

FRIDAY FACTS
FROM JEFF GOVE, STATE ABLE DIRECTOR
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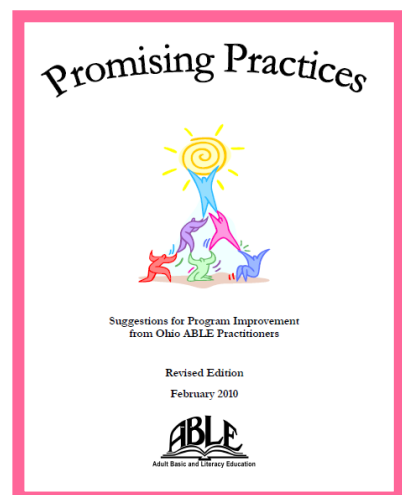
FY 2011 ABLE Continuation Grants - ABLE Partner MOU Clarification

Our office has been receiving questions about the status of the current FY 2010 ABLE Instructional Grant partner MOUs. Current ABLE grant MOUs are effective through June 30, 2010, consistent with the rest of the grant.

Partner MOUs that are relevant to the FY 2011 ABLE Instructional Continuation grants must be updated and re-submitted as an addendum. (These can be submitted by e-mail as PDFs.) Some of you have been doing this. We understand that this may require more time on your part to complete. You may have extra time after May 21st to submit the FY 2011 ABLE partner MOUs, if needed, with the understanding that final approval of your FY 2011 grant will be contingent upon receipt, review and approval of MOUs. Please contact your ABLE consultant with questions. Thank you.

REVISED: Promising Practices in Adult Education

Check out the newly revised *Promising Practices*. This collection of suggestions for program improvement from Ohio ABLE Practitioners, originally published in 2008, was revised to expand current entries and to add other practices. Information about this revised document most recently appeared in the March 5th issue of Friday Facts along with two of the recently added practices. *We urge directors to ensure that teachers are aware of this document.* The document presents realistic scenarios often encountered in ABLE programs then follows up with advice from practitioners and additional suggestions based on research and policies. It follows 11 themes that are based on the Student Experience Model.



The themes include:

- Orientation
- Goal Setting/Review
- Curriculum/Instruction
- Technology
- Monitoring Performance
- Retention
- Follow Up
- Data
- Program Management
- Recruitment
- Partnerships

The revised Promising Practices document is available on the University System of Ohio's website.

<http://www.uso.edu/network/workforce/able/reference/best-practices/promising-practices.pdf>

Special thanks go out to the numerous ABLE practitioners that aided in the development of the Promising Practices; without their insight and professional wisdom this collection would not have been possible. Since the document will continue to grow over time, OSU ABLE Evaluation and Design Project staff members are always accepting suggestions for additional entries. Suggestions may be made to Karen Scheid at kscheid@regents.state.oh.us or to the Ohio State University Staff, [Traci Lepicki](#) and [Adrienne Glandon](#).

New Staff Orientation



The New Staff Orientation is available through the Regional Resource Centers. This is on-line training designed to provide a convenient format for new ABLE staff to learn more about ABLE in Ohio. There are six modules and each module has Investigative Activities to be completed. *This training, per the Ohio ABLE PD Policy, is required and is to be completed by all new ABLE staff (administrators, teachers and support staff) within one year of date of hire.*

You can register for the online training on the Resource Center Calendar. Go to the Alternative PD Options at

http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results_alternative.cfm >

Then select "New to ABLE" to choose your Regional Resource Center's offering of this training.

Membership Letter from OAAEC



Attached to this Friday Facts is a letter from W. Robert Seaman, Membership Chair for OAAEC. The letter reminds ABE staff that membership dues to OAAEC and other professional organizations may be included in the ABE grant.

Reminders

1. Grants: FY 2011 ABE and EL/Civics Continuation Grants are due **May 21, 2010 by 5:00 PM**.
2. Spring Directors' Meeting: The ABE Spring Directors' Meeting is being held on May 24, 2010 at Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), 6565 Kilgour Place, Dublin, OH. Registration begins at 8:00 AM with the meeting starting promptly at 9:30 AM. All programs must have someone in attendance at the meeting for the entire day unless formally excused.
3. Technology Training Report: The technology training report for each program is due by May 31, 2010.
4. ABE Calendar: The updated ABE Calendar will be available on the web next week.

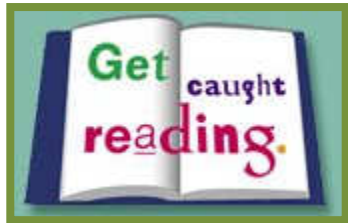


Quote of the Week

“A love of books, of holding a book, turning its pages, looking at its pictures, and living its fascinating stories goes hand-in-hand with a love of learning.”

Laura Bush, Former First Lady





May is “Get Caught Reading” Month.

Get Caught Reading is a nationwide public service campaign launched by the Association of American Publishers to remind people of all ages how much fun it is to read. *Get Caught Reading* is supported by hundreds of celebrities.

The following sites have activities and posters that can be used in the classroom.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/calendar-activities/caught-reading-month-20650.html>

<http://www.getcaughtreading.org/index.htm>