

First Mondays

Monthly Notes for Virginia's Adult Education Providers



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Calendar



EL/Civics Symposium
April 11, 2013
Richmond

Regional Specialist Meeting
April 17
Williamsburg

VAILL 2013
July 10-12
Radford University

GED®



Countdown
Only 9 months until the new
GED® Test

March Numbers

Tested 3,198
Passed 1,211
Incomplete 1,018

Race to GED budget amendments must be submitted no later than April 19, 2013, and your final reimbursement is due June 1, 2013.

A Visit to Region 10

By Dr. Susan Clair, director, Office of Adult Education and Literacy

On March 11, Tom Suh and I traveled to the Adult Learning Center in Charlottesville. We met with Regional Program Manager Susan Erno, Regional Specialist Carol Coffey, and recruitment specialist Kathy Garrou. We visited several ESL classes and stopped by to observe a very interesting GED® Flex class taught by Sabra Timmins. The GED® Flex class combines traditional and online learning activities for adult learners. The students seemed to like having the option of coming to class and studying for the GED® outside of class using online instruction. We then visited the Charlottesville Virginia Workforce Center and met with Elizabeth Bouldin-Cloptin, director of the center, and Lynda Smethurst, the community college transition specialist. They talked to us about preparing adult learners who complete their GED® for postsecondary education at Piedmont Virginia Community College. From Charlottesville, we traveled southeast to Fluvanna County, also part of Region 10. We met with Gayle von Keyserling and Mary Ott who hold adult education classes in a cozy center located within a former elementary school. I was impressed by the dedication of these two adult educators! They talked to us about Families Learning Together, their wonderful family literacy program, and the unique ways in which they serve adult learners in their area. I highly recommend a call to Mary or Gayle to learn more about the Fluvanna program (434 842-9273), and a call to Susan Erno to learn more about the GED® Flex class!

Federal Targets

In March, the Office of Adult Education and Literacy (OAEL) worked with Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) staff to establish educational functioning level (EFL) and follow-up outcome targets for Virginia for 2013-2014. Overall, the 2013-2014 EFL targets are slightly higher than the 2012-2013 EFL targets and reflect OVAE's policy of encouraging continuous improvement in demonstrating educational gains. Because OVAE began requiring a new system for how states should evaluate follow-up outcome attainment this year, there is no available data yet for states to determine the accuracy of the targets set for this year. Therefore, OVAE advised states to carry forward their follow-up outcome targets from this year to next year.

Money Matters



Third quarter match, program income, and State Lead Coordinating Agency (SLCA) reports are due April 10, 2013.

The last day for budget transfers for GAE and SLCA grants is April 19, 2013.



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Table of Virginia NRS Targets and Performance

Educational Functioning Level	2011-12 Actual Performance Percentage	Negotiated 2012-13 Target	*Proposed 2013-14 Target
ABE Beginning Literacy	52%	50%	52%
ABE Beginning Basic	43%	50%	48%
ABE Intermediate Low	41%	45%	45%
ABE Intermediate High	33%	40%	38%
ASE Low	35%	37%	39%
ESL Beginning Literacy	34%	40%	41%
Low Beginning ESL	44%	44%	47%
High Beginning ESL	49%	50%	51%
ESL Intermediate Low	44%	44%	46%
ESL Intermediate High	41%	39%	42%
ESL Advanced	25%	22%	26%
Entering Employment	46%	32%	32%
Retaining Employment	64%	40%	40%
Receipt of Secondary Credential	90%	85%	85%
Entering Post-secondary Education or Training	35%	27%	27%

*Pending OVAE approval