

2007 National Conference of Adult Education State Directors

March 28-30, 2007

Sheraton Philadelphia City Center Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Raising the Bar in Adult Education: Keeping America Competitive

Objectives:

- To support a well-educated and skilled workforce consistent with the principles of American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) by providing states with current information on administration goals and AEFLA state grant administration.
- To provide information to the states related to the reauthorization of AEFLA and its policy implications, particularly related to State Plan development.
- To promote peer learning by providing state directors with structured and informal opportunities to share experiences addressing challenges most relevant to the field of adult education.
- To provide training opportunities to States to promote leadership and continuous improvement of State systems of adult education.

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Registration and Information

Registration Area- Liberty Ballroom Foyer

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Registration and Information

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7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

Liberty A

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Welcome and Opening Session

Cheryl Keenan, Director

Division of Adult Education and Literacy (DAEL)

Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE)

U.S. Department of Education

Rose Brandt, State Director of Adult Education, Pennsylvania

Liberty A

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

PART: The Adult Education Rating and its Implications

Cheryl Keenan, OVAE

Liberty A

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

BREAK

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Adult Education Programs in America: Results from the Adult Education Program Study

*Dan Miller and Ronna Spacone, OVAE
Liberty A*

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Keynote Address

*Troy R. Justesen, Assistant Secretary
Office of Vocational and Adult Education
U.S. Department of Education
Liberty A*

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch

*Shayam K. Menon, Associate Director for Administrative Reform
Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
U.S. Department of Education
Liberty A*

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Regional Meeting Breakout Sessions

<i>Salon 3</i>	<i>(Northeast, incl. VI)</i>	<i>Allison Hill</i>
<i>Salon 4</i>	<i>(South)</i>	<i>Sharon Lankford-Rice</i>
<i>Salon 5</i>	<i>(Midwest)</i>	<i>Rebecca Moak</i>
<i>Salon 6</i>	<i>(West, incl. Outlying Areas)</i>	<i>Cay Buser</i>

4:00 PM

Adjourn for the Day

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7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Concurrent State Networking Sessions

The Urban Challenge

*Allison Hill, OVAE
Salon 3*

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss challenges to state administrators in managing services in densely populated areas of the states.

Small Town America

*Sheryl Adler, OVAE
Salon 4*

Learn from your fellow state directors how to expand access to quality adult education in rural areas. Participants will discuss the successes and challenges associated with distance learning, delivery methods, multi-level classes, and partnership building.

Administering the English Language/ Civics Grant

Cheryl Keenan, OVAE

Salon 5

Participants will discuss how EL/ Civics funds are used in the states.

Improving Teacher Quality

Ronna Spacone, OVAE

Salon 6

This session will provide participants with an opportunity to think about and discuss professional development programs and practices designed to strengthen the knowledge, skills, and abilities of instructors.

Local Leadership

Cay Buser, OVAE

Salon 10

Participants will discuss strategies to deliver management and leadership development to an ever-changing corps of local directors.

“The Story of the Carrot and the Stick”- Performance Based Funding

Dan Miller, OVAE

Logans 1

Performance-based funding was a hot topic at the state directors meeting in Bethesda last November. The last session of Congress gave us a hint that States would be required to evaluate local performance on the core indicators of performance and employment. Join this session to interact with your peers and discuss what incentives are being used to improve performance across the country.

Youth Connection: Navigating Interagency Coordination for Youth Services

Sharon Lankford-Rice, OVAE

Logans 2

This session will explore what happens when agencies work together to coordinate youth services, and will include discussions about how to get started, gain momentum and sustain a working relationship to increase outcomes for everyone.

States A-Like Sessions

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State directors and state staff will have an opportunity to network with other states with similar governance or staffing structures.

- Community College States: *Israel Mendoza, Washington*
- States with Small-Sized State Staffs: *Johan Uvin, Rhode Island*
- States governed under DOL or WIB: *Rebecca Moak, OVAE*

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Demonstrating Success with ABE Literacy Learners: Issues and Challenges

Larry Condelli, American Institutes for Research (AIR)

Liberty A

ABE literacy level learners are among the most challenging students served by adult literacy programs. Discuss your experiences, successes and difficulties serving these students in your state's local programs.

Next Generation Management Information Systems (MIS)

Mike Dean, OVAE

Liberty A

At some point, each state is confronted with the need to review the capacity of its MIS to meet ongoing data management needs. The question often is how do you tell whether to make a few simple revisions or invest in a new MIS. Discuss the choices you made or plan to make and what led you to those choices.

Is your State Considering Workplace Readiness Credentials?

Rebecca Moak, OVAE

Liberty A

States are beginning to adopt workplace readiness credentials. In November we began to explore how the currently available national workplace readiness credentials impact adult education programs. We invite states who are interested in learning about workplace readiness credentials and states adopting credentials share experiences on the implementation of these credentials and how they impact instruction.

10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

BREAK

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

NAAL Comprehensive Report: Opportunities for State Action

Mark Kutner

Vice-President and Director

Workforce Research and Analysis, AIR

Liberty A

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch

Liberty A

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Mini-Training Institutes (pre-registration required)

Standards Implementation- Challenges & Solutions

Susan Pimentel, Standards Consultant

Liberty A

Planning State Change and Improvement Initiatives

Judith Alamprese, Abt Associates

Salon 3/4

Leadership Training for State Directors and State Staff

Mary Ann Corley, California Adult Literacy Professional

Development Project

Salon 5/6

Fundamentals of Assessment: Delivering Sound Technical Assistance to Local Staff

Mike Dean, OVAE

Larry Condelli, AIR

Salon 10

4:00 PM

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Liberty D

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Special Session for State Directors: Policy Implications of WIA Reauthorization Proposals

Cheryl Keenan, Mike Dean, Dan Miller, OVAE

Liberty D

This session is specifically geared to state directors as an opportunity to discuss potential state policy implications due to the reauthorization of WIA.

NAEPDC Sponsored Session

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: Why our students leave and what we can do to help them stay.

Lennox McLendon and Kathi Polis, NAEPDC

Salon 1

This session, designed for state and local staffs, focus on the policies, guidance and expectations that enable and encourage practitioners to utilize persistence strategies for adult learners.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Closing Remarks and Adjournment