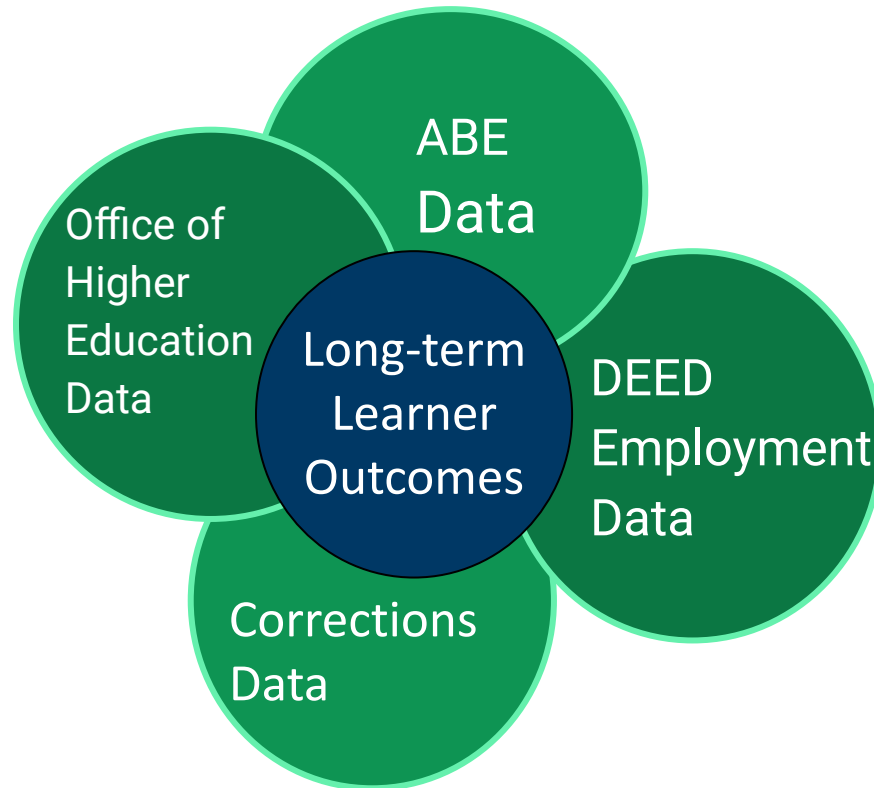
Statewide Longitudinal Education Data (SLEDs) Training

“Using the New SLEDs ABE Reports”

Thursday, January 20, 2022, from
2:30 pm–3:30 pm.

Please register for the session at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAlc-6pqigjGtZ2Hy60begqSwrGius0tpu->



Conditional Work Referral Promotion



Be referred **in writing** by CareerForce staff or employment/MFIP counselors specifically for any one or more of the content areas:

Digital Literacy Skills (Example: Basic Computer Literacy)

Job Seeking Skills (Examples: Résumé Writing, Interviewing, and Job Searching)

Soft Skills Necessary for Work (SCANS skills)

Forward Together / Future Together

Forward Together

Forward Together Ambassadors are catalysts who open the door to a conversation with someone who may not have known how -or with whom- to talk about attending an education or training program and the resources available to them to earn their credentials.

Future Together

A new grant program offering tuition-free pathways for students in high-need career areas: Healthcare, STEM, Business, Industry and Technology, Education, Public Service

Afghan Evacuee Update - Employment and Training

Current number of arrivals is 640 people to date (190 families).

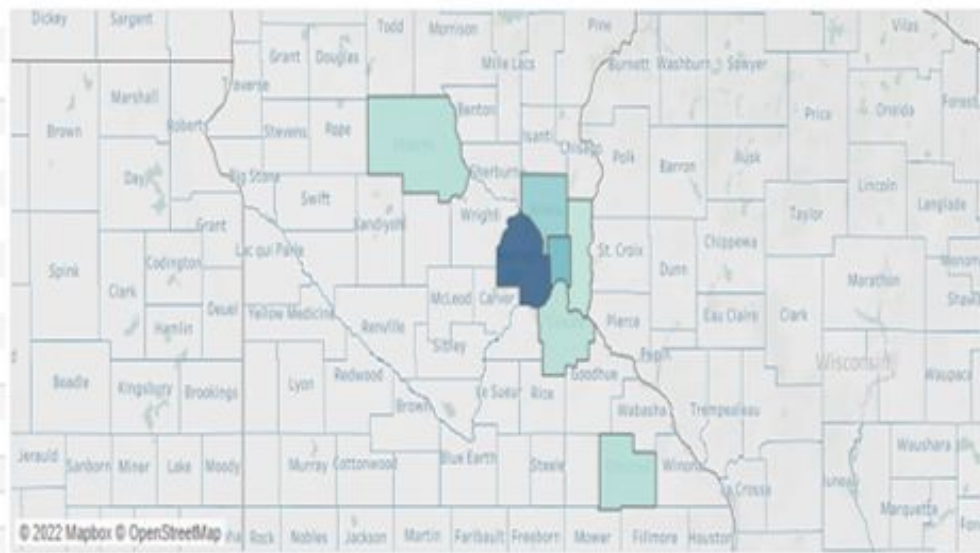
1,600 Afghan evacuees will have arrived by the end of February

Up to 1,900 people with refugee status could arrive this year (by end of September 2022)



County and City of resettlement for Afghan arrivals

		% of Total Arrivals
11.4%	Anoka	Anoka 4.5%
		Blaine 0.6%
		Columbia Heights 2.5%
		Coon Rapids 3.6%
		Spring Lake Park 0.3%
57.7%	Hennepin	Bloomington 11.4%
		Eden Prairie 3.3%
		Edina 1.9%
		Hopkins 1.4%
		Maple Grove 2.8%
		Minneapolis 27.0%
		Richfield 8.9%
		Robbinsdale 0.8%
		Saint Paul 1.9%
		St. Paul 19.2%
21.2%	Ramsey	St. Cloud 3.6%
3.6%	Stearns	Hugo 0.3%
0.3%	Washington	Apple Valley 1.4%
2.8%	Dakota	Burnsville 0.8%
		Eagan 0.6%
3.1%	Olmsted	Rochester 3.1%



0.28%

57.66%

High School Equivalency Assessments (High SEAs)

HiSET Implementation

HiSET will tentatively be able to be offered in Minnesota starting around May 2022.

MDE and HiSET staff will have more information soon.



HiSET Next Steps



1. Revise MDE **credentialing database** to process data from HiSET and issue HiSET-based diplomas. (Tentatively May 2022?)
2. Work with HiSET staff over the next year to **implement** a new high school equivalency assessment system (set up test centers, create policy, provide training, etc.).
3. **Communicate** to stakeholders that a second high school equivalency assessment is approved.

High SEAs Advisory Group providing input on HiSET and GED implementation

- **Shari Brunes, Glacial Lakes ABE**
- **Matt Dehmer, Moorhead ABE**
- **Scott Helland, Metro East ABE**
- **Kristine Kelly, Robbinsdale Adult Academic Program**
- **Staci Landsem, Lakes Area Adult Education**
- **Megan LeLay, Summit Academy OIC**
- **Lee Obermiller, Cass Lake-Bena ABE**
- **Angela Schak, Great Rivers ABE**
- **Karen Studanski, Minnesota Department of Corrections**



HighSEAs Advisory Group Leads and Support

Group Leaders

- See Moua-Leske, Literacy Action Network President and SW ABE (Marshall)
- Patty Popp, MN DOC
- Brad Hasskamp, MDE

Support from Literacy Action Network

- Karla Vien

Test Vendor Representatives

- Mellissa Hultstrand, GED
- Tanya Haug, HiSET

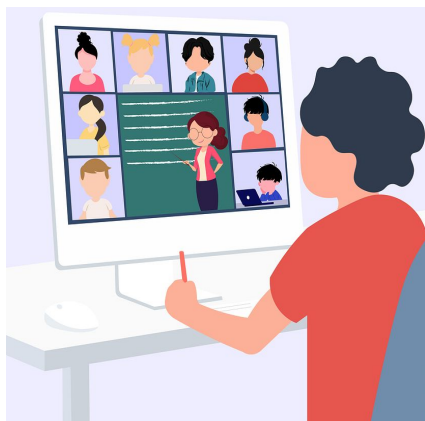


Professional Development

Teaching Online: Support and Idea Swap

Support and sharing around current, urgent instructional issues and questions. Attend one or all!

- January 12, 2:30 - 3:30
- February 16, 2:00-3:00
- March 9, 2:00-3:00



Topics for support and discussion may include:

- Integrating approved DL platforms with synchronous instruction (online or in person)
- Teaching digital literacy skills to participate in blended and online classes
- Prioritizing and setting expectations for hybrid/blended teacher responsibilities and workloads
- Setting up and/or best practices for using an online website or class in an LMS
- Best practices and tips & tricks using instructional tech tools
- Making and using instructional screencasts

Virtual Language & Literacy Institute

January 27 & 28

Registration open now

<https://atlasabe.org/events/>

FREE!

Sessions topics include:

- strategies for math language comprehension
- getting different levels of ELs writing
- academic vocabulary
- Green Card Voices
- reading routines for ELs
- HiSET reading & writing
- developing reasoning around GED persuasive text
- dialogic reading
- using Padlet
- hyflex/hybrid instruction for ELs
- writing at the CCRS D level
- CCRS speaking & listening for low-level ELs and diploma/HSE level
- creating sets of shared learning outcomes for IETs
- transanguaging as an antiracist practice
- EBRI & explicit instruction
- financial literacy & health literacy
- working with low-level American-born readers
- TVM (Teacher Verification Model) lesson workshop
- creating and using word sorts at multiple levels
- teaching literacy through a social justice lens
- citizenship update
- pronunciation
- using common texts to target CCRS B/C levels
- HiSET/GED comparison



Virtual Cultural Competency Training

February 11 & 25, 2022

8:30-12:00 (both days required)

- PELSB-approved for relicensure
- Adapted for adult education
- Facilitators: Dr. Rose Chu & Andrea Echelberger



Upcoming Webinars

USCIS: Adult Citizenship Education Program & Naturalization Test - Jan. 26, 2:00-3:15

CCRS: Math Language Routines - Jan. 18, 2:30-4

IET Toolkit - Feb. 3, 2:30-4:00

Planning and Budgeting for the Coming Year (Admin Webinar) - Feb. 23, 1:00-2:00

Administrator (topic TBD) - April 20, 1:00-2:00

CCRS: ELA/Math Inquiry - Feb. 24, 2:30-4:00

Pronunciation - March 11 & 18, 1:30-3:00

Trauma-Informed Practices- May 13 & 20, 1:30-3:00



EBRI (Evidence-Based Reading Instruction) Webinar Series

Participants will learn about:

- EBRI & the 4 reading components
- Diagnostic Reading Assessment
- Incentives, routines, and resources for teaching alphabetics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension

More info:

<https://atlasabe.org/event/ebri-webinar-series-2022/>

Fridays, 1:00-2:30:

- February 18
- March 4
- March 25
- April 15
- April 29
- May 20

Teacher Verification Model (TVM)

Upcoming TVM Certification Webinars:

- Thursday, January 20, 6:00 - 8:00
- Tuesday, February 8, 2:00 - 4:00
- Thursday April 21, 2:00 - 4:00

*TVM certification webinar registration info in the TVM module of the [Distance and Blended Learning Basics for Minnesota Adult Education](#) online course.

- **More info about TVM and the certification process:**
<https://www.literacymn.org/teacher-verification-model>
- **Questions about TVM or any other DL-related topic?**
support@mnabedistancelearning.zendesk.com



ATLAS Writing Study Circle



Applications due Feb. 1!

<https://atlasabe.org/applications/>

4 meetings (1:00-4:00 p.m.):

- **February 22**
- **March 15**
- **April 19**
- **May 17**

More info:

<https://atlasabe.org/news/atlas-pilot-writing-study-circle-applications-due-february-1-2022/>

Virtual Spring Statewide Conference



April 22, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

- 16 concurrent sessions
- Networking coffee breaks
- Optional affinity groups

Registration opens March 29!

IET (Integrated Education & Training) Institute



Thursday, April 28, 1:00-4:00

Virtual workshops & meetings:

- **Supports for new and established IETs**
- **Regional collaborations around career pathways and IET priorities**

Virtual ABE Summer Institute

- August 17-18
- Call for proposals available in early February



Going to COABE?

COABE Hybrid (In-person and Virtual) National Conference

April 11-13, Pre-Conference April 10

- Who's participating?
- Remember - LAN members are COABE members!

COABE

COALITION ON ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

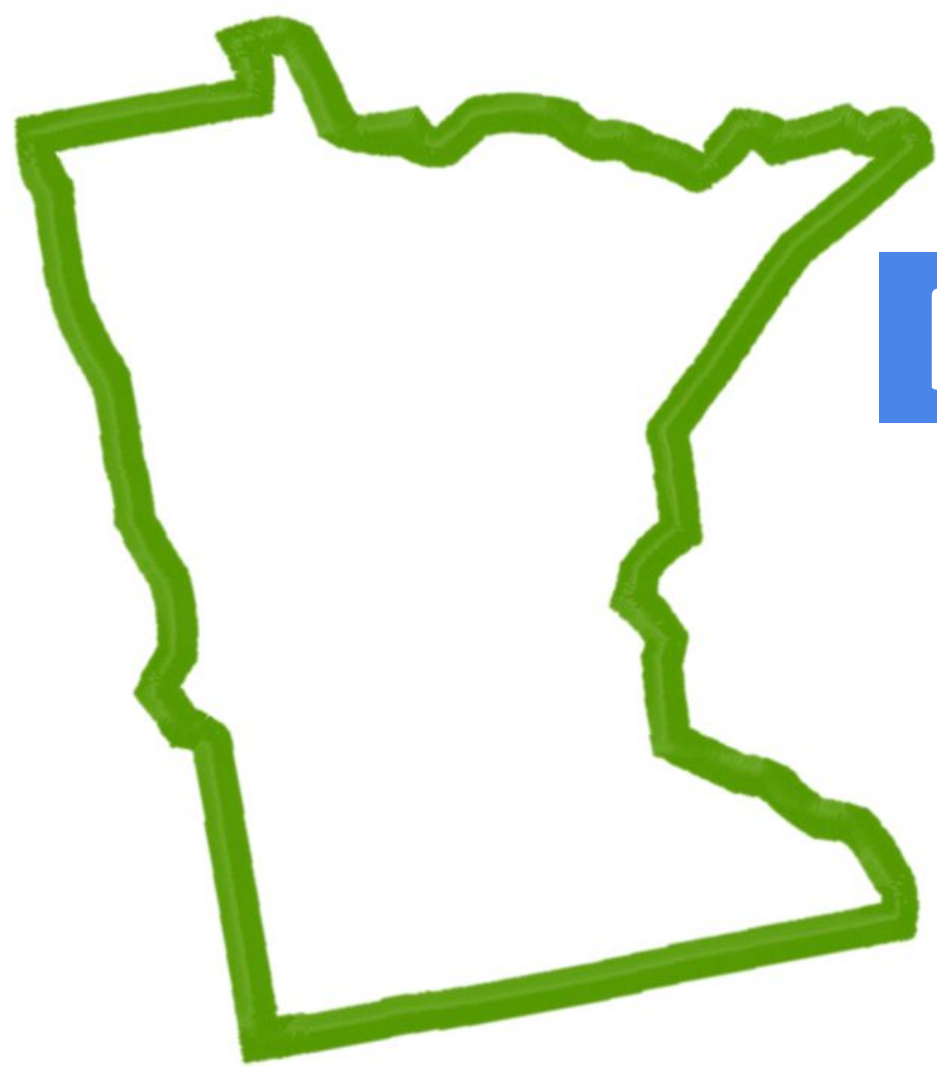
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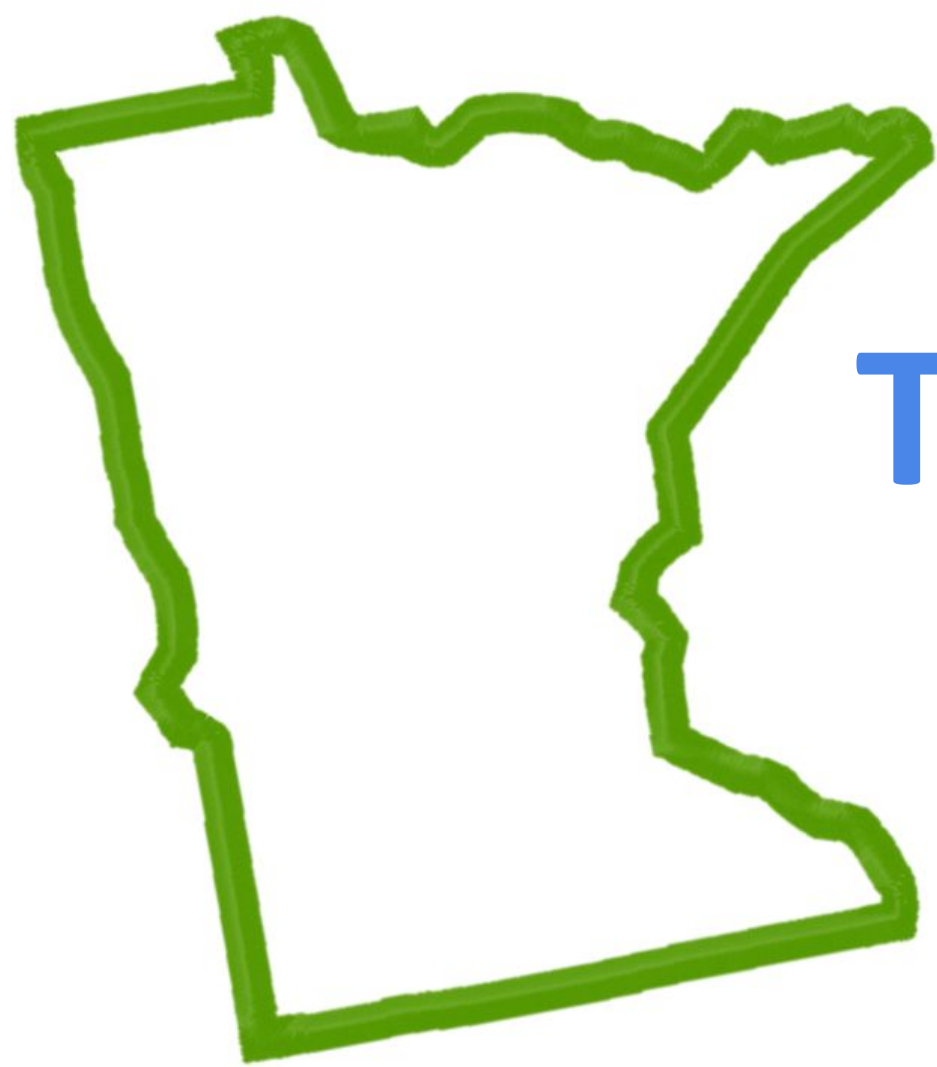
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Next WebChat

May 11, 2022

1-2:30pm



Thank You!

Questions?

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