

FRIDAY FACTS
FROM JEFF GOVE, STATE ABLE DIRECTOR
ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION
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Jeff Gove Named State ABLE Director

William Russell, the Ohio Board of Regents' Associate Vice Chancellor for Adult Education and Institutional Collaboration, is happy to announce that Jeff Gove has been named the new State ABLE Director. Jeff has been acting in this capacity since Denise Pottmeyer retired in September, 2009. Jeff has demonstrated his commitment and capacity to lead ABLE forward as an important part of the University System of Ohio. Please join the Ohio Board of Regents in congratulating Jeff on his achievements and his new role.



Ohio Project HIRE

A great opportunity for ABLE programs to collaborate with local partners is Ohio's Project Hometown Investment in Regional Economies (HIRE) Initiative.

Project HIRE is a statewide initiative with funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to assist dislocated workers in finding employment. Project HIRE is a collaboration among the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) University System of Ohio, and the local Workforce Investment Boards (WIB)/local One-Stop Systems. Hiring fairs will be held throughout Ohio as part of the annual Workforce Services Month activities to kick off the Project HIRE initiative. Ohio Learning Accounts (OLA) can be used to provide dislocated workers short-term training and/or on-the-job-training.

Local ABLE programs and other University System of Ohio entities should consider contacting their local One-Stop manager to ask about this initiative. If there are employers looking to take advantage of this economic and workforce development resource, USO entities should inquire about being training providers.

Please see the attached announcement for more details about Project HIRE. Questions may be directed to Emily Scardena, Business Services Supervisor, Workforce and Talent Division, ODOD, at 614-728-7280 or Emily.Scardena@development.ohio.gov.

Assessment Policy Updates



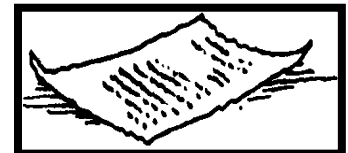
The TABE Complete Language Assessment System-English (CLAS-E) will be **added to** the Ohio ABLE Assessment Policy as an ESL test option effective July 1, 2010. CLAS-E offers reading, writing, speaking, and listening tests for NRS ESL levels 1 through 6. More information is attached. In addition, the test publisher representative will be presenting on the CLAS-E at the OAAACE conference.

The old CASAS Life Skills Reading tests **will no longer** be able to be used for NRS reporting effective July 1, 2010. CASAS is no longer supporting the Life Skills Reading tests; they have been replaced by the newer *Life and Work* Reading series.

QuickSearch Online is now free to CASAS users. It is a database of 2,300+ instructional material titles coded to skill levels, CASAS Competencies, and skill areas. Go to casas.org and then QuickSearch Online in the right-hand menu.

Ohio Transitions Survey

The ABLE Evaluation and Design Project at The Ohio State University is conducting a survey on transitions (e.g., ABLE Stackable Certificates, Student Achievement Record) for the Ohio ABLE State Program Office. Yesterday, an email containing a survey link was sent to each of Ohio's 72 ABLE programs.



The purpose of the survey is to understand what transitions-related activities are taking place, what successes programs are experiencing, what difficulties programs may be encountering, and how the Ohio ABLE State Program and State Leadership Network can better assist programs. Individual responses will be kept confidential, with only the results summarized for the report.

We ask that programs provide a collective response reflecting transitions practices as a whole. Program administrators should consider gathering input from staff members prior to completing the survey. **Only one response per program is allowed.**

Please submit the survey by Thursday, April 15. The survey will likely take approximately 40 minutes to complete. Please direct any questions to Adrienne Glandon, 1-800-848-4815, extension 8-3720 or glandon.8@osu.edu. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Promising Practices

Attached to this edition of Friday Facts are two of the new Promising Practices contained in the FY 2010 Promising Practices document that we recently posted on the web. The two practices were prepared by staff from the Southwest Regional Resource Center and the Reading/Writing Task Force. The practices address the challenges posed by reluctant readers and writers.



LD Diagnosticians in Ohio with Reduced Rates or Sliding Fee Scales

Listed below are three agencies that have agreed to conduct LD Diagnostic Tests for our students for Reduced Rates or on a Sliding Fee Scale.

Agency	<u>University of Toledo (Psych Info & Service Details)</u>
Contact person	Dr. Wesley Bullok
How much does it cost	Cost for our assessment services are based on a sliding scale fee. For those able to pay, the full amount runs around \$ 200-\$300 depending on the extent of testing needed.
How long does it take	Most assessments require two (2) assessment appointments beyond initial intake.
Who will do the testing	Testing is completed by clinical psychology graduate students, supervised by faculty who are licensed psychologists
Contact number:	Referrals may contact the Psychology Clinic at 419-530-2717
How long will a client wait	There is usually a wait-list for assessment cases. The wait can sometimes be substantial (two-three months). We do not take new referral cases during our summer term (mid-May through mid-August)

Agency	<u>Wright State University (Psych Info & Service Details)</u>
Contact person	Dr. Leon VandeCreek
How much does it cost	The maximum fee is \$330 at this time. The fee will also be based on ability to pay, which is determined based on annual income and size of family.
How long does it take	The assessment usually takes 6-8 hours, including a feedback session for the student (optional). Usually the process is broken up into about two testing sessions plus the feedback session. We have occasionally completed all the work in one day, but this is not ideal because our providers (doctoral students) need to be supervised as they proceed, and because what we do in the second session sometimes varies based on what we find in the first session.
Who will do the testing	All of our work is done by doctoral students in psychology, including interns and post-doctoral fellows. Each one is supervised by a licensed psychologist.
Contact number	Contact me directly at 937-775-4334 or by email <u>leon.vandecreek@wright.edu</u>
How long will a client wait	It is quite variable. We often have a waiting list, which means we cannot always schedule an appointment at the time the student contacts us. Rather, once we hear from the student, we try to tell the student how long it likely will be before an appointment will be made. We then call the student when an opening occurs.
Agency	<u>Miami University (Psych Info & Service Details)</u>
Contact person	Dr. Julie Rubin
How much does it cost	We regularly charge \$100 for a complete evaluation but would be glad to reduce our fee to what a client can afford. We are willing to complete it for no charge if necessary.
How long does it take	I don't know how long the testing will take since I don't know the referral question but it is seldom done in one session
Who will do the testing	The testing will be done by a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology, under the supervision of a licensed psychologist.
Contact number	513-529-2423
How long will a client wait	The waiting list varies, depending upon the time of year. We are not open during the summer

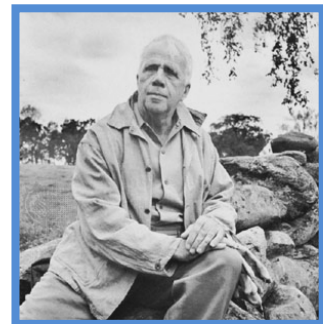
Reminders

1. Now is the time to start making plans for you and your staff members to take part in the upcoming events on April 21, 22, and 23, 2010 at the Embassy Suites, Dublin. You can register for the individual events through the Resource Center Network's Calendar of Events home page at:
http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm
2. The Spring ABLE Administrators' Meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, 2010. This meeting will be held at the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) in Dublin, Ohio. More details about the meeting will be available in the next Friday Facts.
3. The FY 2011 Instructional and EL/Civics continuation grants will be released next week. The due date will be May 21, 2010. You will be notified when the CCIP link is opened.

Quote of the Week

I have never started a poem whose end I knew.
Writing the poem is discovering.

Robert Frost, *New York Times* (7 Nov. 1955)



Celebrate!!!

April is National Poetry Month

Some ways to celebrate include:

1. Signing up to receive "Poem-a-Day" emails from [The Academy of American Poets](http://www.poets.org).
2. Having the students write a poem every day in April such as shape poems.
3. Having students conduct research about a poet.

Additional ways to celebrate can be found at the following links:

- <http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/94>
<http://blogcritics.org/books/article/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-poetry/>
http://www.education.com/magazine/article/Celebrate_Poetry/