**ACE of Florida**

**Adult Education Champions Initiative**

**The Need:**

There exists a need in Florida for a statewide system to reliably and quickly respond to, and as needed, follow-up with, adult education legislative and policy issues, and FLDOE Department of Career and Adult Education requests for action/information from the field on issues related to adult education.

**The Vision:**

Establish a group(s) of adult education professionals in leadership positions around the state to act as contact points and conduits of information for issues requiring immediate action to embed a communication and action system across adult education programs in Florida. This group will be identified as the ACE of Florida Adult Education Champions.

**The Goal:**

ACE of Florida is seeking 1-2 individuals from school districts and state colleges who have the ***ability, capacity, and desire*** to commit to a long-term adult education advocacy initiative to:

1. Create and maintain a statewide quick-response communication network comprised of a cadre of adult education professionals
2. Create and maintain a cadre of adult education professionals committed to action to advocate for adult education programs at the local, state, and national levels
3. Create and maintain a cadre of adult education professionals committed to becoming actively involved in the legislative process

**Opportunities for Involvement:**

* *Act as your district’s or state college’s point of communication* and be willing to share information up and down with ACE of Florida.
* *Act as your district’s or state college’s lead in taking action* (letters, emails, calls, etc.) on critical adult education issues.
* Have the ability, capacity, and desire to work with ACE of Florida in advocating for adult education in Tallahassee and in your local legislative district.

**Next Step:**

Contact Julie Roberts, Dave Barnes or Melanie Stefanowicz to partner with the ACE of Florida Adult Education Champions initiative.

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