

**FRIDAY FACTS**  
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**FY 2011 ABLE Grant CCIP Revisions**

As you complete the requested revisions to your FY 2011 grants, please remember the following tips.



**Funding Application (FA) revisions**

- Changes needing to be made in the text boxes for the Needs Assessment and Grant Questions have to be explained in the CCIP History Comment Log. The text boxes can not be updated in the FA.
- Only the budget grid can be changed directly in the FA.

**Planning Tool (PT) revisions**

- The revisions for the goals, strategies, and action steps must be made in the FY 2011 District/Agency Planning Tool (using the strategies listed in the FY 2011 Grant Guidance).
- Make sure a grant relationship has been made to connect the goals, strategies, and action steps to the ABLE Funding Application.
- Initiate the CCIP process of Revision Started, Draft Completed, Fiscal Representative Approved, and Authorized Representative Approved for the Planning Tool revisions to appear in the FA.
- If you have made the Planning Tool changes and connected them to the ABLE Funding Application but your grant status still shows "Reviewed," the changes will not appear in the Funding Application. You must go through the revision process for the changes in the PT to be reflected in the grant.

Please contact your ABLE consultant with questions. Thank you.

## **FY 2011 ABLE Instructional Grant Funding Updates**



Our office is pleased to announce that **all** ABLE programs will be eligible to receive funding increases for FY 2011. We have recalculated our federal allocation amounts and have determined that we can allocate additional federal funds to all programs and still be within acceptable federal guidelines.

These funds, as always, may be used to support instructional and transitions services and staff development. It is hoped that these additional funds will provide you resources to continue to improve program operations and student achievement. When the new allocations are available, CCIP and grant addendum revisions will need to be completed. More information will be coming in the next month.

## **Looking Ahead to FY 2012**



It is our intent to maintain the current continuation cycle of our ABLE Instructional and EL/Civics grants in FY 2012.

Only reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act may force us to change our thinking about this.

We believe that it's important to give programs more time to adjust and adapt to new and emerging consortium; to enhance relationships within the University System of Ohio; and to ABLE changes that have been promulgated over the past year.

## **FY 2011 New ABLE Administrators Orientation**

The New ABLE Administrators' Orientation for FY 2011 will be held on Friday, August 6th, at the Delaware Hayes Administration Building, 140 North Sandusky Street, Delaware, Ohio. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The meeting will start promptly at 9:30 and end at 4:00 pm. In addition to new administrators, any ABLE administrators who would like to attend are welcome.

The orientation for new ABLE administrators, directors, and coordinators, must be completed within one year from the date of hire. The orientation includes (1) the completion of an online New Staff Orientation that can be accessed on the RC Calendar under Alternative PD and (2) the full-day face-to-face meeting. The two requirements may be completed in any order.

The goals of the face-to-face meeting are to review and discuss key grant administrative and management issues. These issues include:

- 1) Using the ABLE grant as a business planning tool
- 2) Understanding fiscal requirements
- 3) Monitoring the grant
- 4) Addressing professional development
- 5) Completing other required reports

This is a great opportunity to network with other administrators - both new and veteran. Please register on the Resource Center Calendar **by August 2nd** at

[http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar\\_results.cfm](http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm) .



After you are registered, you will receive additional information as to how to prepare for this important meeting.

### **Revisions for the PD system**



In a move to assist in efficiency, there are two processes that will be updated for this year. The stipend and the library systems of the Resource Center Network (RCN) will become standardized across the state.

*Stipend System* - The RCN is developing a standardized system to process stipends. Beginning fall of 2010, the stipend and reimbursement process will be online. There will be one site, one set of forms, and one quick process to check eligibility and process payments.

*Library System* –The RCN is also developing the ILS, Integrated Library System. The centers are working together this summer to consolidate titles, upgrade software, and develop a central library site. All patrons will be able to enter the RCN library, search using a key word, and access any holdings from the five libraries.

As both systems are developed and implemented, information will be available through the RCN newsletters and websites. In addition, webcasts will be conducted on how to access both systems. Stay tuned for details.

## New Higher Level Math Training Available

The new higher level training math training focuses on linear equations. This training addresses the coordinate grid and the three forms of linear equations: slope-intercept, point-slope, and standard forms. This is not a methods training but a content training.

While these topics are not on the GED, the understanding of linear equations is fundamental for anyone who will be transitioning to higher education. This training lasting, about three hours, goes well with the basic Algebra training already in place.

## Reminders

1. The FY 2010 EL/Civics Lesson Plans are **due to the NERC no later than July 31, 2010.**
2. Remember that the FY 2011 Tech Plans are **due by August 2, 2010.**



## Quote of the Week

“Our greatest happiness does not depend on the condition of life in which chance has placed us, but is always the result of a good conscience, good health, occupation, and freedom in all just pursuits.”

Thomas Jefferson, Third U.S. President, (1743-1826)

