

# PD Update December 2012



Professional development offerings are aligned with Maine Adult Education's vision of pathways toward success in education, career and life. The content is guided by the directions provided by programs through annual professional development plans, the findings of our program review process and the initiatives and directives of our state and federal funding agencies.

## December Highlights

### Creating Pathways for Education, Career and Life Success



### Career Pathways and LD 1780

"The goal of the legislation is for adult education to have a pathways delivery system in place that enables our learners to leave our programs college and career ready as well as prepared to be successful citizens." Gail Senese

There have been and will continue to be numerous resources available in support of programs creating and strengthening their Career Pathways Plans and services. Resources are posted here as well as on the Adult Education Webpage.

<http://www.maine.gov/education/adad/dev/pathways.htm>

[Career Pathways Webinar with Jeff Fantine](#)

[Planning for Career Pathways - Completing the Plan Jeff Fantine Webinar 2](#)

[Planning for Career Pathways PowerPoint presentation PDF Version](#)

[Career Pathways Resources and Technical Assistance Guide](#)

[Career Pathways Planning Form 2012](#)

[Pathways and LD 1780 November 8, 2012 click here to download a copy of the PowerPoint.](#)

[Pathways and LD 1780 - PDF version of PowerPoint Notes Pages](#)

[Charting Our Pathway Video Presentation - Gail Senese - November 1, 2012](#)

[Click here to download a copy of the script.](#)

[Click here to download the PowerPoint Presentation.](#)

## PD Scholarship Awards

We are pleased to announce that the following applications were approved and the applicants will receive financial support for professional development activities FY 2013.

Regional Alliance funds in the amount of \$500 each are awarded to:

1. Over the River Adult Education Alliance for *Technology Integration and Instructional Strategies Training*
2. Aroostook Alliance for *Incorporating Technology into the Classroom and Student Work, Common Core, contextualized Instruction and Career Pathways Trainings*
3. Waldo County Regional Alliance for *Diversity/Differentiated Instruction Workshop and Authentic Assessment Workshop*
4. Southern Maine Adult Education Alliance for *Career Pathways Trainings*

Individual Professional Development Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to each applicant were awarded to

1. Diann Bailey in support of her attendance at the LERN Conference in Washington D.C.
2. Paula Raymond in support of her enrollment in two college English classes which will complete her requirements for becoming a Certified Adult Education English Instructor.
3. Andrea Vasquez in support of her attendance at TESOL, International Convention and English Language Expo in Texas.
4. Kalee Baker in support of her enrollment in an Educational Assessment and/or an Adapting Instructions Course at UMO.
5. Marie-Josée Castonguay in support of her attendance at the COABE Conference in New Orleans.

## PD Offerings

**PLEASE Note, Registration and training information as well as links to News/Events/Resources are all posted on the PD Portal unless otherwise indicated.**

<http://pdportal.maineadulted.org/courses/>

### Assessment

Jan. 9      **Assessment Strategies and Reading Profiles Video Conference with Dianna Baycich (Registration Deadline is January 4<sup>th</sup>)**

### Career Pathways

Jan. 8      **Q & A Webinar ...Participants must register on the PD Portal**

Jan.18     **Taped Webinar... to explain the process for development of the Pathways Plan at the face-to-face symposium**

Jan. 25     **Career Pathways Symposium...location TBA**

The Career Pathways Symposium will be held on Friday January 25th! (This is a change from the original 1.5 day plan.) This one day symposium will support programs in planning, building and strengthening their CP programs. It will provide resources, engage program teams and renew energy and enthusiasm around career pathways systems. It is important to review the webinar and the resource materials as they have been developed to assist programs with plan development and the important work being undertaken.

## Adult Career Pathways Training and Support Center (ACP-SC)

The [Adult Career Pathways Training and Support Center \(ACP-SC\)](#) will offer a number of new courses, resources, and live webcasts in 2013. To date ACP-SC has produced two webcasts, which are available online and support current and upcoming ACP-SC Courses.

View our current webcasts on the ACP-SC website, in the new [Course Premieres section](#). Current webcasts include:

### [Building Strategic Partnerships for Adult Career Pathways](#)

Watch a panel of experts discuss how to build strategic partnerships for Adult Career Pathways. Panelists include Mary Alice McCarthy, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education; Matthew Saldana, Principal, Long Beach School for Adults; and Anthony Iacono, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Indian River State College.

### [Developing Effective Bridge Programs](#)

Watch a panel of experts discuss how to develop effective bridge programs for Adult Career Pathways. Panelists include Christopher Coro, Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Division of Adult Education and Literacy; Thomas DuBois, Director of New Initiatives, Instituto del Progreso Latino; and Donald McCoy, K-to-College STEM Education Consultant.

## ACP Webcasts coming soon in 2013!

- Integrating Career Planning and Counseling
- Designing Contextualized Instruction

Vol. 22, no. 8:

Report on the  
2012 NCPN  
Conference  
Dec 2012



Print version of *NCPN Connections* newsletter is posted on the PD Portal under News/Events/Resources

Or link directly online at [http://www.cordonline.net/connections/22\\_8](http://www.cordonline.net/connections/22_8)

This volume highlights the 2012 NCPN Conference held in VA. In October.

## College Transition

Jan. 9 **FAME Wednesday Webinar: 2013-2014 FAFSA Overview - What You Need to Know Space is limited.** Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/181722434> Full description posted under courses on the PD Portal.

## Reading

Jan. 9 Assessment Strategies and Reading Profiles with Dianna Baycich Video Conference  
Video conference units will be scheduled around the state according to location of registered participants. PD Portal registration deadline is Friday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Technology

- Feb. 26 Technology Integration Spring 2013  
Feb. 26 Universal Design in Learning (UDL) Spring 2013  
Feb. 26 Teaching Students in the Blended Classroom Spring 2013

## WorkReady

- January 10 WorkReady Facilitator Training (This training is now full and attempts to register will place people on a wait list.  
Room 300 Burton Cross Building, Augusta

## Writing

- January 16 Beyond the Five Paragraph Essay  
Video Conference Dianna Baycich  
Video conference units will be scheduled around the state according to location of registered participants. PD Portal Registration deadline is Friday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.

## SAVE the DATE!

- |                  |                                |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Feb. 28          | Hall of Flags                  | State Capitol, Augusta         |
| March 8          | New Director Training Part III | Burton Cross Building, Augusta |
| March 24-27      | COABE Conference               | New Orleans, LA                |
| April 4, 2013    | Family Literacy Conference     | Thomas College, Waterville     |
| June 18, 19 & 20 | MAEA Conference                | Waterville                     |

## Webinars

### Career Pathways

The [Adult Career Pathways Training and Support Center \(ACP-SC\)](#) will offer a number of new courses, resources, and live webcasts in 2013. To date ACP-SC has produced two webcasts, which are available online and support current and upcoming ACP-SC Courses.

View the current webcasts on the ACP-SC website, in the new [Course Premieres section](#). Current webcasts include:

#### [Building Strategic Partnerships for Adult Career Pathways](#)

Watch a panel of experts discuss how to build strategic partnerships for Adult Career Pathways. Panelists include Mary Alice McCarthy, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education; Matthew Saldana, Principal, Long Beach School for Adults; and Anthony Iacono, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Indian River State College.

#### [Developing Effective Bridge Programs](#)

Watch a panel of experts discuss how to develop effective bridge programs for Adult Career Pathways. Panelists include Christopher Coro, Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Division of Adult Education and Literacy; Thomas DuBois, Director of New Initiatives, Instituto del Progreso Latino; and Donald McCoy, K-to-College STEM Education Consultant.

## Webcasts coming soon in 2013!

- Integrating Career Planning and Counseling
- Designing Contextualized Instruction

## New Resources, News and Events

### GED

GED Testing Service's Assessment Team has updated the *Assessment Guide for Educators* and *Item Samplers*, both of which are posted online in revised form on 12-4-12. Each tool is an important component that GED created to help familiarize you with the 2014 GED® test. The changes and adaptations to the tools are a direct result of the valuable feedback they've received from the field.

[Assessment Guide for Educators – November 2012](#)

[Item Samplers – November 2012](#)

Each chapter of the [Assessment Guide for Educators - November 2012 edition](#) includes a "What's New" page after the table of contents that identifies and explains the updates made to the revision. You are encouraged to delete or discard your old version of the guide and use the newest version (*made available 12-4-12*).

The Item Samplers have also been updated. The new Item Samplers were created to better reflect the wider range of item difficulty representative of the 2014 GED® test and to include a greater proportion of the multiple-choice item type, while continuing to showcase the full range of item types that will appear on the test. The new samplers can be found on the [same page as before](#), and feature interactive test questions for Mathematical Reasoning, Science, Social Studies, and Reasoning through Language Arts.

Questions or comments? Feel free to email [GED2014@GEDtestingervice.com](mailto:GED2014@GEDtestingervice.com).

**Testing Service announces new webinars on the 2014 GED®** test to be held January and February 2013. For full description and topic listings link to the News on the PD Portal.

### News from World Education

#### November 2012 Newsletter

##### In this Issue

- Performance Based Funding for Adult Education Results: Support for What We Value
- VERA Mock Election Results
- New Blog! Tech Tips for Teachers
- Classroom Activity from *The Change Agent*
- College Readiness for English Language Learners Webinar Series

Access to articles and the full Newsletter in PDF format posted under News on the PD Portal

### Career Pathways

National Career Pathways Network

<http://www.ncpn.info/award-info.php>

## Economic Forecast

Invitation to attend a USM Corporate Partners new year's tradition -- January 8, 7:30 AM Breakfast with Charlie Colgan: Maine's 2013 Economic Forecast. PD Portal has full description and RSVP information.



National Adult English Language Learning  
Professional Development Network

**ELL-U hosts online study circle for ESOL instructors beginning in January.**

**New in 2013! ELL-U Working with Emergent Readers Club!**

**ELL-U is offering free online Field Trips to all registered ELL-U users!**

### Career Development Courses

Two online career development courses offered by Peak Careers beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 18<sup>th</sup>

## LINCS Region 1 Professional Development Center News



New Blog! Tech Tips for Teachers

[Tech Tips for Teachers](#) is a blog by Steve Quann and Leah Peterson of World Education for the LINCS Region 1 Professional Development Center. The goal for the blog is to provide a resource to adult education teachers and tutors who are interested in integrating technology into their instruction, but are not sure where to start. Take a look and send us your feedback.

We hope this new blog will be useful as instructors introduce and use technology with their students. Please disseminate this announcement and encourage your networks to subscribe via email or RSS feeds. We'll be adding a new item each week. This month the focus is on tech tips that can be used to support reading. The direct URL is <http://techtipsforteachers.weebly.com/index.html>.

## December CT Conference Update

Blowing Snow, Rain and Ice and the College Transitions Conference Shined On!

Due to inclement weather the attendance was cut in half from the 140 registrations; however the conference evaluations indicated *Advising for Transitions: Pathways for College, Careers and Life* was a big success.

**A big THANK YOU to all presenters and participants who braved the storm!**



<http://pdportal.maineadulted.org/>