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## ADULT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

# FRIDAY FACTS

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### **Want to Win a Gift Certificate? Take an ABE/ASE Standards Verification Survey**

The OSU ABLE Evaluation and Design Project needs your expertise (and the expertise of your staff) in math, reading and/or writing for the ABE/ASE Standards and Benchmarks verification process. As mentioned in the last Friday Facts, the math, reading and writing benchmarks are being revised. As a part of this process, we need your assistance to check the leveling of the draft benchmark statements.

Please read the attached "Standards Survey Introduction" to acquaint yourself with the survey process and instructions. Then, have your staff members complete the appropriate survey based on their areas of expertise. If you also have expertise in math, reading or writing, please provide us your feedback by completing a survey, too.

As a thank you for participating in the survey, the OSU team is offering a chance to win a gift certificate. Through a random drawing, six individuals (two per content area) will be chosen from those who complete the survey. These individuals will each receive a \$25 gift certificate to Amazon.com. You must enter your contact information at the end of the survey to be entered into the drawing. Remember the survey deadline is Friday, May 1.

The results of the surveys will be used in May during the finalization phase of the project. If you would like more information about the standards revision process or would like to participate in the finalization of the standards, contact one of the OSU staff members listed below.

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Thanks in advance to you and your staff for completing the standards surveys!

## **Carryover**

The question about the use of Carryover for FY 2010 (FY 2009C projects) has come up several times. Since we are conducting a competitive grant process, the answer is multi-faceted.

### **CCIP Grants – ABLÉ Instructional and EL/Civics**

ABLE programs that currently have approved grants in CCIP, the ABLÉ Instructional and/or the EL/Civics grants, and are awarded the same grant(s) for FY 2010, will be allowed to request Carryover funds to be used in FY 2010. ABLÉ programs that currently have these same grants and are **not** awarded a grant in FY 2010 will not have access to Carryover funds. Once the Final Expenditure Report (FER) for the non-funded program is submitted in CCIP and approved, any outstanding FY 2009 funds will be requested to be returned to the Ohio Board of Regents.

### **Non-CCIP Grants – State Leadership**

State Leadership grantees, that also receive a grant award for FY 2010, will be allowed to request Carryover funds to be used in FY 2010.

## **Instruction Puzzlers**

Attached are three more Puzzlers from the Promising Practices document published last May. All of these Puzzlers address issues related to curriculum and instruction, the most critical component of ABLÉ services.

You are urged to familiarize yourself with the Promising Practice document and to discuss Puzzlers with staff at local meetings and staff development sessions. The Promising Practices document is located in the Special Initiative section of the ABLÉ Web site, which is still housed at the Ohio Department of Education site— [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us).

## **Keep Up With the Changes in Ohio ABLÉ Through OhioLit**

There are many changes coming to ABLÉ programs in Ohio in the near future. One way to find out about new policies and procedures is to join OhioLit, Ohio ABLÉ's electronic message list. In addition to the new things happening in ABLÉ, subscribers to OhioLit also find out about professional development opportunities and free or inexpensive resources. OhioLit is a message list, not a discussion list. Current subscribers find the information sent out over the list helpful and informative. To subscribe to OhioLit, send an e-mail to [majordomo@literacy.kent.edu](mailto:majordomo@literacy.kent.edu) with only the word "subscribe" in the message. All directors, teachers and staff are encouraged to subscribe. Contact Dianna Baycich at [dbaycich@literacy.kent.edu](mailto:dbaycich@literacy.kent.edu) with any questions.

## **State Library Offers Learning Express Library**

The State Library of Ohio is promoting the availability of the Learning Express Library, a free resource of online instructional programs and practice tests. The site offers an array of computer skills tutorials for Microsoft Office applications. It also offers practice tests for college entrance exams,

several career fields and the GED. Tutorials are available in several academic areas and at several skill levels. To check out the resource, go to the State Library of Ohio web site at: [www.library.ohio.gov](http://www.library.ohio.gov), and click on Learning Express Library. Users need to establish an ID and password. Check it out!

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- Find Books and Other Resources
- Access My Account (Renew Items)
- Search Digital & Special Collections
- Access OhioLINK Resources
- Reserve a Meeting Room
- Get directions to the State Library
- Sign up for a State Library Listserv
- Find a Library
- Contact Someone at the State Library

What's New

- Ohio Memory - Next Generation website launches
- State Library of Ohio Biennial Budget Testimony
- State Library Board March 26, 2009 Meeting Tentative Agenda
- March Online Newsletter - 2009
- Advocacy: Gaining Support for Libraries
- News You Can Use for State Employees - February 2009
- State Librarian visits Library at School for the Deaf

Statewide Resources & Services

- Learning Express Library**
- Statewide Delivery Service
- Government Documents
- SEO Library Center
- Know It Now
- Ohio Libraries Share: MORE
- Talking Book Services
- Ohio Web Library
- Ohio Ready to Read
- WebJunction Ohio for Librarians

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**ABLE Transitions Repository**

The Ohio Literacy Resource Center (OLRC) and the Northwest ABLEResource Center have been working together to establish and enter resources into the ABLEResource Repository. The repository has been created to assist ABLEResource program staff in transitioning adult students into post-secondary education and training and the workforce. The types of information that have been added to the repository include: websites, print materials, electronic publications, curriculum, materials, partner information, best practice information, fact sheets and other resources (DVDs, videos, etc.).

Please note that the resources have been evaluated using the following first cut criteria for inclusion into the repository and will go through a more structured vetting process for continued inclusion into the database as content and individual records continue to be updated.

First cut criteria:

- ...is respectful, non-biased, and free of obvious stereotypes.
- ...is relevant to the topic of individuals transitioning to post-secondary education/training or employment.
- ...is relevant and useful to or for instruction or to the personal or employment needs of students.
- ...does not infringe on copyrights and is free from plagiarism.
- ...has content and navigation which are user-friendly and accessible to the end user.

ABLE Transitions Repository: [http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/uso/resources\\_all\\_bytopic.cfm](http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/uso/resources_all_bytopic.cfm)

Please feel free to send comments or suggestions of resources for inclusion to:  
[repository@literacy.kent.edu](mailto:repository@literacy.kent.edu)

### **Ohio ACTE/OAACE Conference Call for Presenters**

The Ohio Association for Career and Technical Education (Ohio ACTE) and the Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education (OAACE) are pleased to announce the Call for Presenters for the Ohio ACTE/OAACE Conference that is being held July 26 – 28, 2009, at the Hyatt Convention Center in downtown Columbus.

**If you are, or you know, a skilled trainer who would like an opportunity to present at the conference,** complete the attached form **and** return it to the OAACE Conference Chairs by April 15, 2009.

Our goal is to make conference sessions highly interactive. OAACE is especially interested in proposals that align with the following Ohio Pathways for Presentation Strands: **Instructional Technology; Increasing Student Achievement; ODE/OBR Updates; Transitions: Career Technical and Academic Integration; Assessment; Communications/Marketing; ESOL; and DOD Update/Employers.** You may want to consider offering an update on your EDR's Stackables project or on your ABLÉ Collaborative Plan.

### **FY 2010 ABLÉ Grants**

Check your email regularly – the grants will be re-released soon.

### **Quote of the Week**

*“Do one thing every day that scares you.”* – Eleanor Roosevelt