

First Mondays

Monthly Notes for Virginia's Adult Education Providers



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Calendar



VAILL 2013
July 10-12
Radford University

GED



Countdown

Only 7 months until the new
GED Test

May Numbers

Tested - 3583
Passed - 1362
Incomplete - 940

Virginia currently has 60 Pearson VUE computer based testing centers. It is important to encourage your programs to move through the installation process as soon as possible.

PluggedInVA

On May 30, 2013, Dr. Susan Clair attended the PluggedInVA Pharmacy Technician capstone celebration at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton. The event was a joyous occasion to celebrate the hard work and dedication of these young ladies who are now prepared to enter the workforce and contribute to the health care industry. Congratulations to our recent graduates of the program! OAEI recognizes the outstanding work of Mary Ellen Dreybus and Rachel Morrissey in making the PluggedIn program a success in the region. Mary Ellen told Dr. Clair that "this model really works." OAEI also recognizes and thanks our supporting partners from Workforce Development at Thomas Nelson Community College, Peninsula Worklink, and Newport News Public Schools. For more information about the Peninsula Regional Education Program (PREP) PluggedIn program, please contact Mary Ellen Dreybus.



Please join us in congratulating these recent graduates of the PluggedInVA Pharmacy Technician cohort .

Money Matters



All 2011-2012 funds awarded under reallocation must be spent before final reimbursements for 2012-2013 will be approved.

The deadline for requesting fourth-quarter reimbursements for federal 2012-2013 funds is July 10.

Program income collected during 2012-2013 must be spent before requesting a fourth-quarter reimbursement for AEFLA and EL/Civics funds. Program income funds may not be carried over to the new fiscal year.

Match reports for 2012-2013 must include match for funds reallocated during the fiscal year from 2011-2012. Maintenance of effort for 2013-2014 must include the match reported for the 2011-2012 allocations.



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GED Update

By Debbie Bergtholdt, state GED administrator

Often people remark to me that they don't know how their older students are going to be able to take the new GED test on computer, so I've done some informal research and found that older people are indeed keeping up with technology. Many older adults now use ipads and smart phones to keep current on the news and in touch with their loved ones. When I said this recently at a meeting, one person told me her grandfather has a smart phone – and he is 88!

Actually, the opposite seems to be true. I've been reading many articles that say the students who may need the most computer instruction are younger, the ones who have grown up texting, but that don't know how to compose an appropriate essay or cut and paste. It will be essential to their success that they are given multiple opportunities to practice the computer skills that they will need to pass the 2014 GED Test.

Program Desk Review

In accordance with the OAEL's five-year strategic plan, OAEL plans to implement a program desk-review system in FY 2013-2014. George Bailey and Thomas Suh, from the OAEL staff, will present more information about the desk review at the 2013 VAILL Conference at Radford University. Shortly after VAILL, George and Tom will host a webinar for regional program managers describing the desk review process. Information about the webinar will be provided soon.

Summer Vacation

First Mondays will be taking its regularly scheduled summer vacation next month. We know that many of you will be doing that as well, and we wish you the best in your time away. *First Mondays* will return on August 5, 2013.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July holiday!