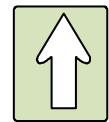


FRIDAY FACTS
FROM JEFF GOVE, STATE ABLE DIRECTOR
ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION
July 23, 2010

Anticipated FY 2011 Local ABLE Instructional Grant Funding Increases

As mentioned earlier, all ABLE programs will be getting proportional increases to the FY 2011 ABLE Instructional Grants. This increase is from our FY 2011 federal funding only, not state funding, which remains the same as last year.



The increases will appear in CCIP in the coming weeks. You will be notified when this has occurred. We are trying to get all initial FY 2011 ABLE grant revisions completed first before we make this next change. There are still some programs that have not finished the revision process in CCIP and/or submitted grant addendum materials to their consultant.

Please feel free to contact your consultant to clarify your grant revision status.

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week 2010



The National Coalition for Literacy (NCL) invites you to join them in celebrating *National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week*, September 13-17, 2010. This Congressional declaration is the culmination of literacy advocacy and outreach resulting in twenty co-signers in the House

Thank you for your work in getting the resolution sponsored and passed. You may be able to tie some of your local adult education events to the date stated in the resolution: September 13-17, 2010.

Contact your local media and let them know about Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. Suggest to them stories and literacy facts to raise the awareness of the general population to the extent of the need and the power of literacy.

Find some literacy facts at www.ncladvocacy.org.

Community Small Grant Program

Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Community Small Grant Program, which supports nonprofit (501c3) organizations located in Ohio.



Grants range from \$2,000 to \$10,000, with a total of \$200,000 available for funding, will be awarded for innovative projects that address local needs related to youth and families, the elderly, people with disabilities and others. **DEADLINE:** September 15, 2010 at 4 p.m.

FULL ANNOUNCEMENT: <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/CommunitySmallGrant>

FY 2009 Desk Review Results

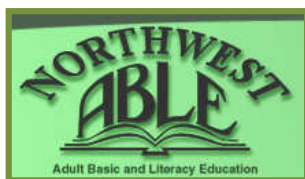
This is the sixth year of the Desk Review since its pilot in FY 2003. The Desk Review rates local programs on two (2) performance measures. The first measure, representing 67% of the overall rating, is student achievement. The second measure, representing 33% of the overall rating, is administrative requirements. The following chart shows the overall state ratings for Fiscal Years 2007- 2009.

Rating	FY 2009*		FY 2008		FY 2007	
	Number of Programs	%	Number of Programs	%	Number of Programs	%
Acceptable	93	79.5%	102	87.9%	84	71.2%
Not Acceptable	24	20.5%	14	12.07%	34	28.81%
	117		116		118	

**Note: In FY 2009, one program was not rated.*

In FY 2009, 93 of the 116 rated ABE programs received an Acceptable rating with over half of these ratings being 90% or more. This is excellent. Congratulations to the programs with such high achievement.

Portfolio: Connecting Policy and Practice



Standards-based education remains the focus of teaching within the ABE Portfolio System and remains a requirement for all students. As a teaching tool, the student portfolio is used to select standards and benchmarks, to plan instruction and to monitor the results of instruction. The student portfolio is to be developed and maintained collaboratively by the teacher and student.

A program's portfolio practices should be reviewed annually by all instructional staff. So, it is important that all instructional staff are trained on how to use the ABLÉ Portfolio System. The training, *Portfolio: Connecting Policy and Practice*, offers classroom teachers practical tools to use with students in order to build portfolios that document students' academic growth using a standards-based education design. Training is offered through the Northwest ABLÉ Resource Center (NWRC) and can be completed as a face-to-face training or as an alternative delivery training. Individuals and programs interested in the face-to-face training should contact the NWRC at 567-661-7675. Those interested in the alternative delivery training can sign up through the [RCN Calendar of Events](#).

The revised portfolio handbook, *Connecting Policy to Practice* (July 2010) is available on the [State ABLÉ](#) and [Northwest ABLÉ Resource Center](#) websites. The revised handbook includes updated forms.

TABÉ CLAS-E

As with any standardized assessment, staff must be trained in proper testing protocol regarding administration, scoring and reporting of the assessment. According to the FY2011 PD Policy, all ABLÉ staff planning to administer the new TABÉ CLAS-E tests must attend a formal face-to-face training to learn testing protocols for the CLAS-E Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing tests.



CTB will conduct a training for Ohio ABLÉ staff on August 10th in Columbus. If interested, please sign up on the Resource Center Calendar http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm.

Athens County and Southern Ohio featured on NBC

The NBC News television program "Dateline NBC" will feature Athens County in a program that will be broadcast on Sunday, July 25 beginning at 7 p.m.



The program will look at poverty in America and will focus on people struggling to make ends meet in Athens County and southern Ohio. Dateline NBC Reporter Ann Curry traveled to Athens County for the story, she said in an article posted on Mediabistro.com that the interviews she did here reminded her of some of her global reporting. "This reporting is more like my experiences covering third world countries than any other I have ever done in America," Curry said in the article.

Join us in watching this program about the people in Ohio. For more information about the program check out this link:

<http://insidedateline.msnbc.msn.com/news/2010/07/20/4715433-sunday-july-25-america-now-friends-and-neighbors>

New Informational Regional Website For ABLE Students In Transition

The ABLE programs in Economic Development Region 11, which includes Athens, Perry, Meigs, Hocking, Morgan, Washington, Noble, Monroe Counties, developed an informational website for ABLE students who need more information about college in Southeast Ohio. The website provides information about:

- career paths
- local post-secondary institutions
- apprenticeship programs
- support services
- financial aid and loans
- information about area ABLE programs

The site was designed by partners of the ABLE Transitions Collaboratives EDR 11 and coordinated by the Central/Southeast ABLE Resource Center. www.able2college.org

ADULT STUDENT SERVICES DIRECTORY
ABLE Student Resource Guide and Support Services for Post-Secondary Education

Find a Career Path
Area Post-Secondary Institutions
Apprenticeship Programs
Support Services & County Directories
Financial Aid, Scholarships and Loans
Area ABLE Programs

This resource guide and Web site is designed to assist interested students in determining their career path and identifying the best post-secondary education services to meet their needs. We will continue to add to this resource guide, but please contact us with any suggestions or questions.

Home | Find a Career Path | Area Post-Secondary Institutions | Apprenticeship Programs | Support Services | Financial Aid, Scholarships and Loans | County Directories | Area ABLE Programs

Reminders

1. For EL/Civics grantees, the FY 2010 EL/Civics Lesson Plans are **due to the NERC no later than July 31, 2010.**
2. The FY 2011 Tech Plans are **due by August 2, 2010.**
3. The New Administrators' Orientation is scheduled for **August 6, 2010.** Please note that this meeting is required for all new ABLE administrators and coordinators who have been hired in these positions in the last year. Any ABLE administrators who would like to attend are welcome.

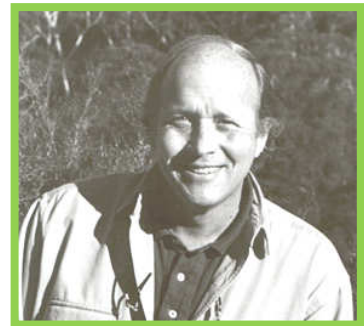


Quote of the Week

"Think big thoughts but relish small pleasures."

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.
American author, *Life's Little Instruction Book*

(1940 -)



Remember July is National Ice Cream Month.
Let's listen to H. Jackson Brown, Jr.'s advice and
enjoy our Ice Cream.