

First Mondays

Monthly Notes for Virginia's Adult Education Providers



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Calendar



VAILL Conference
July 16-18
Radford University

Data Reporting and Program
Monitoring Webinar
May 19

GED®



Resources for GED® 2014
information

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My Visit to Regions 13 and 14

Dr. Susan M. Clair, director, OAEL

On April 23, I visited Regions 13 and 14 in Southside Virginia and met with Regional Program Managers Buffy Allgood and Katie McDaniel at Southside Virginia Community College in Keysville. I visited a hands-on GED® science class taught by Mora da Silva and talked with several students in the class about their career goals. I then had coffee with Linda Sheffield, vice president of grants and adult education. What came next was the highlight of my day, a tour of the Truck Driving Training School in South Boston. A [Truck Driving Training Certificate](#) is offered through Southside Virginia Community College. The Training School is also a partner in the PluggedInVA Truck Driving Program. The PluggedInVA program is designed to enable low-skilled individuals to earn a family sustaining wage as commercial truck drivers in an entry-level position. I met with Dunc Quicke, truck driving coordinator, and Detra Carr, an instructor at the Truck Driving Trainer School. Detra, Dunc, Katie, and I took a drive in one of the tractor trailer trucks at the school to get a feel for what trainees will experience when they head out on the road. And before you know it, I was trying my hand at the wheel of a 10 gear tractor trailer truck! Certified truck drivers are usually offered employment shortly after completing training. Drivers can expect to earn \$35,000 to \$50,000 in their first year. For more information about the PluggedInVA Truck Driving Program, please contact Katie McDaniel at katie.mcdaniel@southside.edu or 434-736-2084.



Money Matters



Final budget amendment requests for federal grant awards must be submitted by May 23, 2014.

If you submit reimbursement requests for state funds through OMEGA, the deadline for final reimbursements is June 10. Funds must be expended by May 31. If you submit reimbursement requests on paper forms, the deadline for final reimbursements is June 1. Funds must be expended by May 23.



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Please visit our [Web site](#) for more information about adult education and literacy in Virginia and for news and updates throughout the month.

Data Reporting and Program Monitoring Webinar

OAEL will host a webinar to discuss several topics regarding data reporting and program monitoring. The webinar is scheduled to take place, Monday, May 19, but an exact time has not yet been established. OAEL will provide you with the exact time of the webinar as well as with information required to access the webinar.

All regional program managers and EL/Civics program managers are asked to attend and are encouraged to invite other program staff to attend.

Below is a list of the proposed webinar topics. In addition to discussion of these items, time will be set aside to take questions related (or unrelated) to the topics covered.

- Understanding the Desk Review
- Documenting 2014 GED Test Results in SSWS
- Understanding NRS Table 5
- Internet Access to SSWS Update
- Preliminary Information for Closing out the Data System for FY2014
- OAEL Staff Update
- Report Cards Update
- Site Visits Update
- Regional Data Trainings Update

Just a reminder: If you haven't submitted your completed desk review goals and objectives progress report for the second quarter, please do so at your earliest convenience. We anticipate distributing the third-quarter desk reviews next week.



Did you know that the Virginia Adult Learning Resource Center Web site contains links for various topics, including strategies and resources for numeracy and writing? The links also include publications about learning disabilities? You can find all of these free resources and more by checking out the *Links by Topic* area of the Web site at <http://www.valrc.org/resources/topic.html>.