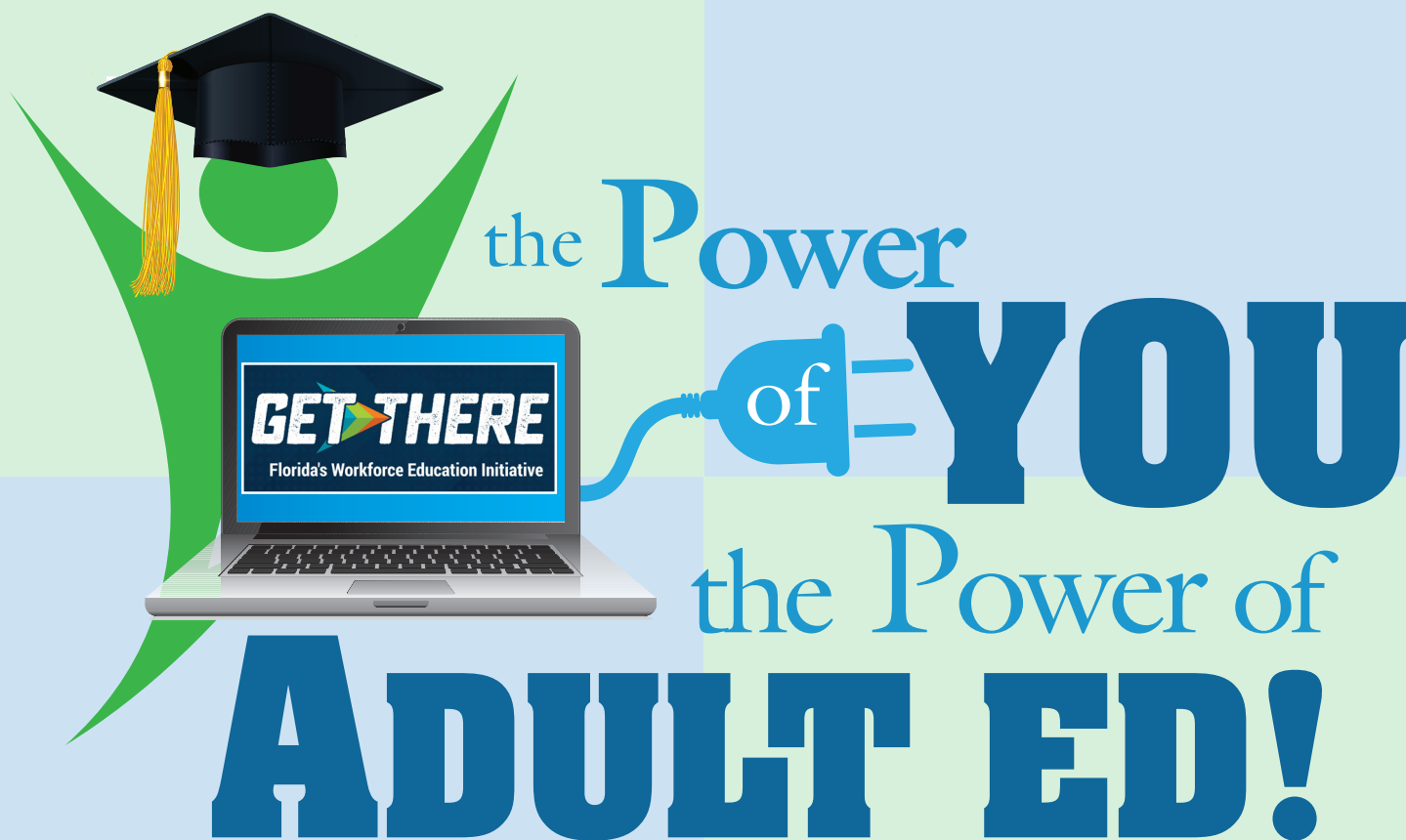


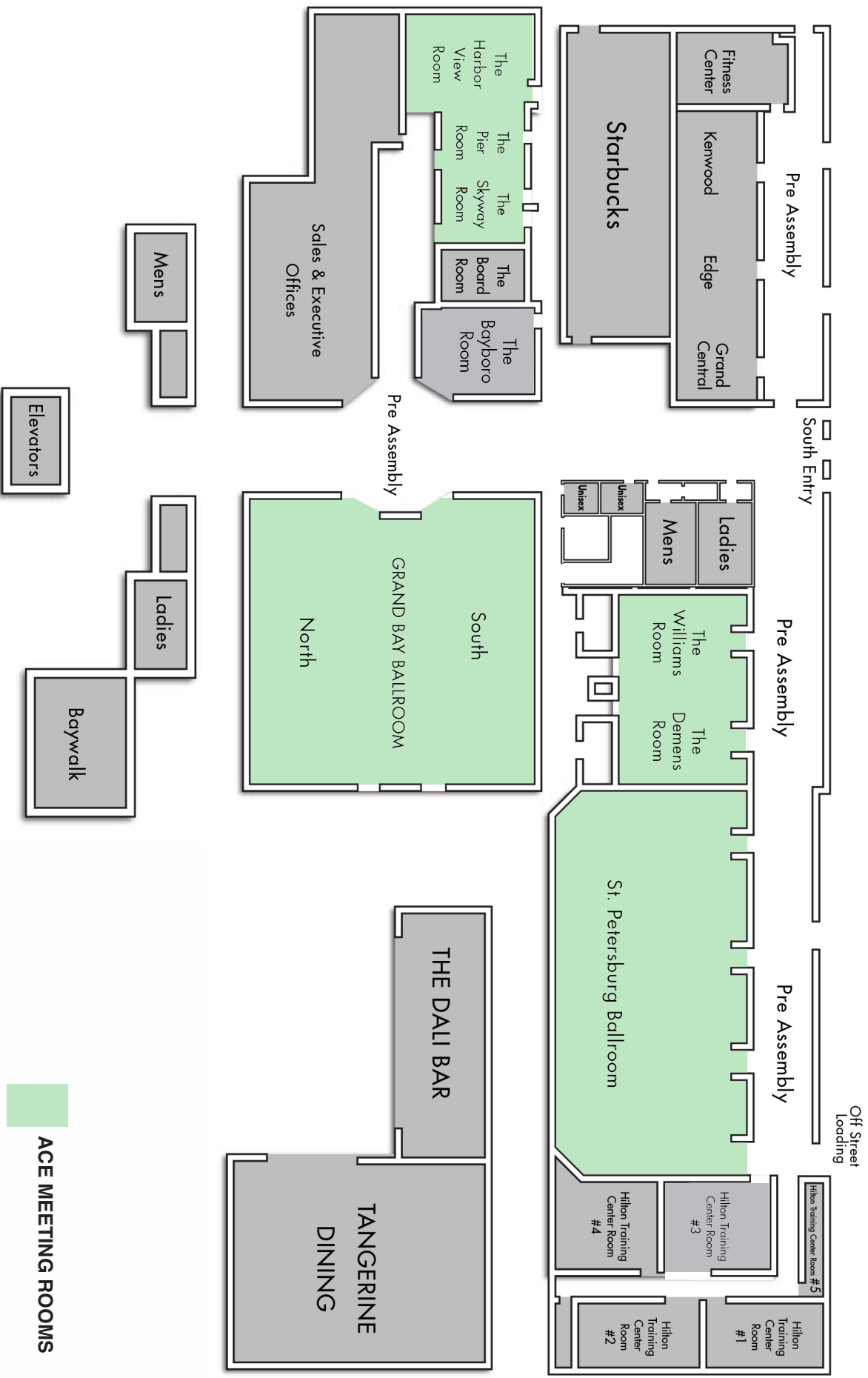
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ACE of Florida



September 27-29, 2021

Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront, St. Petersburg, Florida



Greetings...



I'd like to personally welcome each of you to the 2021 ACE of Florida Annual Conference. This year's theme is "The Power of You, the Power of Adult Ed." This year is about you, the adult educator, that works together to provide endless opportunities for our students.

It's an exciting time for adult education providers in the Sunshine State as we continue to grow and adjust, remaining always adaptable, motivated, and responsive to upcoming changes regarding IETs, regionalization, and the delivery of professional development. This is our time to help steer the course for the future growth of adult education and literacy.

Over the next three days, you will encounter exciting breakout sessions, an engaging keynote, and recognize those who endure to make adult education a gateway to a better future for our students and contribute to the viability of our local, state, and the American economies.

Before I close, I'd like to thank each of you for your presence at this exciting conference and bringing your expertise to our gathering. You, as educational leaders, have the vision, the knowledge, the wherewithal, and the experience to help us pave our way into the future. You are truly our greatest asset today and tomorrow, and we could not accomplish what we do without your support and leadership. In fact, I am humbled to be your President for the next two years. Together, we can positively impact the future for our adult learners and the economic viability of our future workforce.

In closing, if you have an idea or question, please don't hesitate to stop me, and ask! In addition, please enjoy your stay in St. Petersburg. It is great to be together again!

Educationally yours,

Dr. Jeff Arnott

President, ACE of Florida, Inc.

2021 Conference Chair

Executive Director of Secondary and Postsecondary CTE

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Welcome to the 2021 ACE Conference!

Our state is so very fortunate to have a dedicated group of educators and administrators steadfast in enriching the lives of our adult students, especially given the unparalleled challenges of the past year. First, I would like to express my gratitude for how the adult education community has responded. Certainly, this year has been difficult for all of us, but particularly for the students we serve. I truly appreciate the hard work, innovation, ingenuity, and resilience you have shown in helping our students maintain progress toward their academic and professional goals.

Secondly, I would like to say a word about where we are headed. As we work together to make Florida #1 in workforce in the nation over the next decade, we must embrace innovation and discover new models of teaching and delivery. With nearly two million working age Floridians without a high school diploma, and about four million adults still below the necessary literacy or numeracy levels necessary for postsecondary success, shifting our culture to a mindset that fully realizes adult education as a workforce development program is so critical.

Reimagining how our programs can and will meet the needs of the future begins with several strategic priorities including raising the bar for quality instruction in alignment with new B.E.S.T Standards for Adult Education, a comprehensive system for recruiting and training skilled instructional leaders, scaling integrated education and training courses, and building out intentional strategies to improve student retention and program performance.

Florida's unprecedented investments of over \$270 million in adult education, student literacy, and high-skill workforce training for low income learners, veterans, and at-risk Floridians is a testament to the value of our work to the future prosperity of our state - prosperity that begins with you.

Thank you for working tirelessly to move us forward, and welcome again to the 2021 ACE Annual Conference. I hope you take time to enjoy the company of your friends and colleagues this week while reflecting on all we have accomplished over the past two years. The best is yet to come and together, we will Get There!

Chancellor Henry Mack



DR. ASHLEY YOPP

Bureau Chief, Adult Education, Florida Department of Education

Welcome to the 31st Annual ACE Conference, “The Power of You – The Power of Adult Ed!” After the trials of the past year, I can think of no better way to usher in a new beginning than by recognizing you and your unwavering commitment to adult learners across our state. I’ve already had the opportunity to witness the power our people and programs have in bettering the lives of Floridians and look forward to reimagining the future of adult education with your help.

The significant investments made in adult education over the past year by Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Legislature signal a great deal of opportunity to cast a new vision for the future of work. Meeting this opportunity with innovative, yet pragmatic strategies and fresh perspectives is not only our goal, but our responsibility. The progress and development needed to prepare our students for post-secondary education and the workforce may come with new challenges and growing pains, but I know we will Get There together.

Our Adult Education team has experienced several changes and new growth in recent months and will reorganize to better serve you and our students in the months ahead. It is my hope that the changes we make increase our engagement and visibility in the field and provide us with more opportunities to understand and meet the diverse needs of our students, teachers, and programs. I hope you will share your experiences with us this week, so we keep you and your needs at the center of an elevated, engaged, and reimagined future for adult education in Florida.

I’m excited, I’m inspired, and I’m ready to get to work. Let’s conference!



JULIE ROBERTS

Executive Director, ACE of Florida and ACE of Florida Foundation

After 18 months of social distancing and virtual teaching, it’s wonderful to be able to welcome you back in person to the ACE Conference. We have planned an exciting and meaningful agenda for you to enhance your professional development. Drawing on the experience and knowledge of our very own Florida adult educators who are presenting an array of interesting topics, we also have invited nationally recognized consultants/trainers to provide the conference attendees with the best possible selection of trainings.

At this conference, it is our intention that every adult educator realize that they are important, they are appreciated and that they do have the power to change lives. You are helping your students transition into self-sufficiency, higher paying jobs and more productive citizens. We thank you. Please enjoy the conference as we continue to recognize “The Power of You – The Power of Adult Ed!”

For Your Information

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Full Conference Registration Fee Includes:

- Intensive Training Sessions, Sunday
- Welcome Reception, Sunday Evening
- Exhibit Hall Visitation
- The Grand Opening of the Exhibits, Monday
- The Grand Opening General Session
- Concurrent Sessions
- Refreshment Breaks
- Dessert and Trivia Social, Monday Evening
- Luncheon, Tuesday
- President's Reception, Dance and Casino Night, Tuesday Evening
- ACE Awards Luncheon, Wednesday

Name Badges

Name badges are required for entrance to all functions and the Exhibit Hall. Please wear your badge during scheduled conference events.

Special Event Tickets

In your registration packet, you will receive a perforated sheet that contains your special event tickets. Special Event tickets are not transferable. You must have the ticket and your name badge to be admitted into the following events:

- Welcome Reception, Sunday Evening
- Dessert and Trivia Social, Monday Evening
- Tuesday's Luncheon
- President's Reception, Casino and Dance, Tuesday Evening
- ACE Awards Luncheon, Wednesday

Additional tickets for the luncheons may be purchased for \$50 each at the conference registration desk.

Lost and Found

Please report all articles, lost or found, to the ACE Conference registration desk. At the conclusion of the conference, all unclaimed items will be given to the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront Lost and Found Department.

Evaluation Forms

Please complete the concurrent session and the overall conference evaluation forms. Your feedback is very important to us in planning next year's conference. At the end of each concurrent session, fill out the evaluation form and leave it in the meeting room. You may turn in your overall conference evaluation form at the end of the ACE Awards Luncheon.

Access Station

Individuals requiring special accommodations please contact the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront registration desk.

ACE Awards Luncheon

The Awards Luncheon will begin promptly at 12:00 pm. The Awards Luncheon is included in the full conference registration fee and in the one-day registration fee. You may purchase an Additional Awards Luncheon ticket for \$50. You must have your ticket to be admitted to the lunch. Tickets are not transferable.

MEETINGS

Sunday, September 26

ACE of Florida Board of Directors' Meeting

Location: Bayboro

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, September 28

CASAS Meeting

Location: Demens

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, September 29

GED Meeting

Location: Harborview

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

REGISTRATION HOURS

Sunday, September 26, 2021	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
	Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Monday, September 27, 2021	7:00 am – 11:45 am
	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
	Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Tuesday, September 28, 2021	7:30 am – 11:45 am
	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
	Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Wednesday, September 29, 2021	7:45 am – 11:00 am
	Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer

EXHIBITOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 26

Exhibitor Set-up 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Monday, September 27

Exhibit Hall Hours 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Grand Opening of Exhibits 8:00 am – 8:30 am

And Continental Breakfast

Exhibitor Visitation 10:45 am – 11:00 am

Lunch on Your Own 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Exhibitor Visitation and Refreshments 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Tuesday, September 28

Exhibit Hall Hours 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Exhibitor Visitation 8:00 am – 8:30 am

With Coffee and Pastries

Exhibitor Visitation and Refreshments 10:40 am – 11:00 am

Luncheon 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Exhibitor Visitation and Refreshments 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Exhibit Dismantle 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, September 29

Exhibit Hall Closed

For Your Information

Sunday, September 26

Welcome Reception (Bring your ticket)

Location: Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Time: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Monday, September 27

Grand Opening of Exhibits and Continental Breakfast

Sponsor: **Data Recognition Corporation**

Location: Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Time: 8:00 am – 8:30 am

Grand Opening General Session

Location: Grand Bay Ballroom
Time: 8:30 am – 10:45 am

Dessert & Trivia Social (Bring your ticket)

Sponsor: **Aztec Software**

Location: Grand Bay Ballroom
Time: 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Tuesday, September 28

Luncheon (Bring your ticket)

Location: Grand Bay Ballroom
Time: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

President's Reception, Casino and Dance (Bring your ticket)

Sponsor: **Essential Education**

Location: Grand Bay Ballroom
Time: 7:30 pm – 11:00 pm

Wednesday, September 29

ACE Awards Luncheon and Raffle (Bring your ticket)

Location: Grand Bay Ballroom
Time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

**ACE of Florida Conference Bags —
Sponsored by: Burlington English**

2021 Conference Committee

Conference Chairman	Jeff Arnott, President, ACE of Florida
Conference Coordinator	Julie Roberts, Executive Director, ACE of Florida
ACE Membership Table	ACE Board Members
Audio Visual	Leigh Ann Clark
Awards Committee	Margaret Paynter, Courtney Green, Danielle DeConcilio, Jeff Arnott and Neeta Rancourt
Concurrent Sessions	Julie Roberts, Ashley Olevitch, Dr. Ashely Yopp, Rachel Ludwig
Exhibits	Julie Roberts, Ashley Olevitch
Local Arrangements	Margaret Paynter
Marketing and Publicity	Leigh Ann Clark, Julie Roberts, Ashley Olevitch
Membership	Leigh Ann Clark
Office Arrangements	Leigh Ann Clark, Julie Roberts, Ashley Olevitch
On-Site Coordinators	Julie Roberts, Leigh Ann Clark, Ashley Olevitch
Pre-Conference Intensive Training Sessions	Jeff Arnott, Julie Roberts
Invited National Speakers	Jeff Arnott, Julie Roberts
Keynote Speaker	Jeff Arnott, Julie Roberts
Conference Volunteers	ACE Board Members, Osceola County Schools, Pinellas County Schools
Presenter Check-In	Leigh Ann Clark, Ashley Olevitch
Program Book	Julie Roberts, Ashley Olevitch
Raffle	Brian Granstra
Registration	Leigh Ann Clark, Julie Roberts, Ashley Olevitch
Sponsors	Julie Roberts, Ashley Olevitch
Special Events/After-Hours	Leigh Ann Clark, Julie Roberts, Ashley Olevitch

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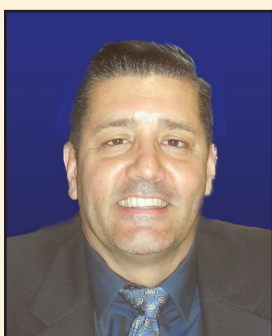
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Keynote Speaker

Josh Davies

*Chief Executive Officer,
The Center for Work Ethic Development*



Josh Davies is passionate about helping others make a difference in their lives, jobs, and community. Through his work as a speaker and trainer, he has engaged and encouraged professionals across North America, the Middle East, and Asia. His engaging and connecting speaking style combined with relevant content make him an in-demand speaker, giving more than 75 keynote presentations and workshops to education, workforce, and corporate events annually. Mr. Davies has been named by the Global Forum for Education and Learning as one of 2021's Top 100 Visionaries in Education in recognition for his contributions to education globally. Additionally, Training Magazine named him as one of the top 10 trainers under 40 in America and the Denver Business Journal tapped him as one of Denver's 40 Under 40.

Davies is currently the CEO of The Center for Work Ethic Development, an organization committed to developing workplace skills in the global workforce. Partnering with organizations in all 50 states and 6 countries, they equip trainers and teachers to build the workforce of the 21st Century. A graduate of American University, Josh has been awarded the Mile High Energy Award by Visit Denver, and an honorary Doctorate of Foodservice by the North American Food Equipment Manufacturers Association for his contributions to the industry. He finished serving his second term on the Executive Board of the Colorado Workforce Development Council, where he chaired the State Education and Training Steering Committee. He also led the P-Tech Selection Committee for Colorado and served on the board of the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. In addition to his work in the public sector, Josh also served on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals, was President of the Council of Hotel and Restaurant Trainers (CHART) and co-chaired the Colorado State Youth Council.

ACE is continuing an initiative to show appreciation and give back to the local community that hosts the ACE Conference. This year, we have selected Feeding Tampa Bay! Please consider donating. Even \$1 helps make an impact!



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OUR IMPACT

- We work to provide long-term health and capability for the 1 in 6 adults and 1 in 4 children who face nutrition insecurity in our region
- Because of our commitment to reduce waste in our region, we are currently the #1 recycler in West Central Florida
- As the backbone of food relief, we provide nutritious food and essentials to over 450 agency partners in our network
- Our cutting-edge healthcare partnerships and programs, as well as the job-training provided through our FRESHforce program provide sustainable futures for those we serve

4,200

Volunteers
needed each
month



85M

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meals will be
served to
families this
year



98%

of donations
go directly to
our mission



Because food makes tomorrow possible.

Nationally Invited Speakers



JEFFREY ABRAMOWITZ

Jeffrey Abramowitz, J.D is currently the Executive Director of Reentry Services for JEVS Human Services. Jeff is also the founder and President of Looking Forward Community Engagement Partnership, a non-profit agency that works with individuals who have barriers to gainful employment and provides staff training and development in the area of workforce development. Jeff was the founder of the National Workforce Opportunity Network, a fully integrated workforce development agency. Jeff has provided reentry agency support, staff training, and has facilitated reentry workshops and staff development training at Temple University, PA CareerLink Suburban Station, and throughout the country over the past three years, assisting returning citizens with their transition home from incarceration, helping them find their career pathway, gainful employment, and the road to prosperity. Jeff was most recently appointed to the Executive Board of the Coalition of Basic Adult Education, COABE, where he is the chairperson of the Prison Literacy Committee and sits on the Pennsylvania Reentry Council serving as Chairman of the Housing, Education, Employment, and Basic Needs Sub-committee.



VANIA AGUILAR

Vania Aguilar is a program manager at the Center for Advancement of Human Rights (CAHR), where she oversees the administrative work of the Center. She conducts trainings on human trafficking for various groups in the community. In addition, she oversees the Center's case management and service provision for human trafficking victims and victims of other crimes. She has developed curriculum for the Florida Department of Children and Families and the Florida Department of Education on human trafficking. She was granted BIA Accreditation in 2013 and is assisting clients with their VAWA, DACA, Adjustment of Status, asylum, SIJS, TPS, U and T visa application submissions. She has assisted over 300 refugees adjust their status to lawful permanent residence and also helps them apply for their citizenship. She has established direct connections with prosecutors, victim advocates and law enforcement officials throughout the state. She works very closely with them to secure the necessary documentation to apply for immigration relief for clients who are victims of crimes and to apply for any other forms of relief under the Victim's Compensation Program. She serves as a co-chair for the Big Bend Coalition Against Human Trafficking Survivor Support Committee. On behalf of the coalition, she has written co-eds, has participated on radio show interviews to discuss how Florida is affected by human trafficking, conducted presentations and outreach initiatives. In addition, she serves on the board of the Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center, a non-profit that assists victims and survivors of human trafficking in the second judicial circuit. She received a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Multilingual/Multicultural Education from Florida State University. In addition to working for the CAHR, Ms. Aguilar has been teaching for Adult and Community Education (ACE) in Tallahassee since 2005 where she has taught evening classes to English learners from around the world. At this time, she is the lead teacher for the on-line English classes at ACE with a focus on naturalization. She conducts classes for adult students in which she incorporates information about services and remedies for victims of various crimes including human trafficking and prepares students for their citizenship process.

Nationally Invited Speakers



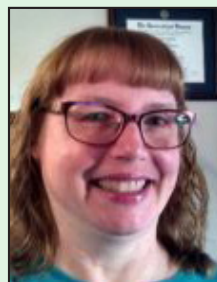
BROOKE ISTAS

Brooke Istas, consultant, adult education mathematics subject matter expert, and Cowley College Mathematics Faculty, is recognized nationally for her knowledge of mathematics and mathematical concepts, her immense understanding of mathematical concepts and continued dedication to supporting adults with their education goals; she has shown herself to be an asset to adult education and the greater mathematics community. She has given several presentations at state and national conferences on enhancing mathematical instruction, understanding higher level mathematical content, teaching math at a distance, and on-line instruction; always willing to share her learning with others. She understands that adult education is enhanced through collaboration with other adult education programs. She is also the Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the LINCS (Literacy Information and Communication System) Math and Numeracy, Correctional Education, and Financial Literacy Community of Practice; also, a reviewer for the Math/Numeracy online resource collection that is a part of the Basic Skills Collection. Brooke is the State Delegate from Kansas for the America Mathematical Association for Two Year Colleges. Additionally, Brooke is currently working on her Ph.D. in math education at Southern Methodist University.



JERRY PARRISH

Dr. Jerry Parrish is the Chief Economist and the Director of Research for the Florida Chamber Foundation. In that role, he is responsible for conducting in-depth analyses on the Florida economy and on solutions to help secure Florida's future. Dr. Parrish is currently an adjunct instructor in the Masters in Applied Economics Program at Florida State University. Dr. Parrish previously was the Chief Economist and Director of the Center for Competitive Florida at Florida TaxWatch. Prior to that position, he served as the Associate Director of the Center for Economic Forecasting & Analysis at Florida State University, and has many years of private-sector experience.



MARGARET PATTERSON

Dr. Margaret Patterson has over 15 years of research administration experience at the state and national levels, ran a statewide research and data analysis consulting business for seven years, and presents extensively around the country. She partners with non-profit organizations, postsecondary institutions, and state agencies, applying research to support adult educators and learners. She also has many years of experience as an adult educator, and local and state administrator.



JENNY ROOT

Dr. Jenny Root is an Assistant Professor of Special Education in the School of Teacher Education at Florida State University. She teaches courses on assessment and instruction of students with disabilities. Dr. Root is a board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA) and the Director of the General Curriculum Access lab at FSU. Her research focuses on instructional methods to promote academic learning for students with autism and intellectual disability.

At-A-Glance - SUNDAY & MONDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26			
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Hours		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	ACE Board of Directors' Meeting		Bayboro
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Exhibitor Set-Up		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Intensive Professional Development Sessions			
9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Integrated Education and Training (IET) Bootcamp	Ronald Cruz and June Rall	Williams/Demens
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch on your own		
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Adult Education: A Year in Review	Dr. Brittany C. Ross, Tara Goodman Audrey Kervin	St. Pete I
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Support Systems Potential Adult Learners Need	Margaret Patterson	St. Pete III
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Break with Refreshments		Williams/Demens Foyer
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	New Adult Education Administrators' Training	Dr. Jeff Arnott	St. Pete II
5:00 - 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception (Bring your ticket)		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Dinner on Your Own			
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27			
7:00 am – 11:45 am			
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Conference Registration Hours		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Grand Opening of Exhibits and Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Data Recognition Corporation</i>		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Hours		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
8:30 am– 10:45 am	Grand Opening General Session		Grand Bay Ballroom
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Visit the Exhibits		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27- CONCURRENT SESSION I			
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Understanding TABE 11/12 to Make NRS Gains - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Christina Miller	Demens
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Hands in Action: From Letters to Sentences	Nelly Neiman Ackerman	Harborview
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Don't Quit Playing Games! Reimagining Engagement in the Adult Education Classroom	Regiane Zanardini, Jennifer Harrington	Skyway/Pier
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Using Explicit Instruction to Support Adult Learners with Disabilities	Dr. Jenny Root	St. Pete I
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Working It Out! Preparing our ESOL Learners for Work and Career Pathways	Veronica Pavon-Baker	St. Pete II

At-A-Glance - MONDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27- CONCURRENT SESSION I - CONTINUED			
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Data for the People! A Cross-functional Examination of the Role of MISATFOR	Michael Johnston	St. Pete III
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Integrated Educational Training in Corrections - The Future of Skills Training	Jeffrey Abramowitz	Williams
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own		
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - CONCURRENT SESSION II			
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Ventures 3.5: Exciting News About The Best Adult Education Blended ESOL Program! - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Jim Goldstone, Bruce Myint	Demens
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	E! Extra! Extra!	Daisy Shah, Alexia Navarro	Harborview
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	CASAS Remote Testing Overview	Veronica Pavon-Baker, Cristina Ureña	Skyway/Pier
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Enhancing Numeracy and Digital Literacy Skills and Skill Use of Adults with Learning Disabilities	Margaret Patterson	St. Pete I
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Florida’s Workforce Outlook - After COVID	Dr. Jerry Parrish	St. Pete II
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	How Do We Incorporate Employability Skills into Your Program?	Dr. Jeff Arnott, Josh Davies	St. Pete III
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Exhibitor Break & Refreshments	Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer	
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - CONCURRENT SESSION III			
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Using Micro-credentials to Support IET Implementation	June Rall, Jason Lange	Demens
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	CASAS for ABE and GED Prep	Veronica Pavon-Baker, Cristina Ureña	Harborview
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	We are Workforce Education: Integrated, Innovative, and Inclusive	Anne Morgan M. Ed., Diana Keller M. Ed.	Skyway/Pier
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Moving Beyond NRS to Program Improvement	Dr. Brittany C. Ross, Tara Goodman, Audrey Kervin, Michael Johnston	St. Pete I
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	From the Classroom to the Boardroom: Educating Justice Involved Learners	Jeffrey Abramowitz	St. Pete III
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	Next Generation IET Credentialing with Blockchain Technology - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Nicole Pestano, Janis Williams	Williams
Dinner on your own			
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Dessert and Trivia Social <i>(bring your ticket)</i> <i>Sponsored by Aztec Software</i>	Grand Bay Ballroom	

At-A-Glance - TUESDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28			
7:30 am – 11:45 am 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Conference Registration Hours		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Exhibit Hall Visitation with Continental Breakfast		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Hours		
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - CONCURRENT SESSION IV			
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Testing Butterflies or Jitters? Get Some Sleep and Eat Breakfast!	Daisy Shah, Liudmila Pino, Alexia Navarro, Linda Fermo-Garcia	Demens
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Exploring Your Career Path	Tiffany Chappell-Proctor, Leticia Rubio	Harborview
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Think Outside the Cookie Cutter	Angela Faiola	Skyway/Pier
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Learning from Efforts in Other States: Understanding Need and Approaches to Regional Delivery	Brett Visger, Dr. Ashley Yopp, Rachel Ludwig	St. Pete I
8:30 am – 9:30 am	When Everything Falls Apart: Educate and Elevate	Hunter Sayers, Leo Mediavilla	St. Pete II
8:30 am – 9:30 am	GED Academy/TABE 11/12 Academy Training/ CASAS GOALS Academy--A Digital Solution to Prepare Students for HSE Success! - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Stephanie Eichner	Williams
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - CONCURRENT SESSION V			
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Leveraging Relationships to Increase Retention - A Whole School Approach	Matt Fitzpatrick, Dr. Felecia Boyd	Demens
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Strategies for Teaching in a Virtual Synchronous Environment	Christine Briggs, Ariel Pechokas	Harborview
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Increasing Your GED® Pass Rate and Your Learners' Scores! - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Christina Miller	St. Pete II
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Contextualizing Instruction Through Health and Financial Literacy	Gregory Smith	St. Pete III
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Educators Combating Modern Day Slavery	Vania Aguilar	Williams
10:40 am – 11:00 am	Exhibitor Break & Refreshments		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - CONCURRENT SESSION VI			
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Correctional Innovations in Special Education	Dr. Noah Mueller	Demens
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Why and How You Should Be Using Twitter to Promote and Advocate for Your AE Program	Dave Barnes, Ashely Olevitch	Harborview
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Citizenship at Your Fingertips	Inguna Ozols, Magen Przybylski	Skyway/Pier
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Best Practices for GEDPrep Connect and GED Manager	Diane Vaccari	St. Pete I
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	iCEV to IET - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Kaitlin Plante, Sharon Johnson, Kim Brown	St. Pete II

At-A-Glance - TUESDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - CONCURRENT SESSION VI - CONTINUED			
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Improving Data Collection and Reporting for Adult Education	Brett Visger, Dr. Ashley Yopp, Rachel Ludwig	St. Pete III
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Blended Learning with Aztec Software, Steck-Vaughn and Paxen Publishing - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Christina Miller	Williams
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Luncheon (bring your ticket)		Grand Bay Ballroom
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - CONCURRENT SESSION VII			
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Recruiting and Retaining Adult Learners in Your ESL Program	Karensa Wright, Mackenzie Shiao, Jason Tam, Dominga Manuel-Xuncax	Demens
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Statewide Economic Update	Anthonique Hanna	Skyway/Pier
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Implementing IET in Adult Education	Ronald Cruz, June Rall	St. Pete I
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	The Gold Standard Tool in Career Assessment: Using the Self-Directed Search to Help Your Students Succeed - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Matt Parks	St. Pete II
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Student Retention Starts with a Successful Orientation	Ariel Pechokas, Valerie Guillaume	St. Pete III
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Leading with Carrots	Brian Bush	Williams
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2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Remote Testing: The Pros and Cons	Susan MacGill, Deanna Finney	Demens
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Powerful Partnerships that Make an Impact	Donna Rain-O'Dell, Christina Rigetta, Timothy Burdette	Harborview
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	The Power of TABE and New Updates - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Mike Johnson, Christine Kirk	St. Pete I
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Developing a Deeper Understanding of Algebraic Concepts	Brooke Istas	St. Pete II
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Breaking the Stigma of Adult Education	Dr. Debby Meyer	St. Pete III
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Adding Career and Technical Education Courses to Your Adult Education Site	Sophia Watson, Brian Granstra, Fred Barch	Williams
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	CASAS Meeting	Veronica Pavon-Baker	Demens
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner on your own		
7:30 pm – 11:00 pm	President's Reception, Casino and Dance <i>Sponsored by Essential Education</i> (bring your ticket)		Grand Bay Ballroom

At-A-Glance - WEDNESDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29			
7:45 am – 11:00 am	Conference Registration Hours		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
7:45 am – 8:30 am	Morning Coffee and Continental Breakfast		Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
8:30 am – 9:30 am	District Debriefing		
9:40 am - 11:45 am	Administrators' Meeting	Dr. Jeff Arnott	St. Pete I & II
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - CONCURRENT SESSION IX			
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Self-Study Guide for Evidence-Based Practices in Adult Literacy Education	Kevin Smith, Laurie Lee	Demens
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Teaching Skills That Matter in Adult Education (TSTM) (Part 1)	TSTM Cohort: Christine Briggs, Khris Betten, Lin Rhines, Pam McCuen	Harborview
9:40 am – 10:40 am	Culturally Responsive Teaching of Mathematics	Brooke Istas	Williams
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - CONCURRENT SESSION X			
10:50 am – 11:50 am	A Case Study - Science Learning - Lessons in Adult Learning	Corydon Strawser	Demens
10:50 am – 11:50 am	Teaching Skills That Matter in Adult Education (TSTM) (Part 2)	TSTM Cohort: Christine Briggs, Khris Betten, Lin Rhines, Pam McCuen	Harborview
10:50 am – 11:50 am	CASAS Update	Veronica Pavon-Baker, Cristina Ureña	Williams
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	ACE of Florida's Awards Luncheon and Raffle (bring your ticket)		Grand Bay Ballroom

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Intensive Professional Development Sessions

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8:00 am – 5:00 pm Conference Registration Hours
Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer

11:00 am – 1:00 pm ACE Board of Directors' Meeting
Bayboro

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Exhibitor Set-Up
Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer

INTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION

Integrated Education and Training (IET) Design Camp (Part 1)

Presenter(s): Ronald Cruz, June Rall
Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Williams/Demens
Strands: AGE, Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, WIOA

This pre-conference session will guide teams of participants into the process of developing their own IET Program using various tools and resources in the process. Participants will have the opportunity to draft a plan for their respective IET Program(s) which include(s): IET Brainstorming Tool, IET Team Formation, Program Development Timeline, Course Structuring, Coordination of Instruction, Curriculum Development Timeline, Single Set of Learning Objectives Development, Marketing and Recruitment Plan and Lesson Planning. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop computer to the session in order to take full advantage of available digital tools and templates. Bring your team to this session and get ready to improve the adult education landscape.

Integrated Education and Training (IET) Design Camp (Part 2)

Presenter(s): Ronald Cruz, June Rall
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
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Adult Education: A Year in Review

Presenter(s): Dr. Brittany C. Ross, Tara Goodman, Audrey Kervin
Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: St. Pete I
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), AGE, AHS, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Data and Accountability

During this session, a thorough review of 2020-21 state and agency level adult education data will be done to help inform program improvement. In addition to looking back, we will look forward and discuss performance based funding plans, reporting & accountability requirements for 2021-22, and leave ample time for activities, questions and answers.

Support Systems Potential Adult Learners Need

Presenter(s): Margaret Patterson
Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: St. Pete III
Strands: Administration, Support Services and Partnerships

Potential adult learners may wonder, can they complete educational goals despite barriers? They may need support from people important to them or from adult education's partners to overcome barriers and get started in adult education. This pre-conference focuses on: 1) specific needs for support, 2) root causes and major effects related to a need for support systems in adult education, and 3) support-related solutions potential learners propose to remove barriers to participation in adult education.

New Adult Education Administrators' Training

Presenter(s): Dr. Jeff Arnott
Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: St. Pete II
Strands: Administration, Leadership

Are you new to administration? An administrator but new to adult education? No worries! Join us for the New Administrators' Training presented by members of the FLDOE, Division of Career and Adult Education, along with a panel of seasoned adult education administrators. This is an opportunity to learn from your state staff, who supervise the adult education programs, about resources, contacts, data and more. Bring your questions, concerns and ideas for discussion with the panel.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Welcome Reception

(Bring your ticket)

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 am – 11:45 am 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Conference Registration Hours Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Grand Opening of Exhibits and Continental Breakfast <i>Sponsored by Data Recognition Corporation</i> Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Hours Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
8:30 am – 10:45 am	Grand Opening General Session Grand Bay Ballroom
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Visit the Exhibits Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer

CONCURRENT SESSION I – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Understanding TABE 11/12 to Make NRS Gains

► EXHIBITOR

Presenter(s): Christina Miller
Location: Demens
Strands: College and Career Readiness, GED, Focus on assessment and curriculum development

We will analyze the AE-College and Career Readiness Standards used to build TABE 11/12 questions. Learn how to target the skills needed to make the NRS level-to-level gains that are critical for performance-based funding and that translate into classroom instruction. We will preview Paxen Steck-Vaughn's TABE Tutor series that focuses on each TABE 11/12 level for targeted instruction. We will also take a tour of all the FREE resources and NEW resources for the TABE Tutor series.

Hands in Action: From Letters to Sentences

Presenter(s): Nelly Neiman Ackerman
Location: Harborview
Strands: College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Technology

The process of learning English requires to develop literacy and foundational skills in our ESOL adult students. These foundational skills are related specifically to reading and writing skills based in the FDOE Adult Esol Curriculum. Teachers use different teaching strategies in their lessons. But the best ways to improve students' reading and writing are those focus on students' hand-writing and hands-on activities. Developing art and handwriting skills in ESOL classes will help students to be successful in their English learning process. Also, they will benefit students to reach their personal and professional goals.

Don't Quit Playing Games! Reimagining Engagement in the Adult Education Classroom.

Presenter(s): Regiane Zanardini, Jennifer Harrington
Location: Skyway/Pier
Strands: AAEE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), AGE, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED

Finding creative ways of sustaining students' interest in learning can be fun! Research based information on game effectiveness in adult education will be discussed, as well as, the benefits; things to take into consideration; and tips for teachers. The audience will be provided with examples being used in an ESOL classroom, sample materials, and a list of games. Who says that in order to learn we must quit playing games?

Using Explicit Instruction to Support Adult Learners with Disabilities

Presenter(s): Dr. Jenny Root
Location: St. Pete I
Strands: Adults with Disabilities

This workshop will focus on how to support adult learners with disabilities through explicit instruction. Participants will receive guidance on how to effectively plan and use modeling and practice to help students reach academic goals, as well as how to adjust instruction for students who demonstrate they need more challenge or more support.

Working It Out! Preparing our ESOL Learners for Work and Career Pathways.

Presenter(s): Veronica Pavon-Baker
Location: St. Pete II
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

Participants in this session define, experience and plan contextualized instruction for work and career pathways that is equally effective in virtual, hybrid, and in-person classes; promotes learner voice and choice; aligns with 21st century adult education competencies and standards; and acknowledges learners' different levels of access (Smartphone v. laptop) By the end of the session, participants should be able to:

- define contextualized instruction;
- identify ways to contextualize instruction through topics, authentic materials, tasks and skills; and
- create meaningful contextualized lesson activities that align with the needs and goals of their learners.

Data for the People! A Cross-functional Examination of the Role of MISATFOR

Presenter(s): Michael Johnston
Location: St. Pete III
Strands: Administration, Leadership

The Management Information Systems and Advisory Taskforce is an organization that collaborates and comprises membership of reports coordinators from all of the 28 colleges. This session will dive into all of the data elements pertinent to Adult Education specific to the Florida College System. All data elements specific to adult education will be reviewed as well as submission schedules. There are many reports specific to the college and adult education that can be used to assist in decision-making processes that are created on behalf of the institutions. A demonstration of how these reports can be leveraged in order to guarantee accurate reporting of all data will be discussed as well.

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Integrated Educational Training in Corrections - The Future of Skills Training

Presenter(s): Jeffrey Abramowitz
Location: Williams
Strands: Career Pathways, Career Source, Corrections, Integrated Education & Training (IET), WIOA

Integrated Education Training Programs check off all of the boxes which can help adult learners become successful and find the career pathway of their choosing. This workshop will take a journey into IET programming behind and beyond our prison walls. We will explore the basics of launching a successful IET, travel through the essential components and partnerships that you may need, and proceed to how to secure the very best outcomes for your students and the community. We will engage in a frank discussion of the challenges launching an IET in the correctional setting, and what works both inside and outside of our prison walls. Everyone will leave the session with a wealth of resources and tools to help you launch and run a successful IET program. It's one thing to have a carpentry instructor to teach people how to cut wood, but it is incredible for a student to learn fractions at the same time.

Lunch on Own – 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSION II – 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

Ventures 3.5: Exciting News About The Best Adult Education Blended ESOL Program!

► **EXHIBITOR**

Presenter(s): Jim Goldstone, Bruce Myint
Location: Demens
Strands: Administration, Adults with Disabilities, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Technology, WIOA

It is no secret that Cambridge University Press' 6-level adult education blended ESOL program is the most widely used program in Florida and around the United States. Cambridge has some exciting news for current users and those interested in using Ventures for the first time. You will be the first to find out what our new 3.5 Ventures is all about! We invite you to come and join your Florida representative Jim Goldstone, and the Publisher of all Cambridge adult education programs--Mr. Bruce Myint, to see what we have done to make Ventures even more suitable and enjoyable for your teachers and students alike. Jim will be giving out free samples of Ventures at ACE.

E! Extra! Extra!

Presenter(s): Daisy Shah, Alexia Navarro
Location: Harborview
Strands: AGE, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Technology

Enroll! Engage! Empower! In this hands-on, interactive session, participants will explore evidence-based strategies that will help them go the extra mile for their adult learners in and out of the classroom. Participants will leave with fun activities and resources that are easy to implement in the adult learning environment

CASAS Remote Testing Overview

Presenter(s): Veronica Pavon-Baker, Cristina Ureña
Location: Skyway/Pier
Strands: Administration, AGE, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Assessment

This is an informational overview and update on CASAS remote testing. We are eager to share remote testing guidelines and training resources, as well as enhancements to eTests and TOPSpro to make remote testing more efficient and easier to implement. We will also describe some promising practices for remote testing that are emerging from around the country. This is NOT a detailed proctor training. Proctor remote testing training materials are posted on the Remote Testing page of the CASAS website, including detailed step-by-step scripted Guidelines for how to conduct remote testing, and proctor remote testing certification which is optional.

Enhancing Numeracy and Digital Literacy Skills and Skill Use of Adults with Learning Disabilities

Presenter(s): Margaret Patterson
Location: St. Pete I
Strands: Adults with Disabilities, Technology

This interactive session shares recent research on numeracy and digital literacy skills and skill use for U.S. adults with learning disabilities (LD). 2012-2014-2017 PIAAC assessed adults' skills and reported on use of skills. Knowing how employed adults with LD use these skills at work and how those outside the workforce use them at home will assist adult educators in understanding what to expect from adult learners with LD and how to enhance skill use.

Florida's Workforce Outlook - After COVID

Presenter(s): Dr. Jerry Parrish
Location: St. Pete II
Strands: Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

Take an in-depth look at the opportunities in Florida's labor force over the next few years. Having recently completed the report, Florida Workforce Needs Study, the Florida Chamber Foundation has the most up-to-date information on the skills that will be needed by Florida employers. The expected gaps between supply and demand show the opportunities for high-wage occupations in the industries expected to grow. Florida's challenge will be supplying the skills needed for those in-demand jobs that will provide high wages and diversify its economy.

How Do We Incorporate Employability Skills into Your Program?

Presenter(s): Dr. Jeff Arnott, Josh Davies
Location: St. Pete III
Strands: Workforce Skills (Soft Skills)

How many employers have asked you to incorporate soft skills into your curriculum? Doesn't it seem that is the skill they primarily desire? In this session, learn how Josh Davies of the Center for Work Ethic Development has partnered together to create a plan to engage the workforce and students.

**3:15 PM- 3:45 PM -Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Exhibitor Break & Refreshments**

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CONCURRENT SESSION III – 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Using Micro-credentials to Support IET Implementation

Presenter(s): Jason Lange, June Rall
Location: Demens
Strands: Career Pathways, IET

Micro-credentials have been trending in recent years as a competency-based form of professional learning and certification. As more and more organizations across the country adopt micro-credentials, much is being learned about how they can improve career advancement systems. In this session, you'll hear from BloomBoard and IPDAE about how they are leveraging micro-credentials to re-think Health Science and Entrepreneurship career pathways. You'll learn about the value of micro-credentials and how they work, as well as how they are being aligned to Florida B.E.S.T Standards to create career pathways for adult educators.

CASAS for ABE and GED Prep

Presenter(s): Veronica Pavon-Baker, Cristina Ureña
Location: Harborview
Strands: Administration, AGE, Assessment

CASAS tests have been used successfully in ABE programs nationwide since the inception of CASAS in the early 1980s. This session is designed specifically for ABE and GED Prep instructors and administrators to provide insights into how the CASAS system works in ABE/GED programs. Participants will have an opportunity to explore sample test items to see the format of CASAS tests, and review test content blueprints. Participants will see sample reports on test results that are generated immediately upon completion of the test that help guide instruction.

Main Topics

- Overview of the CASAS System
- CASAS Test Format and Content
- Reports for Instructors and Administrators

We are Workforce Education: Integrated, Innovative, and Inclusive

Presenter(s): Anne Morgan M. Ed., Diana Keller M. Ed.
Location: Skyway/Pier
Strands: AAEE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), AGE, AHS, Career Pathways, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET), WIOA

This workshop will take the participant through the 10 year Career Pathways journey we have taken in Pinellas County, from the first introduction of WIA (now WIOA) through the integration of IET lessons in the classroom today. See how we bolstered the expectations for adult learners as they transition to the workforce or post-secondary education.

Moving Beyond NRS to Program Improvement

Presenter(s): Dr. Brittany C. Ross, Tara Goodman, Audrey Kervin, Michael Johnston
Location: St. Pete I
Strands: AAEE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Administration, AGE, AHS, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Data

This session will focus on how to move beyond data collection for accountability purposes to data collection for meaningful program improvement. When data is used as a tool to understand and improve student behaviors and outcomes, it naturally reflects in accountability measures. In addition to sharing beneficial data collection policies and practices being shared by Pensacola State College's AVP of Institutional Research and Management Information Systems, Michael Johnston, this session will also review the outcomes of the Adult Education Data Working Group that convened this summer. We will discuss where we are currently, where we want to be, review recommendations made and take welcomed feedback.

From the Classroom to the Boardroom: Educating Justice Involved Learners

Presenter(s): Jeffrey Abramowitz
Location: St. Pete III
Strands: Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Technology

This interactive and engaging workshop will take a journey through the educational classrooms of our criminal justice systems and travel through the reentry process to guide adult educators and administrators to the most effective methods of working with our justice involved population. Best practices concerning adult literacy behind and beyond our prison walls will be explored as real life stories and experiences guide the discussion. This workshop will consider new and innovative teaching aids and methods, programming ideas, and a wealth of resources as educators work in a post-COVID environment to educate and train students for a better life ahead. A holistic approach to educating justice involved learners will be explored and collaboration and partnerships will take center stage as the untapped talent of returning citizens is brought front and center. Role playing and interactive discussions will play a key role in this presentation.

Next Generation IET Credentialing with Blockchain Technology

► EXHIBITOR

Presenter(s): Nicole Pestano, Janis Williams
Location: Williams
Strands: Integrated Education & Training (IET), Technology

Participants will learn WHAT blockchain technology is and HOW it can greatly impact IET credentialing to revolutionize adult education. The use of this technology enables learning data to be life-long and student-centric. Linda Fehoko, Adult Education Director in Harris County TX, will share her total implementation with FocalPoint. Participants receive a credential on blockchain for attending.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN



8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Dessert and Trivia Social

TRIVIA

Grand Bay Ballroom

(Bring your ticket)

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 28

7:30 am – 11:45 pm Conference Registration Hours
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am – 8:30 am Exhibit Hall Visitation with
Continental Breakfast
Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am – 4:00 pm Exhibit Hall Hours

CONCURRENT SESSION IV – 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Testing Butterflies or Jitters?! Get Some Sleep and Eat Breakfast!

Presenter(s): Daisy Shah, Linda Fermo-Garcia, Liudmila Pino, Alexia Navarro
Location: Demens
Strands: Administration, Adults with Disabilities, AGE, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Leadership, Technology, CASAS and TABE

In this interactive session, participants will explore strategies to help adult learners reduce or prevent their test anxiety. Join Team Palm Beach as we help your adult learners conquer or at least cope with test (CASAS, TABE, or GED®) anxiety!

Exploring Your Career Path

Presenter(s): Tiffany Chappell-Proctor, Leticia Rubio
Location: Harborview
Strands: Career Pathways

In this workshop, presenters will learn best practices in assisting their students with identifying their career path through multiple avenues. Topic highlights: Career assessment tools, career planning and goals, learning about targeted occupations in their community and state, and understanding how to use stackable credentials to their advantage.

Think Outside the Cookie Cutter

Presenter(s): Angela Faiola
Location: Skyway/Pier
Strands: Career Pathways, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

One-size- does not fit-all when it comes to teaching, especially when it comes to teaching Adult ESOL. Students learn best when an instructor's teaching strategy matches their personal learning style. So, let's toss out those cookie cutters and whisk up unique ways to personalize and enhance creative strategies, adding a pinch of fun. Let's give students what they really knead!

Learning from Efforts in Other States: Understanding Need and Approaches to Regional Delivery

Presenter(s): Brett Visger, Dr. Ashley Yopp, Rachel Ludwig
Location: St. Pete I
Strands: Administration, AGE, AHS, Career Source, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, WIOA

The most recent grant competition for Adult Education, Putting Florida's Adult Learner's First, included considerations for regional approaches. This session will focus on adapting lessons learned from other states' approaches

to implementing Adult Education systems on a regional basis, leveraging partnerships between districts and colleges, with workforce, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations to improve recruitment and student outcomes. The latter half of the session will engage participants in adapting those lessons and best practices to the Floridian context.

When Everything Falls Apart: Educate and Elevate

Presenter(s): Hunter Sayers, Leo Mediavilla
Location: St. Pete II
Strands: Corrections, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

This powerful presentation is designed for education in the corrections setting. This presentation is designed to demonstrate what happens when one technology error leads to one inmate error, which leads to one snitch, then to one major fall. Over time, we educated and elevated, come see how.

GED Academy/TABE 11/12 Academy Training/CASAS GOALS Academy--A Digital Solution to Prepare Students for HSE Success! ► EXHIBITOR

Presenter(s): Stephanie Eichner
Location: Williams
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), AGE, Corrections, GED, Technology

As students strive to obtain their high school equivalency, Essential Education is pleased to offer a solution to support a blended learning implementation model. GED Academy is aligned to both the CCR Standards and the GED Targets. With an adaptive learning engine, every student is provided with a customized learning plan to ensure time spent in the Program is time well-spent focusing only on skills the student has yet to master. TABE 11/12 Academy and CASAS GOALS Academy will provide your students with the foundational academic skills needed as the student moves from an ABE program to an HSE Program. TABE 11/12 Academy is aligned to TABE 11/12 objectives for Levels E, M, D, and A...Reading, Language, and Math as well as the CCR Standards. CASAS GOALS Academy is aligned to CASAS GOALS for Reading and Math...and the CCR Standards. Our Measurable Skill Gains Accelerator Handbooks will give you a navigational tool to move your students from one EFL to the next! Coupled with direct instruction, our digital and print resources give you the tools you need to offer your students a true blended learning experience! We are pleased to welcome our Spanish support upgrade, too. We hope you will join us for an informative session...and print samples will be provided, too!

CONCURRENT SESSION V – 9:40 AM – 10:40 AM

Leveraging Relationships to Increase Retention - A Whole School Approach

Presenter(s): Matt Fitzpatrick, Dr. Felecia Boyd
Location: Demens
Strands: Administration, AGE, Career Pathways, Career Source, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Leadership

Teachers and administrators will learn practical ways to tap into the power of connecting and caring. Teachers will receive 50 ideas to help build strong student relationships that lead to retention, completion, and placement. This presentation will also highlight internal services that are provided by Admissions, the Deans, a Resource Fair, and partners such as Community Action and Career Source.

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Strategies for Teaching in a Virtual Synchronous Environment

Presenter(s): Christine Briggs, Ariel Pechokas
Location: Harborview
Strands: Administration, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Technology

Did you hear the phrase, when life gives you lemons, make lemonade? That's exactly what Collier County Adult Education did when the Covid Pandemic happened. Our new "normal" is building our virtual synchronous environment. In this session, you will be able to replicate and implement strategies to get your virtual classes up and running successfully. Be ready to take away new ideas, insights, tools, and strategies used for teaching in a virtual synchronous setting. There will be a bonus feature to the presentation of "visiting" one of our virtual ESOL classes.

Increasing Your GED® Pass Rate and Your Learners' Scores!

► EXHIBITOR

Presenter(s): Christina Miller
Location: St. Pete II
Strands: GED, Teaching strategies

Data from GED® testing gives us insight into what skills we need to focus on that will impact your learners' test performance. Join us for a close look at the High Impact Indicators compiled by GED® Testing Service® that highlight key foundational skills and specific critical thinking skills. Practical teaching strategies for critical thinking skills will be discussed. We will also take a close look at the High Impact Indicators that focus on each subject on the GED® Test and have been included in our newest Paxen Steck-Vaughn GED® 2nd Edition series along with new practice exercises that builds workforce skills through real-life content.

Contextualizing Instruction Through Health and Financial Literacy

Presenter(s): Gregory Smith
Location: St. Pete III
Strands: AGE, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

Adult learners often face significant challenges when it comes to addressing everyday decisions regarding health and money management. They may struggle with understanding medication instructions, public health information and the meaning of a credit report. Adult education programs are well positioned to integrate health and financial literacy into their curriculum in a truly impactful way. This session will discuss free evidence-based curriculum, grant opportunities, and successful program models that have helped empower students throughout Florida.

Educators Combating Modern Day Slavery

Presenter(s): Vania Aguilar
Location: Williams
Strands: Administration, Adults with Disabilities, AGE, Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Leadership

Human trafficking or Modern Day Slavery involves exploiting a person through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of forced labor, commercial sex, or both. Victims of human trafficking include men, women, boys, girls, and transgender individuals enticed by the promise of a better life. The signs of human trafficking are often hidden in casual encounters, but a strong learning relationship with students may reveal

information to help teachers/tutors recognize signs of trafficking. This session will discuss trends in human trafficking, adult education curriculum resources and how you can join the fight against this horrific crime through education and awareness.

10:40 am – 11:00 am - Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Exhibitor Break & Refreshments

CONCURRENT SESSION VI – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Correctional Innovations in Special Education

Presenter(s): Dr. Noah Mueller
Location: Demens
Strand: Adults with Disabilities, Corrections

This is a descriptive and interactive presentation demonstrating the innovations in Special Education within the Florida Department of Corrections. Some projects already in progress at the onset of Covid-19 were required to make extreme adaptations in order to continue providing services - resulting in an increased use of technology within institutions statewide. In addition, service providers developed innovative ways to provide therapeutic content to students with disabilities - and expanded their scope to include additional returning citizens. We will discuss the advances made, new opportunities added, and plans for future innovations. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities similar to those offered to incarcerated students with disabilities.

Why And How You Should Be Using Twitter To Promote And Advocate For Your Adult Ed Programs

Presenter(s): Ashley Olevitch, Dave Barnes (OG)
Location: Harborview
Strands: Administration, AGE, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Leadership, Marketing, GED

Twitter is becoming an increasingly effective and popular method to promote and advocate for your programs with potential students, legislators and stakeholders like CareerSource. It is an amazingly easy way to demonstrate the great things adult educators do every day. This session is designed for the novice (we will help you set up a Twitter account if you don't have one) and the experienced user (we will give you some valuable promotion and advocacy tips).

If Ashley can teach the OG how to Tweet, you can learn too!! Bring your electronic device and get ready for a fast, fun, information-packed session. HINT: Take some pictures at the Opening General Session!

Citizenship at Your Fingertips

Presenter(s): Inguna Ozols, Magen Przybylski
Location: Skyway/Pier
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

Come to this informative session to learn about the Naturalization application, interview process and available resources to help ESOL students to prepare for the US Civics and English Test.

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Best Practices for GEDPrep Connect and GED Manager

Presenter(s): Diane Vaccari
Location: St. Pete I
Strands: GED

This session will provide information on how GEDPrep Connect and GED Manager can be used to benefit your program and students. Discussion will include best practices for using GED Manager, your tool for accessing your students' scores and score reports, and how to get access to it. Come share your insights on using GED Manager and hear from others on how they best use the tool to improve their program.

iCEV to IET ► EXHIBITOR

Presenter(s): Kaitlin Plante, Sharon Johnson, Kim Brown
Location: St. Pete II
Strands: AHS, Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Technology, WIOA

An all-inclusive career and technical education curriculum geared for any level of IET program. The iCEV's online safe and secure platform provides educators with all the necessary resources to ensure the success of their adult education students. Join our interactive professional development session where you will learn about iCEV's packaged curriculum and industry certifications. For more information on all the CTE subject areas go to, <https://www.icevonline.com/curriculum>.

Improving Data Collection and Reporting for Adult Education

Presenter(s): Brett Visger, Dr. Ashley Yopp, Rachel Ludwig
Location: St. Pete III
Strands: Administration, AGE, Career Source, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Technology, WIOA

In alignment with Florida's vision and strategic priorities for Adult Education - particularly, to incent, measure, and support enhanced program effectiveness - the Department of Education (DOE) established a limited-term Data Working Group to explore the state's need to make more strategic use of data toward learner-centered system improvements. This session will highlight the outcomes and recommendations of that group that rely on exemplar Adult Education data systems in other states, feedback from the field on existing data strengths and challenges and the needs of local and state staff, and a thoughtful, forward look at what is possible by taking action to enhance current data collection and reporting.

Blended Learning with Aztec Software, Steck-Vaughn and Paxen Publishing ► EXHIBITOR

Presenter(s): Christina Miller
Location: Williams
Strands: Adults with Disabilities, AGE, AHS, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Technology

The global pandemic challenged adult education programs to effectively use technology to continue to provide both assessment and learning options for adult learners. Many programs quickly switched to a distance learning model while still utilizing print materials via a blended learning model. This workshop will highlight blended learning models,

how technology can enhance the delivery of curriculum and how Aztec, Paxen and Steck-Vaughn's came together to provide the ideal solution for a blended learning model.

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm - Grand Bay Ballroom
Luncheon (bring your ticket)**

CONCURRENT SESSION VII – 1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

Recruiting and Retaining Adult Learners in Your ESL Program

Presenter(s): Karensa Wright, Mackenzie Shiau, Jason Tam, Dominga Manuel-Xuncax
Location: Demens
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

Presentation is based on strategies used at Boynton Beach Adult Ed that facilitated a 60% increase in enrollment from 2019 to 2021 and a 62.5% LCP gain for our summer session. Focus is on curriculum, competition, celebration, collegiality, and culture. Target audience is anyone working with ELL in the ESOL programs. Strategies will be taught and modeled and examples of effective implementation highlighted.

Statewide Economic Update

Presenter(s): Anthonique Hanna
Location: Skyway/Pier
Strands: Career Pathways

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will present an overview of the latest labor market statistics for the state of Florida, with a focus on the ongoing economic recovery, industry trends, emerging occupations, and labor supply gaps.

Implementing IET in Adult Education

Presenter(s): Ronald Cruz, June Rall
Location: St. Pete I
Strands: AGE, Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET), WIOA

This session will provide participants with a brief overview of Integrated Education and Training (IET), its models for implementation and the type of instruction required in these programs. Participants will discuss sample programs, examine single sets of learning objectives and explore sample lesson plans. Participants will walk away with a solid understanding of IET, complete training handouts, sample activities and other relevant resources.

The Gold Standard Tool in Career Assessment: Using the Self-Directed Search to Help Your Students Succeed ► EXHIBITOR

Presenter(s): Matt Parks
Location: St. Pete II
Strands: Administration, Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, GED, Technology, Career Assessment

A deep dive into the Self-Directed Search (SDS) Career Assessment Tool. The SDS is based on a theory developed by John Holland, known as RIASEC theory, that both people and work environments can be classified according to six basic types: Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional. These personality types are

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known together as RIASEC. The assessment asks questions about an individual's aspirations, activities, competencies, interests, and other self-estimates. It takes only about 20 minutes to complete. At the end of the online assessment, an interactive, customized report is generated. Depending on your answers, you will receive a StandardSDS report, a StudentSDS report, or a VeteranSDS report. We will take a deep dive into the StandardSDS Report since that is the one most applicable for adults. Trusted for over 50 years. Administered more than 40 million times. Translated into more than 30 languages. Supported by more than 1,500 published research studies and 2,000 unique published references. No special training needed to administer and score. Come see what a difference it can make in the lives of your students!

Student Retention Starts with a Successful Orientation

Presenter(s): Ariel Pechokas, Valerie Guillaume
Location: St. Pete III
Strands: AGE, Student retention and orientation

Together we will identify the key elements that make a successful student orientation.

- What do students want to know?
- What are the key points that programs want to ensure students understand?
- What is the structure and delivery format for a successful orientation?
- What challenges exist in implementing a student orientation?

The goal of this session is for participants to leave with new ideas to implement or enhance their current student orientation whether in person or virtual.

Leading with Carrots

Presenter(s): Brian Bush
Location: Williams
Strands: Administration, Leadership

Faculty, staff, and students will always do more and work harder because they are authentically connected to a vision, a valued member of a team working collectively towards a goal, rather than because it is their job or responsibility. In this session, participants will collaborate to identify core values and practices to help build stronger relationships, show value and appreciation, develop positive school culture, and establish habits of excellence even in times of turbulence and change.

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm - Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer
Last Chance to Visit Exhibits & Refreshments

CONCURRENT SESSION VIII – 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Remote Testing: The Pros and Cons

Presenter(s): Susan MacGill, Deanna Finney
Location: Demens
Strands: Assessment

This presentation will cover our first-hand experience with remote testing in Hillsborough County. From creating a testing protocol tailored to our population and following DOE/vendor rules to training qualified personnel and what happened during implementation. We offer advice and suggestions on how to make remote testing work for your district.

Powerful Partnerships that Make an Impact

Presenter(s): Donna Rain-O'Dell, Christina Rigetta, Timothy Burdette
Location: Harborview
Strands: Career Pathways, Partnerships with Non-Profit Organizations

In this workshop, presenters will explain how partnerships with various non-profit organizations make a huge impact on students and learning. With collaboration and an open mind, these partnerships have helped open doors to our schools, programs, students and their parents! Join us as we share our experiences and results to upskilling members in our community.

The Power of TABE and New Updates

► EXHIBITOR

Presenter(s): Mike Johnson, Christine Kirk
Location: St. Pete I
Strands: AAEE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Administration, AGE, AHS, Career Pathways, Career Source, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Leadership, WIOA

Join us to learn more about the power of TABE testing and our new updates. Discover how to use reporting to drive your instruction and support learners. We will explore TABE CLAS-E online and share best practices with practitioners from ESL programs. TABE Offline is a new option to allow facilities to utilize computer-based tests when an internet connection is not possible. The session will cover technical requirements and a demonstration of the TABE Offline option. We will close by sharing TABE resources, tools, and partner resources.

Developing a Deeper Understanding of Algebraic Concepts

Presenter(s): Brooke Istas
Location: St. Pete II
Strands: AAEE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), College and Career Readiness, Corrections, GED, Math and Numeracy

This interactive presentation will focus on developing algebraic thinking in adult learners. This session will empower practitioners to understand how to develop algebraic thinking skills, equip them with lessons and strategies to promote a richer and deeper understanding of algebraic thinking.

Breaking the Stigma of Adult Education

Presenter(s): Dr. Debby Meyer
Location: St. Pete III
Strands: AGE, College and Career Readiness, GED, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

The GED, or the Good Enough Diploma, holds a stigma of mediocrity. As adult educators, we know that earning the GED can be tough, and one can add time away from school and perhaps poor self-efficacy to the already daunting task. Some argue that the GED is not preparing students for the workforce or college compared to full-fledged high school graduates. How do adult educators help break the stigma associated with the GED? Discover how you can aid in breaking that societal stigma of the GED by emphasizing skills learned for the workforce and beyond, enriching the interpersonal contact, and advocating for our students.

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Adding Career and Technical Education Courses to Your Adult Education Site

Presenter(s): Sophia Watson, Brian Granstra, Fred Barch
Location: Williams
Strands: Administration, AGE, Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Leadership

If you are interested in adding Career and Technical courses to your Adult Education site, but are not sure where to start, come join us. We will share our three different approaches, and tell you what we have learned along the way.

CASAS Trainers Meeting

Presenter(s): Veronica Pavon-Baker, Christina Ureña
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: Demens

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner on your own



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7:30 pm – 11:00 pm
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7:45 am – 11:00 am Conference Registration Hours
 Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer

7:45 am – 8:30 am Morning Coffee and Continental Breakfast
 Grand Bay Ballroom Foyer

8:30 am – 9:30 am District Debriefing

9:40 am - 11:45 am Administrators Meeting
 Dr. Jeff Arnott
 St. Pete I & II

CONCURRENT SESSION IX – 9:40 AM – 10:40 AM

Self-Study Guide for Evidence-Based Practices in Adult Literacy Education

Presenter(s): Kevin Smith, Laurie Lee
Location: Demens
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Administration, AGE, AHS, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED, Leadership,

The goals of this session are for participants to leave with the knowledge and ability to utilize the Self-study guide for evidence-based practices in adult literacy education tool in their state and local settings. Participants will receive an overview the components of the self-study guide tool, consider how to implement the tool with their peers, and reflect upon their experience and discuss application of the tool.

Teaching Skills That Matter in Adult Education (TSTM) (Part 1 of 2)

Presenter(s): Christine Briggs, Khris Betten, Lin Rhines, Pam McCuen
Location: Harborview
Strands: Adults with Disabilities, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ ELP, GED

Did you ever wonder how enhancing the effectiveness of adult education could happen? Teaching Skills That Matter (TSTM) in Adult Education is a professional development project of the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE) which combines evidence-based materials in five content focus areas of critical importance in adults' lives. This project will identify, discuss and explore focus areas, teaching approaches and skills needed for our students. A critical component of the TSTM project is the Toolkit. Be ready to take away instructional examples, templates and tools that will have a positive impact on students' lives.

Culturally Responsive Teaching of Mathematics

Presenter(s): Brooke Istas
Location: Williams
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), College and Career Readiness, Corrections, GED, Math and Numeracy

Participants in this hands-on workshop will learn about methods for deepening content and understanding and relevance through math discussions and learn about how to support students' social,

CONCURRENT SESSION X – 10:50 AM – 11:50 AM

A Case Study - Science Learning - Lessons in Adult Learning

Presenter(s): Corydon Strawser
Location: Demens
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Career Pathways, Inquiry-Based Adult Education - through Science

During this hands-on inquiry session, participants will learn about how scientific inquiry lessons increase participation in adult populations and produce college- and career-ready graduates. Participants will solve an authentic science problem and discover structures and strategies that will encourage adults' critical thinking and problem solving through

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speakers. Participants will learn how research supports science as an effective tool for adult learning and what it looks like in the classroom. Strategies will also be presented on how to model this learning experience with adults, including roles, navigation, and reflection.

Key Takeaways:

Participants will: 1. learn how they can generate learning solutions for engaging adults in science learning; 2. learn about how to extend learning to practical workforce experiences; 3. discover proven ways to identify, recruit, and host diverse career role models to inspire adult learners. 4. strategies for engaging adults with labs, problem solving, and discussions; 5. access to novel inquiry-based resources—videos, books, blogs, etc. created specifically for adult populations, including lesson plan handouts.

Teaching Skills That Matter in Adult Education (TSTM) (Part 2 of 2)

Presenter(s): Christine Briggs, Khris Betten, Lin Rhines, Pam McCuen
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CASAS Update

Presenter(s): Veronica Pavon-Baker, Cristina Ureña
Location: Williams
Strands: Administration, AGE, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Assessment

Come hear what's NEW at CASAS!

- CASAS Test Development Update
- Remote Testing
- CASAS Training Modules and Resources
- CASAS eTests and TOPSpro Update
- Test Reports, including Likelihood of passing the GED based on GOALS test scores
- Accommodations Materials for Vision Impairment/Blindness
- Field Testing Opportunities

Ample time for questions and suggestions will be included, including questions about FDOE CASAS Assessment policy.

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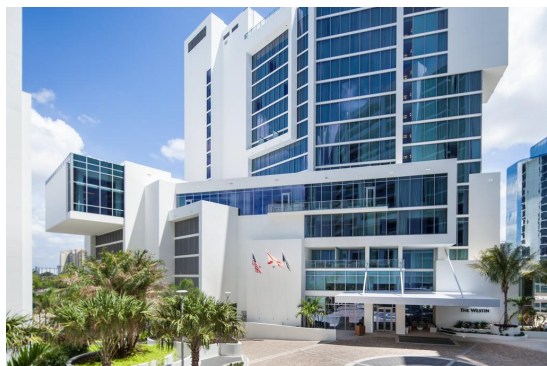


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- Adult Education Part-time Teacher Academies
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- Teaching Skills that Matter in Adult Education workshops

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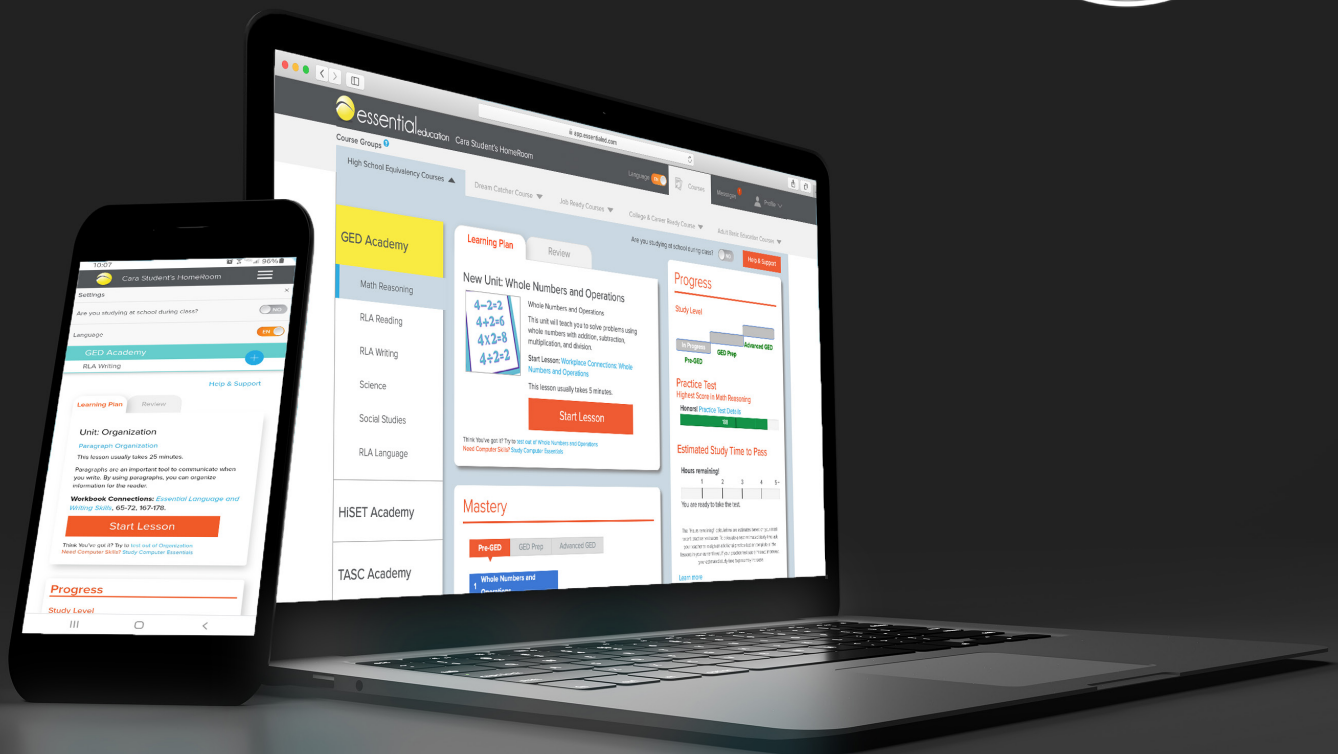


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