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**ADULT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
**FRIDAY FACTS**  
**FROM STATE ABLE STAFF**  
**ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION**  
October 2, 2009

**FY 2009 ABLE Annual Performance Report (APR) Due Date Delay**

The deadline for the first FY 2009 APR submission has been moved from October 16 to **November 20**. This decision was made by the State ABLE Program for several reasons:

1. We do not anticipate having match data available until the week of October 12 at the earliest.
2. Programs may be making changes that have occurred based on the new patch for ABLELink2009.
3. Additional time will allow programs to accurately enter available match data and update their ABLELink programs.
4. Because the technology staff have upcoming deadlines, other activities and support are prioritized ahead of processing the FY 2009 APRs. The draft statewide FY 2009 APR may not be completed until November. This will still be in time for the December 2009 APR submission to the U.S. Department of Education.

The process for completing the FY 2009 APR is:

1. Once the OBR data match agreements are finalized, the OLRC will:
  - a. run matches against 2009 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter-reported students and
  - b. make available the match data to programs by the end of October
2. Programs will send 1<sup>st</sup> APR by November 20, 2009
3. Draft FY 2009 APR will be available the week of November 23, 2009
4. The OLRC will run the final match in January against the 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 APR send to pull in any students added after the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report send and maintain existing final APR send schedule

### **FY 2010 ABLELink Data**

Programs have been instructed to begin to enter FY 2010 ABLELink data by the First Quarter due date of September 30th. This has not changed. We understand that programs will be at different stages of data entry. Because of technical difficulties in ramping up ABLELink2010, including but not limited to OBR server inconsistencies, this First Quarter FY 2010 ABLELink data entry due date will not be counted as part of Measure II of the FY 2010 Desk Review. Thank you.

### **FY 2010 ABLE Grant Approval Notifications**

In the spirit of reducing paper and increasing our use of technology, the State ABLE Program attempted to send out all FY 2010 approval letters, the Adult Basic and Literacy Education Instructional (S1) grants, and the English Literacy and Civics Education (S2) grants by e-mail. However, most of the ABLE grants were returned because the size of the e-file was too large.

Because of this, we have decided to copy approved FY 2010 ABLE grants to a CD. Two CD's will be sent to each agency through the United States Postal Service: one copy to the Superintendent/CEO and one copy to the Program Administrator identified on the grant cover page.

The grants should be in the mail by Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have not received your grant(s) and approval letter(s) either through an e-mail or the USPS by Wednesday, October 7, 2009, please contact Sharon Brannon at [sbrannon@regents.state.oh.us](mailto:sbrannon@regents.state.oh.us) or 614-466-5015. Thank you.

### **Frequently Asked Questions Updates**

Thanks so much to all of you for identifying Technology Point People to work with your staff to enhance their technology capabilities. We know that questions and concerns will arise as we work through this initiative so from time to time we will address these in Friday Facts. *Attached is the first set of these items.*

Also we know that questions and concerns will be asked about the Stackable Certificates Initiative. So these questions will be periodically addressed in Friday Facts as well. *Attached is the first update for the Stackable Certificates.*

### **New STAR Pilots Named**

Five ABLE programs have been selected to serve as FY 2010 STAR pilots. The programs include:

Columbiana County  
Mansfield City  
Warren County

Columbus City  
Parma City

Each program has identified a team of teachers who will attend three, two-day training sessions and work together locally to implement STAR.

The STAR program is targeted to intermediate level students. Students are assessed to determine how well they perform on the four components of reading—alphabetics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. As the STAR program points out, students can have similar reading scores on standardized assessments such as TABE or CASAS. However, diagnostic assessments of the reading components may reveal considerable variation in the type of difficulties the student has. STAR participants learn techniques for assessing students and for providing effective instructional interventions.

The five new STAR pilots join the 13 other current ABLE programs that have previously participated in the project. Those programs are:

Canton City  
Mid East Ohio  
Miami Valley CTC  
Putnam County ESC  
Project Learn of Summit Co.  
Apollo Career Center  
Vanguard –Sentinel Career Center

Hamilton City  
Maplewood JVS  
Tolles Career Center  
C-TEC  
Trumbull County  
Eastland Career Center

### **Ohio State Leadership Conference, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

You all should have received an invitation from Chancellor Fingerhut to participate in the University System of Ohio Statewide Leadership Conference to be held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center (2201 Fred Taylor Drive, Columbus, OH 43210) on Monday, October 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to increase knowledge of and engagement with Ohio's Ten-Year Strategic Plan for Higher Education, its key workforce\_education initiatives, and related work sponsored by the Joyce, Lumina and Gates Foundation.

Chancellor Fingerhut will be speaking at the event. Panels will present information focusing on Ohio Skills Bank, Pathways and Stackable Certificates; CT<sup>2</sup>/Dual Enrollment; and Achieving the Dream and the Developmental Education Initiative.

To register, go to <http://www.eteach.ohio.gov/shiftinggears>. Registration is \$20 per person.

### **Quote of the Week**

“Education is not the filling of a pail; but the lighting of a fire.”

William Butler Yeats (Irish Poet, 1865- 1939)

