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Greetings...



Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

It is with immense pleasure and excitement that I welcome you to the Southeast Regional Adult and Community Educators of Florida's 2023 Conference! As we gather together, we embark on a journey of innovation, knowledge-sharing, and collaboration that promises to transform the landscape of adult education. Our theme, "Conquer, Create, Collaborate, Taking Adult Education to the Next Level," embodies the spirit of progress and unity that defines our profession.

Together, we will conquer the challenges that adult learners face, opening new doors of opportunity for them. We will create innovative strategies and solutions to elevate the quality and accessibility of adult education. And most importantly, we will collaborate, joining our collective expertise to take adult education to unprecedented heights.

This conference is a testament to our commitment to the adult learners of Florida and beyond. It's a platform to exchange ideas, share successes, and collectively shape the future of adult education throughout the Southeast Region. We have assembled a remarkable lineup of speakers, workshops, and discussions to enrich our knowledge and inspire action.

I encourage each of you to actively engage in every aspect of this conference; mentor a new instructor or administrator, exchange ideas and resources with one another, and/or make plans to visit another site, etc. Your insights, experiences, and dedication are invaluable to our mission. Together, we will make a profound impact on the lives of adult learners, empowering them to achieve their dreams and contribute meaningfully to our communities.

Thank you for being a part of this transformative journey. Let us seize this opportunity to conquer new horizons, create lasting change, and collaborate towards a brighter future for adult education in the Southeast Region.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mary Keen". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mary Keen

President, Adult and Community Educators of Florida

2023 Conference Chair

Director, Career and Adult Education

RIVEROAK Technical College

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Welcome to the 2023 Southeast Regional ACE Conference!

Thank you for your commitment to enriching the lives of Florida's adult learners. The hard work, ingenuity, and collaborative spirit you have shown this year is paramount to building the future of work through a connected workforce development system. Together, we are increasing opportunities for students to experience personal and professional success.

Governor DeSantis and The Florida Legislature have invested more than \$6.8 billion in workforce education which is a testament to the value and impact of your work. Adult Education is a key on-ramp for Floridians entering the workforce and the perfect opportunity to make significant strides in strengthening the economy. With more than two million Floridians lacking a high school diploma and/or English language proficiency, Adult Education is vital to the upward mobility of our students, our communities, and ultimately our state.

The Division of Career and Adult Education is devoted to supporting your efforts to expand and elevate education and training opportunities and proud to have more than 400 Integrated Education and Training (IET) programs statewide. Thank you for embracing innovation and developing creative partnerships. Through IET, you are helping fill immediate workforce needs while transforming the lives of students and their families.

Again, welcome to the 2023 Southeast Regional ACE Conference. I hope you take time to enjoy the company of your friends and colleagues while reflecting on the accomplishments of the past year. Together, we will ensure today's students are tomorrow's workforce!

Press on!

Dr. Kevin O'Farrell, Chancellor
Division of Career and Adult Education
Florida Department of Education



DR. ASHLEY YOPP

Bureau Chief, Adult Education, Division of Career and Adult Education, Florida Department of Education

On behalf of my team at the Florida Department of Education, welcome to the 2023 Southeast Regional ACE Conference. We're thrilled to be here this week to celebrate YOU and your unwavering commitment to adult learners. YOU are helping Floridians live their best lives and we're proud to be growing adult education with your help. We would also like to welcome our friends from across the region! You're in for an exciting week and we're overjoyed to have you in the Sunshine State!

I would be remiss if I did not mention the significant investments made in adult and career education over the past several years; investments that signal the need to Take Adult Education to the Next Level. Together, we continue to expand and enhance our programs by developing a future-focused framework that strengthens our ability to serve and support adult learners in every corner of the state. Even more, we are elevating our profession by carving out the space adult education so richly deserves. Last fall's launch of the Your Way campaign signaled a renewed focus and appreciation – both long-overdue – for the transformative teaching and learning occurring every day in your classrooms. As the campaign grows, I hope it continues to cultivate a sense of pride and accomplishment for not only our students, but for you too.

Again, welcome to the 2023 Southeast Regional ACE Conference! We're so glad you're here! Take time to enjoy yourself this week and let's keep raising the bar to ensure our students remain at the center of an elevated and reimagined future for adult education in Florida.

Let's conference!



JULIE ROBERTS

Executive Director, ACE of Florida and ACE of Florida Foundation

Welcome to the 2023 Southeast Regional ACE Conference! We are thrilled to have you join us for this inspiring gathering of dedicated professionals in the field of adult education. This conference is a testament to our collective commitment to fostering lifelong learning and empowering adults with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing society.

This Southeast Regional ACE Conference is a unique opportunity to connect with fellow educators, share best practices and gain insights into the latest trends and research in adult education. Whether you are a seasoned expert or just starting your journey in this field, you'll find a wealth of information and networking opportunities that will enrich your professional development.

We extend our sincere gratitude to each participant, speaker, sponsor, and vendor for making this conference possible. Your dedication to adult education is the driving force behind our shared success. If there is anything I can do to make your conference experience better, please do not hesitate to let me know. I hope you enjoy the conference!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Full Conference Registration Fee Includes:

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

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:

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

Additional tickets for the luncheons may be purchased for \$65 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 Signia by Hilton Hotel 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, or you may complete individual session and overall conference evaluations via the conference app.

ACE Awards Luncheon

The Awards Luncheon will begin promptly at 12:00 p.m. The Awards Luncheon is included in the full conference registration fee; however, it is not included in the one-day registration fee. You may purchase an Awards Luncheon ticket for \$65. You must have your ticket to be admitted to the lunch. Tickets are not transferable.

MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 11

Individual District Debrief

Location: Various

Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 am

REGISTRATION HOURS

Saturday, October 7	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm BC Salon IV-VI
Sunday, October 8	8:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm BC Salon IV-VI
Monday, October 9	7:00 am - 8:30 am 10:45 pm - 12:30 pm 1:45 pm - 5:00 pm BC Salon IV-VI
Tuesday, October 10	7:30 am - 11:20 am 12:40 pm - 4:00 pm BC Salon IV-VI
Wednesday, October 11	8:00 am - 11:00 am BC West Foyer

EXHIBITOR SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 8	
Exhibitor Set-up	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Monday, October 9	
Exhibit Hall Hours	7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Grand Opening of Exhibits	7:30 am - 8:30 am And Continental Breakfast
Exhibitor Visitation	10:45 am - 11:10 am
Lunch on Your Own	12:30 pm - 1:45 pm
Exhibitor Visitation and Refreshments	3:15 pm - 3:45 pm
Tuesday, October 10	
Exhibit Hall Hours	7:30 am - 4:00 pm
Exhibitor Visitation	7:30 am - 8:30 am With Coffee and Pastries
Exhibitor Visitation and Refreshments	9:45 am - 10:15 am
Luncheon	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Exhibitor Visitation and Refreshments	2:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Exhibit Dismantle	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wednesday, October 11	
Exhibit Hall Closed	

SPECIAL EVENTS & AFTER HOURS ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 8

Welcome Reception (Bring your ticket)

Sponsor: ACE of Florida

Location: Center Foyer

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Monday, October 9

Grand Opening of Exhibits and Continental Breakfast

Sponsor: English Discoveries

Location: BC Salon IV-VI

Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Grand Opening General Session

Location: BC Salon VII-XII

Time: 8:30 am - 10:45 am

Tuesday, October 10

Continental Breakfast

Sponsor: Pearson

Location: BC Salon IV-VI

Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Tuesday, October 10 (continued)

Luncheon (Bring your ticket)

Sponsor: EnGen

Location: BC Salon VII-XII

Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Sponsor: ACE of Florida

Location: BC VII-XII

Time: 7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Wednesday, October 11

ACE Awards Luncheon and Raffle (Bring your ticket)

Sponsor: ACE of Florida

Location: BC VII-XII

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

MEETINGS

Wednesday, October 11

Individual District Debrief

Location: Various

Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 am

2023 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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On-site Coordinators	Julie Roberts, Leigh Ann Clark, Dave Barnes
Pre-conference Intensive Training Sessions	Julie Roberts, Dr. Ashley Yopp
Invited National Speakers.....	Mary Keen, Julie Roberts, Dr. Ashley Yopp
Keynote Speaker	Mary Keen, Julie Roberts
Conference Volunteers	ACE Board Members
Presenter Check-In	Leigh Ann Clark
Program Book.....	Julie Roberts, Leigh Ann Clark, Dave Barnes
Raffle	Dr. Brian Granstra, Brian Bush, Patrick Flahive, Alex Heidelberg, Chris Franklin
Registration.....	Leigh Ann Clark, Julie Roberts, Dave Barnes
Sponsors.....	Dave Barnes, Julie Roberts
Special Events/After-hours.....	Leigh Ann Clark, Julie Roberts, Dave Barnes

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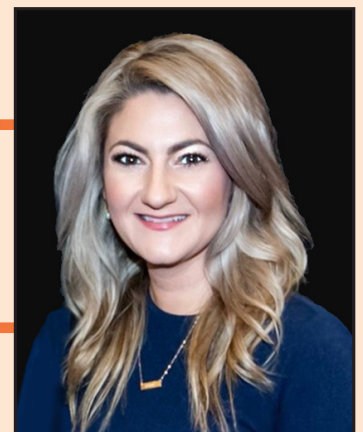


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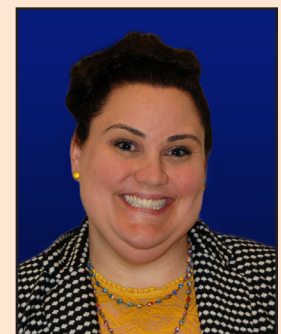
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Gerry Brooks

Gerry Brooks is the principal at an elementary school in Lexington, Kentucky. His educational experience includes six years in the classroom, two years as an intervention specialist, and 12 years as an administrator.

He is a passionate public speaker whose focus is on encouraging and helping teachers improve their instructional abilities. He also has a desire to help administrators successfully lead their staff.

An encouraging speaker, he has spoken to educational groups all around the nation. His focus is on encouraging teachers to improve their instruction through personal climate and culture strategies. He desires to help administrators focus on how to lead all staff in a positive and constructive manner.

ACE of Florida Congratulates This Year's Student Success Award Winners



Jake McEntyre
Atlantic Technical College



Jose David Valles
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RAFFLE TICKETS

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

All funds raised from the raffle baskets are used to bring Student Success Story winners to the ACE Conference, provide them with a monetary stipend for winning and to assist with the ACE Achievement Awards.

1 ticket \$5.00 • 3 tickets \$10.00
10 tickets \$20.00

HOW DO I GET A TICKET?

Tickets can be purchased from any ACE Board of Directors Member

GRAND PRIZE

Purchase 10 tickets for \$20 at one time and receive a special grand prize ticket to enter a drawing to win a **\$250 Gift Card**

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NATIONALLY INVITED SPEAKERS



DR. DEBRA HARGROVE

Dr. Debra Hargrove is the Managing Director for the Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy & Learning (TCALL) at Texas A&M University. She has worked in the adult education field for 30 years, mostly focusing on pushing and pulling adult education teachers into 21st Century classrooms. Between 2000-2014, Debra helped pioneer the first online Professional Development for adult education teachers through the Florida TechNet project which she directed. In 2014, she joined TCALL as Director of Professional Development. She was named Managing Director in 2017 and manages a team of 20 and continues to support tech integration in Adult Education. Debra was named as a Partner in Excellence by the Association of Adult Education Professional Developers in 2013, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018, for her work in Distance Learning from World Education. Debra received her doctoral degree from Florida Atlantic University in 2000 and was awarded Outstanding Alumni there in 2020.

Tuesday 10:15 am – 11:30 am Palm Beach
“Six Contextualized Video Lessons to Upskill Student Success”



DR. GLENDA ROSE

Dr. Glenda Rose is the Adult Education Director at Community Action, Inc. of Central Texas, an organization that serves the nine rural counties around Austin. She enjoys using her 36 years of experience in adult education to help practitioners improve their practice. As a private consultant, Dr. Rose serves as a subject matter expert, content developer, and researcher on a wide variety of projects such as adult literacy, adult language teaching and learning, digital literacy and resilience, and distance learning.

Sunday Pre-conference 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Orange
“Digital Access and Resilience in Beginning ESL Classrooms”

Tuesday 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Nassau
“Brain-based Activities for ESL Using Music”



LATOYA NEWSON

LaToya Newson is the Director of the U.S. Department of Education’s Division of Adult Education and Literacy (DAEL) in the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education. In her role as the national director, she oversees the office which funds nearly \$800 million in state and local grant programs to enable adults to improve their literacy and basic skills, complete high school/equivalency education, transition to postsecondary education and training, and succeed as workers, parents, and citizens. She is a recognized expert in the field of adult education and as an innovative thinker interested in promoting lifelong learning and improving federal support and initiatives for adult learners, and has developed strategies for improving education opportunities for this population.

Prior to joining DAEL, she served as the Assistant Administrator of Corrections Education for the Adult Education Division with the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. She also managed the Performance and Compliance team for several years. Prior to her work at the Tennessee Department of Labor, she held various roles in K-12 education, including a high school science instructor, school counselor, and an adult education instructor in county jails in both Mississippi and Tennessee.

LaToya’s passion for education is rooted in her core values of advocacy, relationship and partnership building, and being purpose-driven. LaToya holds a Bachelor of Science in biological science and Master of Education in counselor education from the University of Mississippi, an Education Specialist degree in educational leadership from Lipscomb University, and she is currently pursuing her doctorate degree in learning and leadership from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Wednesday 9:30 am – 11:45 pm BC V-VI
“Administrators Meeting”

NATIONALLY INVITED SPEAKERS



MELINDA HOLT

Melinda Holt has over 35 years of experience in adult education starting as an instructional assistant at Sacramento County Juvenile Court schools. Currently as a Technology Integration specialist for Outreach and Technical Assistance Network, a CA leadership project for adult education, Melinda coordinates trainers, facilitates workshops, and provides support for cloud-based applications. Specializing in Google, Melinda has facilitated over 200 hybrid, virtual, and in-person workshops. She is a Google for Education Certified Educator Level 2, Google Trainer, Google Cloud Certified, Applied Digital Skills Ambassador, and Google Workspace Administrator.

Sunday Pre-Conference 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Salon I
“Conquering Digital Literacy with Applied Digital Skills”

Monday 11:15 am – 12:30 pm Orange
“Conquer Your Googles!”

Tuesday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm Palm Beach
“Advancing Slides to Publish Online or Print”



DR. ROCHELLE KENYON

Dr. Rochelle Kenyon is a nationally known trainer, consultant, and educator who specializes in adult education, literacy, and disability issues. She was an exceptional student education teacher and supervised and administered adult education programs and schools for the School Board of Broward County Florida until 2000. From 2000-2004, she served as Project Director and Master Trainer for Florida’s Bridges to Practice initiative on Learning Disabilities. She has presented training on diverse topics in 49 states. She was the moderator for the National Institute for Literacy’s Learning Disabilities Discussion List, a part of the LINC project from 2003-2012. From 2012 until 2015, she was the Subject Matter Expert for the Disabilities in Adult Education Group within the LINC Community of Practice. Her bachelor’s degrees are in Special Education and Elementary Education. Her master’s degree is in Exceptional Student Education. Her Educational Specialist degree is in Administration and Supervision. She has been a board member for numerous adult education state and national professional organizations through the years including FAEA, AAACE, NAASLN, FACE, and ACE of Florida. Rochelle received her doctorate in Educational Leadership with her major emphasis in Adult and Community Education.

Monday 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Palm Beach
“How to Identify and Help Undiagnosed Learning Disabled Students”

Tuesday 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Dixie
“Are You a Law-abiding Literacy Provider? What You Need to Know About Disability Rights Laws”



STEVE SCHMIDT

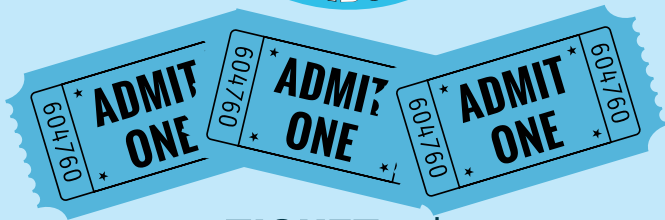
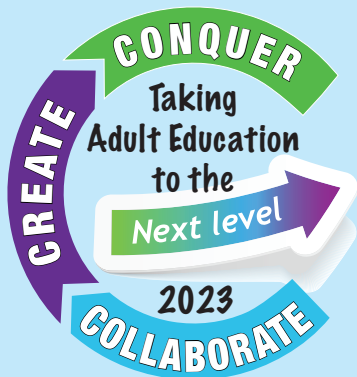
Steve is an adult education consultant and moderates the LINC Reading and Writing Community Group. He has worked in adult basic education for more than 30 years as an ABE, HSE, and AHS instructor, program director, and professional developer. Steve is the author of Writing for the GED® Test Book 4 and holds an Ed.S. in Adult and Developmental Education. He served as a coach for the Teaching the Skills that Matter initiative and has facilitated hundreds of workshops on a variety of topics.

Monday 11:15 am – 12:30 pm Dade
“I’m Not a Trained Counselor, but My Students Need Help!”

Monday 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm Dade
“Social Studies Spectacular!”

Monday 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Dade
“Sensational Science Instruction!”

50/50 DRAWING



1 TICKET - \$5
5 TICKETS - \$20
PRIZE = 1/2 THE POT

T&C: You don't have to be present to win the drawing. Half of the ticket sales for the drawing will go directly to the ACE of Florida Foundation to support education initiatives and the other half will be awarded to the drawing winner. Ticket pricing listed is a suggested donation.

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- Professional Membership (full-time educator): \$50
- Associate Membership (part-time educator): \$25
- Student Membership: \$5
- Retiree Membership: \$20
- School District Membership: Cost based on UWFTF

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2024 Summer Symposium for Adult Education Administrators

JUNE 10-11, 2024

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REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION COMING SOON

AT-A-GLANCE

SATURDAY - SUNDAY - MONDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7			
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8			
8:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Exhibitor Set-up		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
Intensive Professional Development Sessions			
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Conquering Digital Literacy with Applied Digital Skills	Melinda Holt	Salon I
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Adult Education Data Reporting	Dr. Brittany C. Ross	Salon II
10:15 am - 10:45 am	Refreshment Break		Bonnet Creek North Foyer
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	A Day in the Night of An ESOL Teacher	Pamela Jo Wilson	Salon I
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Digital Access and Resilience in Beginning ESL Classrooms	Dr. Glenda Rose	Salon II
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	New Administrators Training	Dr. Ashley Yopp, Adult Education Program Team	Salon III
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Refreshment Break		Bonnet Creek North Foyer
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception (<i>Bring your ticket</i>)		Bonnet Creek Central Foyer
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9			
7:00 am - 8:30 am 10:45 am - 12:30 pm 1:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Conference Registration Open		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
7:30 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Grand Opening of Exhibits - <i>Sponsored by English Discoveries</i>		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
8:30 am - 10:45 am	Grand Opening General Session		Bonnet Creek VII-XII
10:45 am - 11:10 am	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 - CONCURRENT SESSION I			
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	I'm Not a Trained Counselor but My Students Need Help!	Steven Schmidt	Dade
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Harnessing Technology: Enhancing the Adult Education Classroom through Digital Tools	Dr. Rebekah Hannon	Dixie
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	BurlingtonEnglish = IELCE Made Easy - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Lori Wedner, Kimberly Bartholomew	Jackson
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Culture, Rebuses, FISHBOWL, Oh My!	Joanna Bujak - Dominiak, Victoria Saenz	Lake
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Ventures ESOL Curriculum and the Importance of Teaching English "Communicatively" - <i>Exhibitor</i>	James Goldstone	Nassau
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Conquer Your Googles!	Melinda Holt	Orange
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Interesting Exciting Times - IET Best Practices	Cindy Stewart, Lorri Benjamin	Palm Beach
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	The Florida Adult Education Curriculum Frameworks	Phil Anderson	Salon I
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	CASAS Reports: A Few of our Favorites! - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Laura Fetter, Cristina Ureña	Salon II

AT-A-GLANCE - MONDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 - CONCURRENT SESSION I - CONTINUED			
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	District Workforce Education Funding Overview	Tara Goodman, Claudia Campagnola	Salon III
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Innovative Practices in Math Igniting Conceptual Learning for Adults!	Shannon Franklin, Mildred Kindig	Taylor
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Public - Private Partnership that Could Lead to Careers - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Ron Kwok, Dr. Jeff Arnott	Union
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch on Your Own		
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 - CONCURRENT SESSION II			
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Social Studies Spectacular!	Steven Schmidt	Dade
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Self-Efficacy Views and Technology Skills in Older Job Seekers	Melissa Janssen	Dixie
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	To Chatbot or Not to Chatbot: An Educators Guide to Using ChatGPT	Brian Bush	Jackson
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Earning a Diploma Your Way: Reengaging Students through the 3 of 4 Project	Ashley Olevitch	Lake
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Career Power! Contextualized Content for IET Expansion and Real-World Connections - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Karen Welch	Nassau
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Reading to Learn - Strategies for the Struggling Reader - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Christina Miller	Orange
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	How to Identify and Help Undiagnosed Learning Disabled Students	Dr. Rochelle Kenyon	Palm Beach
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	A Commonsense Guide to NRS Accountability	Dr. Brittany C. Ross	Salon I
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Unlocking the Power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Enhance Adult ESL Instruction - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Ron Cruz	Salon II
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Digital Tools You Should Be Using in Your Math Instruction	Cynthia Bell	Salon III
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Santa Fe College CNA IET Program	Julie Falt, Linda Mussillo, Mae Shields	Taylor
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Learn the Skills that Pays the Bills: An Interactive Approach to Employability	Rholine Rose	Union
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors - <i>Sponsored by Essential Education</i>		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 - CONCURRENT SESSION III			
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Sensational Science Instruction!	Steven Schmidt	Dade
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Ready, Step, Leap! Building a Pathway for Adult Education Students to College and Career Opportunities	Mary Baxter, Meghan McBride	Dixie
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Training Students To Think	Matthew Fitzpatrick, Amy Trickey, Dr. Felecia Boyd	Lake
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Empowering Adult Learners to Stand Out in the Workforce - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Cindy Le, Sarah Kenney	Nassau
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	FDOE Adult Education Collaborative Resource Guide	Dr. Debby Meyer, Lisa Williams, Phil Anderson, Carol Bruner, Jane Greenfield	Orange

AT-A-GLANCE - MONDAY - TUESDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 - CONCURRENT SESSION III - CONTINUED			
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Aligning TABE Scores to Grade Ranges and Workforce Readiness - A Connection to O*NET - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Mike Johnson	Palm Beach
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	The Engagement Equation: Interactive Activities for Student Success and Retention	Dr. Daisy Shah	Salon I
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Reinforcing GED® Higher Level Math Skills	Ron Cruz	Salon II
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Skillful Teaching and Rapport Building with Essential Education - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Brittney Napolitano, Tara Keily	Taylor
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Using Regional Economic Analysis to Drive Program Selection and Expansion	René Mantilla, Alexandre Ramirez	Union
Dinner on Your Own			
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10			
7:30 am - 11:20 pm 12:40 am - 4:00 pm	Conference Registration Open		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast - <i>Sponsored by Pearson</i>		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - CONCURRENT SESSION IV			
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Thriving as a Team	Alexia Navarro	Dade
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Using TABE CLAS-E to Improve ESOL Outcomes and Transition Success - Miami-Dade Schools Pilot Feedback - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Mike Johnson, Maria Gutierrez	Dixie
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Enhancing Learner Persistence Through Data Chats - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Laura Fetter, Robert Breitbard	Jackson
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Bridging the Gap: Building Vocabulary and Reading Pathways in the Brain	Talia Cotton	Lake
8:30 am - 9:45 am	English Discoveries - Your Complete English Language Learning Solution - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Jill Rosolek, Christina Piland	Nassau
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Motivating and Engaging the Adult Learner - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Christina Miller	Orange
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Focusing Instruction through GED® Boot Camps - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Diane Vaccari, Brian Smith	Palm Beach
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Integrated Education and Training (IET) Data Reporting	Dr. Brittany C. Ross	Salon I
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Setting up for Success with a Post-secondary Summer Transition Program: How-To Guide	Deidre Gilley	Salon II
8:30 am - 9:45 am	CANCELLED Building Employability Skills: Free Resources to Prepare Students for the Workforce	Erin Miller	Salon III
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Patient Care Assistant IET (Fully Integrated) - Broward County	Jude Aurele, Jean Vilus	Taylor
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Introducing Xello: How to Get Your Students Excited about Career Planning	Sophia Obas, Lee Chipps-Walton	Union
9:45 am - 10:10 am	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors - <i>Sponsored by GED® Testing Service</i>		Bonnet Creek IV-VI

AT-A-GLANCE - TUESDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - CONCURRENT SESSION V			
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Florida Ready to Work - The Why, The What, The How - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Tiffany Vause, Valencia Strowder, Holly McFadden	Dade
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Top 10 Ways to Build Community in the Classroom	Colleen Maynard, Brian Bush	Dixie
10:15 am - 11:30 am	IET's with iCEV - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Kaitlin Plante, Kim Brown	Jackson
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Burlington Core Module Tests are Here! And Your MSGs are Coming Soon! - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Didier Brunot	Lake
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Teaching a Dynamic Class with Technology	Marilia Daros	Nassau
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Exploring the Potential of Digital Scavenger Hunts	Dr. Mary Gaston	Orange
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Six Contextualized Video Lessons to Upskill Student Success	Dr. Debra Hargrove	Palm Beach
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Leveraging IPDAE's New Matrix Instructional Suite to Improve Outcomes!	Ron Cruz	Salon I
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Pathways to Employment: Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs	Drew Andrews, Christian Zimmerman, Missy Glavey	Salon II
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Building Sustainable Career Pathways with Stakeholder Voices	Vanessa Alvarez, Valerie Guillaume	Salon III
10:15 am - 11:30 am	FATDEC: The Solution to All of Your Online Needs - ABE, GED, ASB, ESOL, AHS, and More!	Travis Thomas	Taylor
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Does Your Input = Your Output	Sharon Webb, Linda Fermo-Garcia	Union
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Luncheon (Bring your ticket) - <i>Sponsored by EnGen</i>		BC VII-XII
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - CONCURRENT SESSION VI			
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Getting Ready for STEPS - A Focus on Academic Success - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Veronica Pavon-Baker	Dade
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	English Upskilling Drives Workforce Inclusion: Adult Ed's Role in Scaling a Proven Model - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Tadd Wamester, Manuela Petit	Dixie
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	C3 for Me: Enhancing Self-determination Training for Transition-aged Young Adults with Disabilities	Janae Duclos, Ph.D., Loietta Holmes, Ph.D.	Jackson
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Georgia Adult Education – Professional Development and Other Programming Support That's Multifaceted, Multilayered, and Connected	Kevin Sharpton, Carla DeBose	Lake
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	We'll Show You Ours, If You...: Using Technology to Complement Adult Literacy Instruction	Janora Crow, Cindy Frye, Maria Toledo-Garcia	Nassau
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Grants Management and Compliance	Charlie Feehrer	Orange
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Advancing Slides to Publish Online or Print	Melinda Holt	Palm Beach
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Planning for the Future of Work: Designing IET Programs for 2030 High Demand Careers	Rachel Ludwig, Cathy O'Neil	Salon I
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Take Back Learning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence	Jeniah Jones	Salon II
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	GED Program Update: New Tools and Resources for Student Success - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Diane Vaccari, Brian Smith	Salon III
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	A Day in the Adult Ed Life of an ESOL Student	Pamela Jo Wilson, Elisandra Della Bella Maeda	Taylor

AT-A-GLANCE - TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - CONCURRENT SESSION VI - CONTINUED			
12:45 pm - 2:00 pm	Empowering Consumers to Succeed Financially	Valerie Jenkins	Union
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Refreshments and Last Chance to Visit Exhibitors		Bonnet Creek IV-VI
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 - CONCURRENT SESSION VII			
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Innovative ESL Materials for Refugee and Farmworker Students	Ron Cruz, Roberta Baer	Dade
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Are You a Law-Abiding Literacy Provider? What You Need to Know about Disability Rights Laws	Dr. Rochelle Kenyon	Dixie
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Needs Assessment: Using Census Data to Drive Program Implementation and Outreach Efforts	Carol Bruner, Samantha Dunaway	Lake
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Building Your Adult ESOL Program (Levels 1-6) from the Ground Up	Olivia Whiteside	Lake
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Brain-based Activities for ESL Using Music	Dr. Glenda Rose	Nassau
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	New CASAS Assessments & Tips for a Successful Roll-out - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Laura Fetter, Lisa Williams	Orange
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	How to Connect Private and Public Partners to Create a Viable IET	Dr. Jeff Arnott, Amy Lesniak	Palm Beach
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Customizing Canvas for Adult Education	Melodie Pinsonnault, Jennifer Jennings	Salon I
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	An Analysis of GED Candidates: What Characteristics are Correlated with Success on the Tests? - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Brian Smith, Diane Vaccari	Salon III
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	From Caterpillar to Butterfly: Turning Change into Opportunity	Team Palm Beach	Taylor
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Teaching Math for Reluctant Learners	Cynthia Bell	Union
Dinner on Your Own			
7:30 pm - 11:00 pm	President's Reception, Casino and Dance (<i>Bring your ticket</i>)		Bonnet Creek VII-XII
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11			
8:00 am - 11:00 am	Conference Registration Open		Bonnet Creek West Foyer
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Coffee and Bagels		Bonnet Creek West Foyer
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Hotel Checkout		
9:30 am - 11:45 am	Administrator Meeting	Dr. Ashley Yopp and AE Team	Bonnet Creek V-VI
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - CONCURRENT SESSION VIII			
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Q & A for New Adult Education Administrators	Dr. Debby Meyer, Cathy O'Neil	Jackson
8:00 am - 9:00 am	District Debriefs		Various
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - CONCURRENT SESSION IX			
9:30 am - 10:40 am	MathSync: Optimizing Synchronous Online Cohort-Based Math Instruction	Jennifer Cloughly	Jackson
9:30 am - 10:40 am	Keeping Your Sanity While Teaching - A Guide to Classroom Management - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Harold Rutledge	Nassau
9:30 am - 10:40 am	CASAS for ABE and GED Prep - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Laura Fetter, Veronica Pavon-Baker	Orange
9:30 am - 10:40 am	In Our Students Shoes: Breaking Down and Comprehending the Test: GED & CASAS!	Talia Cotton	Palm Beach

AT-A-GLANCE - WEDNESDAY

Session Time	Presentation Title	Presenters	Room
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - CONCURRENT SESSION IX - CONTINUED			
9:30 am - 10:40 am	Workplace Skills: Getting Your Students Geared Up For the Next Level	Ketsia Nortelus	Taylor
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 - CONCURRENT SESSION X			
10:45 am - 11:55 am	Data-Driven Instruction in the Adult ESOL Classroom	Pamela Jo Wilson	Jackson
10:45 am - 11:55 am	How to Build a Solid Family Literacy Program! Could Be Easier Than You Think!	Dr. Jeff Arnott	Nassau
10:45 am - 11:55 am	Implementation Innovations – Taking Your Florida Ready to Work Program to the Next Level - <i>Exhibitor</i>	Tiffany Vause, Valencia Strowder, Holly McFadden	Orange
10:45 am - 11:55 am	Infusing Self-determination within Mathematics Instruction for Young Adults with Intellectual Disability	Deidre Gilley	Palm Beach
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	ACE Awards Luncheon and Raffle (<i>bring your ticket</i>)		Bonnet Creek VII-XII

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SATURDAY, OCT. 7 AND SUNDAY, OCT. 8

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Conference Registration
Bonnet Creek IV-VI

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Conference Registration
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Bonnet Creek IV-VI

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Exhibitor Set-up
Bonnet Creek IV-VI

PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVE TRAININGS

Conquering Digital Literacy with Applied Digital Skills

Presenter(s): Melinda Holt
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Salon I
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), College and Career Readiness, Technology

Digital skills are required - in education, employment, and collaborating with others, there is almost no aspect of our lives that exists without the need for digital skills and literacy. And to assist educators help students conquer the skills they need, there is a free online tool where lessons are applied to real-world situations: Google's Applied Digital Skills.

Applied Digital Skills is a free video-based curriculum designed to assist students (and teachers) in learning digital skills. The lessons give step-by-step instructions through using the wide variety of Google apps and tools where users create projects based on practical life applications. Teachers can create classes, monitor student progress, view projects, download results, and even connect directly to a Google Classroom or other learning platform.

Creating accounts, finding and filtering lessons, sharing classes, and ways to include Applied Digital Skills in an AE setting will be covered and more as time allows. Online handouts, in the form of e-books will be provided as well. At the end of the session, participants should have at least one class created with a set of lessons ready to use with their students upon returning to class.

Participants should plan to bring a fully-charged laptop as this will be a hands-on session.

Adult Education Data Reporting

Presenter(s): Dr. Brittany C. Ross
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Salon II
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

During this session, the Division of Career and Adult Education will present on all things Adult Education data and data reporting. There will be a review of statewide adult education program performance followed by hands-on data reporting technical assistance. Topics will include recent adult education test and

performance reporting changes, performance-based funding, NRS accountability, IET data reporting, instructional hour reporting, ABE RLA data reporting, state MSG targets, posttest rates, and more. Please come to this session with all of your data questions!

10:15 am – 10:45 am Refreshment Break BC North Foyer

A Day in the Night of An ESOL Teacher

Presenter(s): Pamela Jo Wilson
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location: Salon I
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Technology

From rights and responsibilities to roles and routines, join this interactive, hands-on, intensive workshop for more ideas than you need, but at least three that you will use immediately. Bring your computers to connect and collaborate on no-tech to high-tech contextualized activities as we level up to empower our learners to stand out in college and careers.

Digital Access and Resilience in Beginning ESL Classrooms

Presenter(s): Dr. Glenda Rose
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location: Salon II
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Technology

Integrating digital skills and resilience in classes for adult English language learners is essential to their job opportunities, civic engagement, and health outcomes, to name a few. But including digital skills in a class with students who may have never touched a keyboard can be overwhelming. Enter the DART curriculum. As a result of an identified need at Tyson Foods for team members in their ESL classes to become better with technology, the DART project developed over a period of nearly two years to provide concrete, practical ways for teachers to include digital skills from the first day of class - even if the learners have little or no first-language written literacy. In this session, we will look at the curriculum in detail, identifying not just the ways to use this extensive free resource, but also how to utilize a similar systematic process to painlessly and seamlessly integrate foundational digital skills into basic English literacy lessons.

New Administrators Training

Presenter(s): Dr. Ashley Yopp, FDOE Adult Education Team
Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location: Salon III
Strands: Administration, Leadership

The New Adult Education Administrator meeting is designed for administrators new to their role in Adult Education within the past three years. New administrators will join a discussion of topics and frequently asked questions with FDOE Adult Education staff. The discussion will focus specifically on information new administrators in Adult Education need to lead their programs, such as an overview of Adult Education programs, statewide performance targets, and where to find key resources. We encourage all new administrators to attend and bring their questions.

2:45 pm – 3:15 am Refreshment Break BC North Foyer

Welcome Reception

Time: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Bonnet Creek Center Foyer
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7:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration Open
10:45 am - 12:30 pm	Bonnet Creek IV-VI
1:45 pm - 5:00 pm	
7:30 am- 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Hours Bonnet Creek IV-VI
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Grand Opening of Exhibits <i>Sponsored by English Discoveries</i> Bonnet Creek IV-VI
8:30 am- 10:45 am	Grand Opening General Session Bonnet Creek VII-XI
10:45 am - 11:10 am	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors <i>Sponsored by ACE of Florida</i> Bonnet Creek IV-VI

CONCURRENT SESSION I - 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM

I'm Not a Trained Counselor but My Students Need Help!

Presenter(s):	Steven Schmidt
Time:	11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location:	Dade
Strands:	Administration, Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership

Though we are not trained counselors, our students look to use for advice and support. How can we help our students when they need a listening ear? In this interactive session, you will learn the basics of how to provide effective support while avoiding common pitfalls.

Harnessing Technology: Enhancing the Adult Education Classroom through Digital Tools

Presenter(s):	Dr. Rebekah Hannon
Time:	11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location:	Dixie
Strands:	GED® (General Education Development), Technology

This session will highlight the role of technology in adult education and its potential to engage and motivate learners. Best practices for integrating technology effectively, addressing potential challenges, and ensuring inclusivity will all be discussed. In addition, various digital tools and platforms that can be used to enhance the adult learning experience in adult education will be showcased.

BurlingtonEnglish = IELCE Made Easy - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s):	Lori Wedner, Kimberly Bartholomew
Time:	11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location:	Jackson
Strands:	Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Technology, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

Let's integrate! Adult ESL programs across the nation are tasked with delivering relevant and standards-based curriculum that integrates English language literacy, civics education, and career preparation. How can they do it all? Join BurlingtonEnglish as we highlight how we address each of these needs in one

comprehensive digital platform that is engaging and easily accessible. We will take a look at how Adult Education has evolved through the years, and how BurlingtonEnglish has responded to its evolution. As we do so, we will identify what makes an IELCE program complete, and how BurlingtonEnglish can help. You'll leave our session with a clear understanding of how our curriculum integrates it all, resulting in IELCE success for programs, teachers, and students!

Culture, Rebuses, FISHBOWL, Oh My!

Presenter(s):	Joanna Bujak - Dominiak, Victoria Saenz
Time:	11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location:	Lake
Strands:	AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET)

We will discuss how to foster a culture of belonging and connectiveness in an ESOL classroom and how to maintain this positive classroom culture as we transition our ESOL students into ABE/ASB/GED and IET. We will illustrate learning activities such as Rebuses and FISHBOWL to help students comprehend and recall academic vocabulary in a fun and memorable way.

Ventures ESOL Curriculum and the Importance of Teaching English "Communicatively" - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s):	James Goldstone
Time:	11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location:	Nassau
Strands:	College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Technology, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

This session will explain the pedagogy and philosophy of Cambridge's 6-level ESOL program Ventures, and why it is important that ESOL teachers focus on all skills, especially the productive skill of speaking. There has been much attention lately given to students transitioning into CTE and IET programs. In order for adult learners to make that transition and be successful in their career tracks, they must be able to communicate, collaborate, and work in teams. Critical thinking skills in English become even more important for these language learners. In short, our adult ESOL students need a curriculum like Ventures, that will give them the skills they need to be successful speakers of English and better communicators. While students learn these key productive skills, Ventures is very strong in delivering key learning strategies giving students the skills they need to analyze text and learn key vocabulary, and solve problems. In short, the Ventures curriculum has everything the student needs to be successful in their own personal goals. Jim will also show the tremendous teacher support that Ventures has and why Ventures is America's first choice for an adult ESOL program. Please join us and learn more about Ventures. Samples of Ventures will be given gratis.

Conquer Your Googles!

Presenter(s):	Melinda Holt
Time:	11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location:	Orange
Strands:	Technology

Google Workspace for Education has a treasure trove of apps to use in education. They are also always updating features, functions, and including fantastical bits here and there! And, unless users know where or what to look for, the cool stuff remains hidden. This session is jam-packed with the new, hidden, and forgotten features of Google apps including Drive, Draw, Sites, Art Institute, Labs, Translate, Keep and more! If you just read a tool you didn't know existed, you'll want to attend! Participants will be encouraged to follow along on their own devices and online handouts will be provided.

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Interesting Exciting Times - IET Best Practices

Presenter(s): Cindy Stewart, Lorri Benjamin
Time: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Palm Beach
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

Brevard Adult and Community Education has 14 IET programs and is working on 2 others. How did we get there? What are the Best Practices for IET implementation to help you work smarter, not harder?

The Florida Adult Education Curriculum Frameworks

Presenter(s): Phil Anderson
Time: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Salon I
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Curriculum Frameworks

In 2023, the Florida DOE is offering a total of 20 adult education courses to students enrolled in the following programs: Academic Skills Building, Adult Basic Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and GED® Preparation. The purpose of this session is to provide participants an opportunity to explore the frameworks and discuss ways to develop a curriculum based on the goals of students in their agency.

CASAS Reports: A Few of Our Favorites! - Exhibitor

Presenter(s): Laura Fetter, Cristina Ureña
Time: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Salon II
Strands: Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

This session is for administrators and teachers who would like to learn more about CASAS reports and how to use them. We will share key reports designed specifically for administrators, teachers and adult learners and how they can be used to improve programs, develop professional development plans and lesson plans and increase student retention. Participants will also learn how to run the reports from Tops Enterprise and get a sneak peak at the student and teacher portals.

District Workforce Education Funding Overview

Presenter(s): Tara Goodman, Claudia Campagnola
Time: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Salon III
Strands: Administration

During this session, the Division of Career and Adult Education will provide a general overview of state workforce education funding policies, relevant statutes, and rules. Topics will include the workload funding model and performance-based incentive funding such as the PIPELINE, Student Success in CTE, Industry Certification, and Adult General Education. Participants will be provided with information about the key components of the district workforce education funding.

Innovative Practices in Math Igniting Conceptual Learning for Adults!

Presenter(s): Shannon Franklin, Mildred Kindig
Time: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Taylor
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership

Brevard Adult and Community Education will present strategies designed to teach math concepts while keeping learners engaged and supporting on-time graduation for AHS and accelerated graduation for AGE/GED.

Public - Private Partnership that Could Lead to Careers - Exhibitor

Presenter(s): Ron Kwok, Dr. Jeff Arnott
Time: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Union
Strands: Administration, Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

The Florida Beauty Academy has a plan to partner with public institutions, including adult education students, that could help students land careers in Cosmetology. Is your program struggling with hiring staff? Purchasing the appropriate supplies? Or marketing your program? The Florida Beauty Academy wants to partner with you! A true public - private partnership is possible in creating a program that will help post-secondary technical programs and adult education students.

Lunch on Your Own - 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

CONCURRENT SESSION II - 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Social Studies Spectacular!

Presenter(s): Steven Schmidt
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Dade
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development)

Believe it or not, Social Studies is the second most failed high school equivalency test. How can we help our students be successful with the primary sources, graphic literacy, and other challenges this test presents? Find out in this interactive session! This presentation will be a dynamic mixture of absorb (where learners take in information), do (where learners practice using the information), and connect (where learners interact with the material and each other). We'll begin by looking at inference skills and then do a mini lesson on the Berlin Airlift where we will examine the treatment of this event from different source perspectives.

Self-Efficacy Views and Technology Skills in Older Job Seekers

Presenter(s): Melissa Janssen
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Dixie
Strands: Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, Technology

The presenter completed a literature review titled "Views of Low Self-Efficacy of Technology Skills in Older Job Seekers and Effects on Job Search" while enrolled in the Applied Learning and Instruction Master of Arts program at the University of Central Florida. This workshop will cover challenges that older job seekers face when looking for work due to a lack of confidence in their technology skills. It will include strategies that can improve self-efficacy. As well as being a graduate student at UCF, Melissa Janssen works at CareerSource Brevard.

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To Chatbot or Not to Chatbot: An Educators Guide to Using ChatGPT

Presenter(s): Brian Bush
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Jackson
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Administration, Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Technology, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

Artificial Intelligence is fundamentally changing the way we must think about and deliver instruction. There are dangers that threaten current instructional practices and routines wrapped around the teaching and learning process. However, there are benefits that will revolutionize the way we prepare and approach time-consuming tasks. Found out how to safeguard against the former, and maximize the latter in this eye opening session.

Earning a Diploma Your Way: Reengaging Students through the 3 of 4 Project

Presenter(s): Ashley Olevitch
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Lake
Strands: GED® (General Education Development)

Florida currently has over 15,000 students who are one test away from earning their State of Florida High School Diploma through the GED®. Some students lose motivation or interest, some feel satisfied with their progress, and some think they have to start over if too much time has passed. Regardless, most students can pick up where they left off and earn their diploma, they just don't realize it! Florida is joining 14+ other states in initializing a 3 of 4 campaign to specifically target students that are one test away from completion. Join us to learn about what this campaign will look like and how you can help or even start your own at the local level!

Career Power! Contextualized Content for IET Expansion and Real-World Connections - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Karen Welch
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Nassau
Strands: Career Pathways, Career Source, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

IET is the axis for contextualized learning and workforce preparation. It's also the best way to transition students from academic content to real-world application. This session will focus on introducing topics and content connected to either workplace skills or skill sets using current in-demand occupations to model a lesson. Learn how the new Career Power! series will enhance your instruction and your student's engagement, while also preparing them for the world of work.

Reading to Learn - Strategies for the Struggling Reader - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Christina Miller
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Orange
Strands: Reading

Adult education teachers come from diverse educational backgrounds. Not all teachers are trained to help struggling readers navigate reading across the different subject areas. We will preview several strategies of teaching academic reading that will help teachers provide learners with a better understanding of how to approach science, social studies and other academic subjects and will give learners a more organized way to approach learning course content. Active

learning strategies presented in this session will help participants understand the transition from "learning to read to reading to learn."

How to Identify and Help Undiagnosed Learning Disabled Students

Presenter(s): Dr. Rochelle Kenyon
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Palm Beach
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Administration, Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development)

If you've ever had students that didn't progress, that seemed to lack concentration, focus, and motivation, you may have had students with undetected and undiagnosed learning disabilities. The mission of this training will be for participants to learn how to identify risk factors in their students and administer a free screening tool that will help to determine the possible existence of learning disabilities.

A Commonsense Guide to NRS Accountability

Presenter(s): Dr. Brittany C. Ross
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Salon I
Strands: WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act), NRS

During this session, the Division of Career and Adult Education will provide a detailed overview of the National Reporting System (NRS), NRS data tables, reporting requirements, and business rules. If you have ever wondered what the NRS accountability measures are and how they are calculated, this session is for you!

Unlocking the Power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Enhance Adult ESL Instruction - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Ron Cruz
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Salon II

Unlock the full potential of artificial intelligence (AI) in the context of adult English as a Second Language (ESOL) instruction. This presentation delves into the innovative ways in which powerful AI language model can be harnessed to revolutionize the teaching and learning experience for adult ESL students. Join us as we explore practical applications of artificial intelligence including its role as a virtual language tutor, conversation partner, and pronunciation coach. Discover how AI's natural language understanding and generation capabilities can provide instant feedback, facilitate real-time conversations, and offer personalized language practice.

This session goes beyond the basics, providing educators and ESL professionals with actionable insights and strategies for maximizing the benefits of artificial intelligence in their classrooms. Whether you're new to AI in education or seeking advanced techniques, this presentation will empower you to harness the potential of AI to enrich and enhance adult ESL instruction like never before. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the future of ESL education with cutting-edge AI technology.

Digital Tools You Should Be Using in Your Math Instruction

Presenter(s): Cynthia Bell
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Salon III
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), College and Career Readiness, GED® (General Education Development), Technology

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During remote instruction we all learned a lot about digital tools. Some of us even became very effective teaching remotely with them. Now you're back to teaching in-person, and you don't have to go back to just paper and whiteboards. You can strategically use digital tools to enhance your instruction and increase learner motivation and engagement. Attend this session to learn which tools are great at doing this and some instructional routines that you can use with these tools. Bring your devices.

Santa Fe College CNA IET Program

Presenter(s): Julie Falt, Linda Mussillo, Mae Shields
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Taylor
Strands: Integrated Education & Training (IET)

Santa Fe College's Adult Education Program has been developing and enhancing their Certified Nursing Assistant IET Program for ABE, GED, and ESOL students for the past 10 years. Learn about IET program sequence and activities to help prepare students for success in this health care career pathway. This program serves students of all levels and students can exit for careers at various points along the pathway. Classes include Medical English for ESOL students, Direct Care, CPR/First Aid, and CNA preparation, which could culminate in the 165-hour CNA certificate program with Adult Education support. This program brings together professionals with backgrounds in working with individuals with disabilities, ESOL and ABE/GED students. The CNA instructor is a registered nurse.

Learn the Skills that Pays the Bills: An Interactive Approach to Employability

Presenter(s): Rholine Rose
Time: 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Location: Union
Strands: Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness

Employability skills include academic and thinking skills, occupational skills, and soft skills. These skills allow workers to get a job, keep the job and excel in the job. Learning to navigate these skills can lead to fulfilling careers. As workers upskill, the investment in human capital helps in current jobs, prepares for a better job, or ultimately dream careers. Join us in this session as we explore resources for employability and practice interactive skills-based activities. Participants will learn how to motivate learners and ways to encourage them to improve their existing skills through training. Embrace the difference between a job and a career, understanding that you can transition from a job to your career by learning skills.

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm **Refreshment Break** **Bonnet Creek IV-VI with Exhibitors**
Sponsored by Essential Education

CONCURRENT SESSION III
3:45 PM – 5:00 PM

Sensational Science Instruction!

Presenter(s): Steven Schmidt
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Dade
Strands: AGE, AHS (Adult High School), College and Career Readiness, Corrections, GED® (General Education Development)

Are you new to high school equivalency science instruction and looking for information about preparing students for test success? Are you an experienced teacher looking for more science teaching resources? This interactive session will meet your needs whether you are teaching completely online, hybrid, or face-to-face.

Ready, Step, Leap! Building a Pathway for Adult Education Students to College and Career Opportunities

Presenter(s): Mary Baxter, Meghan McBride
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Dixie
Strands: Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

How can adult educators develop effective Integrated Education and Training (IET) programs for the community that are attainable to a variety of students? Join Georgia Piedmont Technical College's (GPTC) Adult Education staff as they present Ready, Step, Leap!, a model that encompasses all educational offerings at GPTC. IET programs and workforce skills building have become integral components to the field of adult education nationwide. Various methods are used to integrate these initiatives into adult education curriculum and design. At GPTC, staff created the Ready, Step, Leap! program as a way to encompass adult education classes, industry training, and workplace literacy. The program creates a pathway for students that guides them from ESL/HSE classes into a bridge class and finally into an industry-specific career pathway or college program. In this presentation, GPTC staff will describe the features of Ready, Step, Leap!, including innovative curriculum such as virtual reality and program design benefits and challenges. Participants will learn strategies for implementing IET and workplace preparation programs that can inform their own program practices. Special attention will be given to the bridge class portion of the program and the benefits of using such a model to promote student success. Participants will have the opportunity to share their own experiences, including suggestions and challenges.

Training Students To Think

Presenter(s): Matthew Fitzpatrick, Amy Trickey, Dr. Felecia Boyd
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Lake
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), College and Career Readiness, Corrections, GED® (General Education Development)

Einstein once stated, "Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think." This presentation will include ideas, strategies, games, activities, and a sample lesson to help teachers train their students to be critical and creative thinkers. The sample lesson will help teachers successfully introduce Debate to their students.

Empowering Adult Learners to Stand Out in the Workforce - Exhibitor

Presenter(s): Cindy Le, Sarah Kenney
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Nassau
Strands: Administration, Career Pathways, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Integrated Education & Training (IET), WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

Stand Out: Evidence-Based Learning for College and Career Readiness is moving into a FOURTH edition, available in early 2024. The new edition has special features and technology including a lesson in every unit that explores careers, new life-online strategies and instruction, a simplified and revamped Reading Challenge, National Geographic video, new online practice, and a 7th book in the series, Stand Out Literacy Foundations! We are excited to share what's new while stressing the continued emphasis on lesson planning, integrated skills and best practices. Samplers of the new edition will be available.

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FDOE Adult Education Collaborative Resource Guide

Presenter(s): Dr. Debby Meyer, Lisa Williams, Phil Anderson, Carol Bruner, Jane Greenfield
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Orange
Strands: Administration, Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Leadership

The FDOE Adult Education is creating a resource guide that compiles an overview of adult education that is user-friendly for both administrators and teachers. Whether you are just starting out or looking for more information about a topic, these resource guides are designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of adult education in Florida. Different topics that are being included are Adult Education Services Delivery, Instruction, Professional Development, Accountability and Performance, Reporting, Funding, ABE, GED®, ESOL, IET, Assessment, Disabilities, Community Based Organizations and Corrections. In this session, the FDOE staff will stop, collaborate, and listen with stakeholders to define primary adult education community needs.

Aligning TABE Scores to Grade Ranges and Workforce Readiness - A Connection to O*NET - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Mike Johnson
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Palm Beach
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

This session will explore the new TABE Workforce Portal that connects TABE Reading and Math scores to over 850 of the top careers on the US Department of Labor's Occupational Network (O*NET). We will review the new TABE Interactive Workforce Portal that allows teachers and administrators to provide candidates measurable data on readiness for the most in-demand careers within the O*NET database. Discover how new alignments to Grade Ranges and the Concordance of TABE 11/12 to available High School Equivalency tests can assist with placement and success within IET and CTE pathways.

The Engagement Equation: Interactive Activities for Student Success and Retention

Presenter(s): Dr. Daisy Shah
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Salon I
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

In this dynamic session, we will unlock the secrets of the engagement equation, revealing how interactive activities can be the key to student success and long-term retention. Engaging students from the beginning is crucial, and we will explore a range of interactive strategies that foster meaningful connections, boost motivation, and keep students coming back for more. By the end of this session, attendees will walk away with a toolkit of innovative ideas, ready to apply the engagement equation in their own classrooms, resulting in increased student success, improved retention rates, and a positive learning atmosphere.

Reinforcing GED® Higher Level Math Skills

Presenter(s): Ron Cruz
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Salon II
Strands: College and Career Readiness, GED® (General Education Development), Technology

Higher level math skills causing problems for your students and even you? Join Ron Cruz as he provides a range of strategies and activities that you can use in the classroom to help your students move beyond the basics. This interactive session will help you master those higher-level math skills that are essential for students on the test and in real-life situations. This session will focus on instructional tools and techniques targeting higher order mathematics concepts, from ratio, proportion, and slopes to equations, graphs, and functions. Instructional tools and techniques will not only allow teachers to engage students, but also deepen their conceptual understanding, which allows students to apply learned skills in various scenarios or applications in real-world problems.

Skillful Teaching and Rapport Building with Essential Education - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Brittany Napolitano, Tara Keily
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Taylor
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Technology, Digital Literacy

This session will go over best practices that Essential Education users can implement in their classrooms immediately. If you do not use Essential Education software, there will still be great takeaways and ideas to implement into any classroom. This list of best practices has been compiled through research and feedback from teachers and programs across the country. Topics to be discussed include: student orientation, feedback, monitoring progress, practical strategies and activities to use Essential Education in your classroom, teachers' presence, persistence and engagement, and more. Attendees will leave with practical ways to better utilize EE's awesome learning system in and out of your classroom. Activities for the session will include surveys, small and large group discussion, presenting information via slide show, and Q&A between audience and presenters. Audience participation will be highly encouraged.

Using Regional Economic Analysis to Drive Program Selection and Expansion

Presenter(s): René Mantilla, Alexandre Ramirez
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Location: Union
Strands: Administration

In this comprehensive and interactive workshop, experts in Career and Technical Education from Miami-Dade County Public Schools will equip educators with the skills to understand and apply micro and macroeconomic analysis tools, specifically tailored for Career and Technical and Adult Education settings. Participants will learn how to accurately assess the workforce requirements in their local communities and implement a targeted approach to designing and adapting educational programs. This dual focus ensures that educational initiatives are not only aligned with local employment needs but also serve to benefit both students and the community at large, making education more relevant, impactful, and responsive to real-world demands.

Dinner on Your Own

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7:30 am - 11:20 am
12:40 am - 4:00 pm

Registration Open
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7:30 am - 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast
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CONCURRENT SESSION IV 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Thriving as a Team

Presenter(s): Alexia Navarro
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Dade
Strands: Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), GED® (General Education Development), Leadership

In today's fast-paced and ever changing adult ed world, the ability of your team to thrive has become increasingly crucial. In this interactive presentation, we will explore the concept of thriving as a team and explore activities that lead to collaborative excellence.

Using TABE CLAS-E to Improve ESOL Outcomes and Transition Success Miami-Dade Schools Pilot Feedback - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Mike Johnson, Maria Gutierrez
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Dixie
Strands: Administration, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

This workshop will review the use of TABE CLAS-E assessments for Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking to improve the outcomes of ESOL students as well as improved success when transitioning to ABE/GED. The DRC Insight testing platform used for TABE is used for CLAS-E providing familiarity for students and administrators. We will also review the yearlong pilot that Miami Dade Public Schools completed Pre and Post testing over 300 students with CLAS-E Reading and Listening tests.

Enhancing Learner Persistence Through Data Chats - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Laura Fetter, Robert Breitbart
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Jackson
Strands: Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

From maps to food labels, adults use data daily to influence their decisions. Establishing student data chats empowers adult learners to make informed decisions, take ownership of their learning, and make progress towards their goals. By analyzing data together, teachers can identify patterns, pinpoint areas of difficulty, and provide targeted interventions or resources to support student learning. Presenters will share information on the who, what, when and why of establishing student data chats and how teachers might share the data to build a positive association with performance data so that it motivates and encourages students to persist. They will also share ideas on how to schedule data chats so that teachers can provide students with one-on-one time to review their performance data together in a safe and positive learning environment.

Bridging the Gap: Building Vocabulary and Reading Pathways in the Brain

Presenter(s): Talia Cotton
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Manatee
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Reading and Literacy

The brain has multiple sections that support Vocabulary & Reading. Pathways to these sections must be formed to create independent vocabulary learners and readers. Workshop participants will discover how to provide instruction that helps the brain form the pathways needed to create independent vocabulary learners and readers and employ a variety of strategies and activities to support vocabulary and reading instruction.

English Discoveries - Your Complete English Language Learning Solution - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Jill Rosolek, Christina Piland
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Nassau
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), AGE (Adult General Education), College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

With academically focused and fully aligned content that's engaging and rigorous, English Discoveries provides accessible learning for all levels of achievement. Our digital curriculum is reinforced by Lesson Plans, Guided Discussions, Student Handouts, and Workbooks, and supported by formative and summative assessments throughout. Every month, Discoveries Magazine publishes 3 new articles, and these articles stay available for use in a wide range of applications and writing prompts to supplement and enhance student learning.

Motivating and Engaging the Adult Learner - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Christina Miller
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Orange
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, Corrections

Engaging learners through interactive classroom activities will increase motivation, improve critical thinking skills, and lead to higher learner achievements and outcomes. Research shows a direct correlation between the power of motivating learners through active learning strategies and the impact that motivation has on learning characteristics such as attention and memory. The focus of this session will be to provide the fundamentals of how learning happens, what impacts learning, and building a learning climate in the classroom that yields results. This is an interactive session that will provide participants with practical ways to incorporate interactive strategies in their classroom.

Focusing Instruction through GED® Boot Camps - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Diane Vaccari, Brian Smith
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Palm Beach
Strands: GED® (General Education Development)

GED Boot Camps come in many shapes and sizes. This session focuses on the benefits and challenges of implementing a GED Boot Camp to help students make that final push to GED success. In this session, we will discuss the different types of boot camps that can be provided, review the logistics for getting started, and discuss curriculum options. Resources are provided for participants to take back and use to set up a boot camp that suits their programs.

Integrated Education and Training (IET) Data Reporting

Presenter(s): Dr. Brittany C. Ross
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Salon I
Strands: Integrated Education & Training (IET), WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

During this session, the Division of Career and Adult Education will provide IET data reporting guidance. Topics will include IET measurable skill gains, how to report IET participation, postsecondary courses, industry certifications, pre-apprenticeship program completions, instructional hours and more.

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Setting up for Success with a Post-secondary Summer Transition Program: How To Guide

Presenter(s): Deidre Gilley
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Salon II
Strands: Adults with Disabilities, College and Career Readiness, Independence, Transition Program

This presentation describes a model program for a tiered post-secondary summer transition institute for young adults age 16-36 with disabilities that focuses on developing pre-employment skills. It will provide the audience with an overview of the program's history and how it has grown in all capacities (i.e., student enrollment, staffing, accreditations, funding, mentorship, etc.). It will also describe how the program has successfully accommodated the continuous, rapid growth and how it plans to sustain the program for the coming years. Additionally, the presentation will demonstrate the differentiation offered within the tiered program across all content areas and accreditation opportunities aligned with student needs. Attendees will learn "How To" conceptualize, develop, and implement similar programs within their local community by hearing firsthand from the program's staff.

Building Employability Skills: Free Resources to Prepare Students for the Workforce

Presenter(s): Erin Miller
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Salon III
Strands: Career Pathways, Employability Skills

Research has shown that employers are struggling to find employees that have the basic soft skills to be successful in the workplace. In this interactive session we will discuss free resources that can be used synchronously and/or asynchronously to enhance your students' employability skills. Participants will leave with an array of resources that will help their students build the necessary skills to be successful in identifying job skills, getting a job and keeping a job.

Patient Care Assistant IET (Fully Integrated) - Broward County

Presenter(s): Jude Aurele, Jean Vilus
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Taylor
Strands: Integrated Education & Training (IET)

The purpose of this workshop is to introduce participants to our fully integrated PCA IET program and to share evidence-based practices that can assist in either refining or developing new IET programs. During this session, we will explore the architecture of this IET program and highlight some unique features in our program design, including integration of technology, SSLO, instructional methods, assessments, and stress management techniques. In addition, participation in problem-solving discussions and sharing of best practices will be strongly encouraged in small group discussions.

Introducing Xello: How to Get Your Students Excited about Career Planning

Presenter(s): Sophia Obas, Lee Chipps-Walton
Time: 8:30 am - 9:45 am
Location: Union
Strands: Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness

Choosing your life's work doesn't happen overnight. For many people, it takes years of trial and error that may include a series of jobs that aren't the right fit. With meaningful career exploration and the right tools, your students will be better prepared to make these important decisions. Join the Xello team as we explore Xello's assessments, career and program research tools, and Xello's built-in portfolio

development feature. With Xello, your students can take control of their future plans and be better prepared for what comes next!

9:45 am – 10:15 am **Refreshment Break** **Bonnet Creek IV-VI with Exhibitors**
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CONCURRENT SESSION V 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Florida Ready to Work – The Why, The What, The How - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Tiffany Vause, Valencia Strowder, Holly McFadden
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Dade
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Technology, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

Leading the way in responding to employer demand, the State of Florida has once again invested in the Florida Ready to Work program. Florida Ready to Work is the free, state-sponsored foundational employability skills training and credentialing solution, offering three stackable credentials in soft skills, academic employability skills, and new this year, digital skills. Florida Ready to Work offers corresponding online career-contextualized training to develop the foundational employability skills required by most jobs across industries. The Florida Ready to Work assessments determine achievement in essential life and career skills including critical thinking and problem solving, use of technology in the workplace, and foundational academic employability skills. If you have not partnered with us, now is the time and this session is for you. This session will highlight the program's new features for the 2023-24 school year and strategies that work best for adult learners. Additionally, the session will feature how adult education programs can incorporate the Florida Ready to Work program into IET plans. Learn how you can take advantage of this FREE state sponsored program for your students and get them on the path to success.

Top 10 Ways to Build Community in the Classroom

Presenter(s): Colleen Maynard, Brian Bush
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Dixie
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development)

This workshop won't disappoint as it arms you with strategies to get every student to achieve their maximum potential by building a thriving classroom community.

IET's with ICEV - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Kaitlin Plante, Kim Brown
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Jackson
Strands: Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, Corrections

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iCEV's comprehensive CTE curriculum packages are ideal for the adult learner. Fully customizable courses and industry certifications with a wide variety of CTE Pathways provide a diverse catalog selection to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the workforce. Come learn and receive FREE pilot access to explore the options while learning how partnering with iCEV can be both beneficial for the student and teacher!

Burlington Core Module Tests are Here! And Your MSGs are Coming Soon! - Exhibitor

Presenter(s): Didier Brunot
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Lake
Strands: Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Technology, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

Are you a BurlingtonEnglish Core user? Or have you been thinking of purchasing BurlingtonEnglish and want to learn more about it? Join us to view our most recent release...Burlington Core Module Tests! Burlington Core is our 6-level NRS aligned course. Standards-based, comprehensive, covering all language skills, and focused on work, life, and digital literacy skills with an academic bend for the college and career ready--this course had almost everything you needed. Now, with the addition of our Module tests, it has absolutely everything you need! In this session we will share how using the Burlington Core program and Module Tests ensures programs are addressing the ELPS, and with that, ensures student comprehension, mastery, and MSG success!

Teaching a Dynamic Class with Technology

Presenter(s): Marilia Daros
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Nassau
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

This workshop will focus on how to plan a lesson using a variety of fun activities to engage students on learning. The objective is to make students think in English and interact while improving their communicative skills. It will be an interactive session with music, games, videos and real life information exchange.

Exploring the Potential of Digital Scavenger Hunts

Presenter(s): Dr. Mary Gaston
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Orange
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Technology

Come ready to explore, collaborate, and unlock the potential of digital scavenger hunts. Working with others, you'll use a free digital tool to solve problems and complete missions. We'll delve into the educational benefits that scavenger hunts offer and explore how they can be aligned with various subjects and objectives, making them versatile tools for educators across disciplines. You'll leave the session equipped with the knowledge and resources to create your own scavenger hunt experiences.

Six Contextualized Video Lessons to Upskill Student Success

Presenter(s): Dr. Debra Hargrove
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Palm Beach
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Technology, Workforce Literacy

Everyone now has a YouTube account. You search and search for videos for your classroom but some just don't fit. They're ok but targeted toward the wrong

audience for your students. In this session, participants will learn about a contextualized video resource website developed by Adult Educators in the State of Texas. Join Dr. Debra Hargrove as she discusses the creation of this project and how to integrate these video lessons into workforce-ready instruction. Attendees will learn how to share and locate these lessons and additional resources to share with their students and colleagues. Leave the session with new usable lesson plans and resources! Bring your own device!

Leveraging IPDAE's New Matrix Instructional Suite to Improve Outcomes!

Presenter(s): Ron Cruz
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Salon I
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development)

Join the FDOE and IPDAE as we avail the new Electronic Curriculum Matrix Suite. This online lookup tool dynamically returns information and resources correlated to adult education framework standards. The Electronic Curriculum Matrix removes the hassle of figuring out what aligns with what. It provides users with simple selectable criteria options that make finding results easy. At every step of the way there is a matrix resource at your disposal. Learn ways to target your instructional content and monitor its progress and sustainability.

Pathways to Employment: Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs

Presenter(s): Drew Andrews, Christian Zimmerman, Missy Glavey
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Salon II
Strands: Adults with Disabilities, Career Pathways

The presentation will inform participants about Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Programs and inclusive postsecondary education as an effective pathway to competitive employment for individuals with intellectual disability. Since the passage of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) (2008), students with intellectual disabilities (ID) have increased opportunities to attend postsecondary education. To expand federal support and opportunities to higher education, the Florida Legislature passed legislation that appropriated funds to be used by Florida Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) to create Comprehensive Postsecondary and Transition (CTP) Programs. Signed into law January 21, 2016, the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program Act (the ACT) (FS §1004.6495) established the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities at the University of Central Florida (FCSUA). The FCSUA is charged with managing the Florida Postsecondary Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP) application and approval process. The Act also established funds for scholarships and grants.

Building Sustainable Career Pathways with Stakeholder Voices

Presenter(s): Vanessa Alvarez, Valerie Guillaume
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Salon III
Strands: Career Pathways, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

Go beyond the basics of building IETs and Career Pathways to sustainable programs that help students reach their goals with the fewest possible barriers. In this interactive session, you will hear from one adult education provider's experience partnering with students, teachers, and employers to expand existing IETs. Participants will walk away with concrete and user-friendly strategies and tools to help them with marketing, organizing, and expanding IET programs.

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FATDEC: The Solution to All of Your Online Needs - ABE, GED®, ASB, ESOL, AHS, and More!

Presenter(s): Travis Thomas
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Taylor
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Administration, Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Technology

For over 20 years, the Florida Adult and Technical Distance Education Consortium (FATDEC) has led the charge for online learning. From leveraging collective buying power to collaboration among schools, districts, and colleges, there's something for everyone whether it's ABE, GED, ASB, ESOL, AHS, or any other program need. Come see why the consortium can help your school or district make the most of every dollar, expand services, grow existing programs, and train your teachers to be effective leaders in distance education. There's no challenge too big or too small, and when it comes to working together to benefit students, FATDEC's goal is to give you the tools and services you need to be successful.

Does Your Input = Your Output

Presenter(s): Sharon Webb, Linda Fermo-Garcia
Time: 10:15 am - 11:30 am
Location: Union
Strands: Administration, Leadership

Need assistance in improving your workflow? Come explore our Lean Six Sigma Green Belt case study. We will demonstrate the Lean Six Sigma tools used to identify barriers and the data-driven methods used to create a more efficient process to meet goals and deadlines.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Tuesday's Luncheon	Bonnet Creek IV-VI
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CONCURRENT SESSION VI		
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM		

Getting Ready for STEPS - A Focus on Academic Success - Exhibitor

Presenter(s): Veronica Pavon-Baker
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Dade
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

Research has shown that the future workforce will be facing many critical challenges. This demands that adult education practitioners provide the most effective education to prepare students with the necessary skills to improve their overall quality of life. In accordance with the projected changes, the new CASAS test series for ESL, STEPS, will focus on measuring higher-order skills including academic language. In preparation for the upcoming CASAS STEPS series, teachers need to acquire knowledge of the changes in the new tests and be ready to apply effective instructional strategies to ensure student academic success.

English Upskilling Drives Workforce Inclusion: Adult Ed's Role in Scaling a Proven Model - Exhibitor

Presenter(s): Tadd Wamester, Manuela Petit
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Dixie
Strands: Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Technology, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

As a bridge between classrooms and careers, the U.S. adult education system is a driver of economic mobility for 1.5 million adult learners each year, at least half of whom are English language learners (ELLs). Yet even with this commitment and capacity to connect adult learners with career pathways, English proficiency remains a core barrier to workforce inclusion: The U.S. is meeting the education needs of just 4% of adult ELLs. Scaling access to effective language instruction is urgent – and adult education is an important part of the solution. Join Tadd Wamester, Director of Partnership Development at EnGen, in a solutions-oriented discussion about how a proven approach – contextualized, career-aligned language upskilling – can help more adult learners meet both educational and career goals. During this session we will invite current EnGen partners to share best practices and learning that can optimize the tool's impact within workplace literacy, IET/IELCE, and other bridge to career programs.

C3 for Me: Enhancing Self-determination Training for Transition-aged Young Adults with Disabilities

Presenter(s): Janae Duclos, Ph.D., Loietta Holmes, Ph.D.
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Jackson
Strands: Adults with Disabilities, AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, Transition Planning

This session will provide effective and practical strategies for practitioners and parents to enhance self-determination skills in students with disabilities. Findings from a case study at a summer transition institute will be highlighted. The purpose of the study was to examine the effects of enhanced self-determination instruction using small-group communication activities (C3 for Me) alongside a published self-determination curriculum ("Whose Future is it Anyway") on self-determination skills of transition-aged young adults with disabilities.

Georgia Adult Education – Professional Development and Other Programming Support That's Multifaceted, Multilayered, and Connected

Presenter(s): Kevin Sharpton, Carla DeBose
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Lake
Strands: Administration, Leadership

Many great things are happening with the local program support that Georgia's Office of Adult Education is providing and the statewide initiatives we are leading. Check out this session to learn how professional development, technical assistance, and specialized training have come together to offer a multifaceted, multilayered, and fully connected approach for Georgia's adult education programs and their community partners. As representatives of Georgia's Office of Adult Education, we look forward to sharing the great things that are helping our adult education programs better support their students and progress adult education within their local communities. We'll talk about returning to in-person events and even discuss how leveraging virtual and hybrid modalities continues to make sense for certain initiatives, depending on the goals to be accomplished. As a bonus, join us to learn more about key engagement factors that help make or break the experience for those participating in professional development and technical assistance programming. While planning is essential, focusing on what's needed and implementation makes the difference. Join us for a fantastic session!

We'll Show You Ours, If You... Using Technology to Complement Adult Literacy Instruction

Presenter(s): Janora Crow, Cindy Frye, Maria Toledo-Garcia
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Nassau
Strands: Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Technology

This workshop will explore how we intentionally use our favorite digital resources to help engage adult learners and increase their literacy skills.

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Grants Management and Compliance

Presenter(s): Charlie Feehrer
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Orange
Strands: Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

This presentation will discuss grants management and compliance issues.

Advancing Slides to Publish Online or Print

Presenter(s): Melinda Holt
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Palm Beach
Strands: Technology

Need to create a business card? An online newsletter? Or an image that isn't fuzzy that can be inserted into any document? Attend this session to conquer Google Slides beyond creating presentations! Topics will include using different layouts for print including business card, brochure, poster, and flyers; using color, shape, and line tools to create images for instruction or programs; utilizing the Draw app to curtail screenshot "fuzz," downloading images as PNG or JPG files; and more as time allows. Online handouts will be provided. If you can imagine it published online or printed on paper, you can create it in Google Slides and Draw. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop to this session to follow along!

Planning for the Future of Work: Designing IET Programs for 2030 High Demand Careers

Presenter(s): Rachel Ludwig, Cathy O'Neil
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Salon I
Strands: Administration, Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership

This session will provide a brief overview of the current workforce landscape in Florida and share a glimpse of the future through Florida Chamber Foundation research outlining the "Top 30 in 2030" High Demand Careers. Session participants will assess whether their current integrated education & training (IET) programs are aligned with fast-growing careers in their region and engage in an interactive, action-oriented activity to begin planning future offerings to meet industry demand. Bring your laptop!

Take Back Learning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Presenter(s): Jeniah Jones
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Salon II
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Technology

Participants will learn the basics of Artificial Intelligence and discover instructional tools, planning resources, and strategies for implementing these in the classroom. Following the interactive presentation, participants will have time to work together to complete their AI implementation plans for their classrooms. Ultimately, this workshop will help educators understand that AI is not (yet) a thing to be feared and that it can benefit education more than be a detriment. They will see how AI opens discussions with students and can be used as a relationship-building tool.

GED® Program Update: New Tools and Resources for Student Success - Exhibitor

Presenter(s): Diane Vaccari, Brian Smith
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Salon III
Strands: GED® (General Education Development)

Now is the time to come see all the new tools and resources that GED Testing Service has created to help educators and students succeed. This session will take a comprehensive look at the GED® program and highlight new tools and best practices for adult educators. Please bring your questions on all things GED related.

A Day in the Adult Ed Life of an ESOL Student

Presenter(s): Pamela Jo Wilson, Elisandra Della Bella Maeda
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Taylor
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

From ESOL classroom to workforce. Join this teacher and former student duo for a journey into the adult ESOL learner experience and the critical role the teacher and program play on this journey. Bring your own stories and let's connect and collaborate on going to the next level in our professional practice for the personal and professional advancement of our learners and our programs' MSGs.

Empowering Consumers to Succeed Financially

Presenter(s): Valerie Jenkins
Time: 12:45 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: Union
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Technology

The Hands on Banking® Experience is a "real-world" money management simulation, designed to help teach important financial education concepts such as budgeting, comparison shopping, and evaluating needs, wants, and tradeoffs in a relevant and engaging way.

During the activity, each student will be assigned a profile detailing their career, income, and family information. They will then interact with 13 stations that mimic real life expenses such as clothing, groceries, housing, transportation, and more. It's important for everyone to see the big picture, know where they stand, understand the implications of their daily decisions, and know where to start on the path to establishing healthy financial habits and achieving their financial goals.

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

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CONCURRENT SESSION VI 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM

Innovative ESL Materials for Refugee and Farmworker Students

Presenter(s): Ron Cruz, Roberta Baer
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Dade
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Refugees, Migrant Farmworkers and Other Immigrants

This workshop discusses innovative ESL instructional materials for use with refugee and farmworker adult students. Based on life history interviews with actual members of these communities, the materials are written at a 3rd-4th grade reading level, but cover the lives and challenges of people similar to the students who will be using them. We discuss the development of the materials, as well as actual experiences using them in our own ESL programs.

Are You a Law-Abiding Literacy Provider? What You Need to Know About Disability Rights Laws

Presenter(s): Dr. Rochelle Kenyon
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Dixie
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Administration, Adults with Disabilities, AGE (Adult General Education), Corrections, GED® (General Education Development), Leadership

There are numerous laws that prohibit discrimination based on disability in education and training, employment, housing, access to businesses serving the public, access to government programs and services including voting and public transportation. The mission of this workshop will be to summarize those federal civil rights laws that ensure equal opportunity for people with disabilities in adult education and literacy programs. Participants will understand their legal obligations under federal law and will know the legal rights and responsibilities of both adult education and literacy programs and their learners. This will enhance opportunities and improve access for Americans with disabilities that require literacy services.

Needs Assessment: Using Census Data to Drive Program Implementation and Outreach Efforts

Presenter(s): Carol Bruner, Samantha Dunaway
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Jackson
Strands: Administration, Leadership, Technology, Any individuals who would be involved in planning for program improvement

Embark on a transformative journey with us as we dive into the art of leveraging data for your outreach endeavors through the lens of “Your Way” — Florida’s adult education outreach and recruitment campaign. In this collaborative session, tailored to your unique geographical domains, we’ll work together to understand how data can help you connect with the right people in your specific area, using the tools and resources of “Your Way.” Plus, you’ll hear about the newest ways we’re reaching out to people all across the state. Get ready to learn new ways to enhance your outreach efforts!

Building Your Adult ESOL Program (Levels 1-6) from the Ground Up

Presenter(s): Olivia Whiteside
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Lake
Strands: Administration, AGE, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

Join us as we lay the foundation for a comprehensive Adult ESOL program from beginner to advanced levels (NRS levels 1-6). In this workshop, we will overview course structures with the ESOL Curriculum Frameworks, WIOA, and the NRS, including FDOE alignments and the important English Language Proficiency Standards. Come and learn about our full six-level ESOL curriculum.

Brain-based Activities for ESL Using Music

Presenter(s): Dr. Glenda Rose
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Nassau
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, Technology

This workshop illustrates how and why to use music to facilitate learning in the adult education ESOL classroom. Starting with information about music, language, and memory, the workshop moves to hands-on practice of many activities that can be used immediately. Moreover, participants receive handouts with dozens of activities, and an annotated list of songs to help instructors immediately find songs that work for specific learning purposes such as grammar points, speaking, listening, reading and writing.

New CASAS Assessments & Tips for a Successful Roll-out - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Laura Fetter, Lisa Williams
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Orange
Strands: Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development)

The NEW CASAS assessments for ESOL and ABE learners have been approved! Come and learn strategies for rolling out the new assessments to ensure program and learner success.

- New CASAS ESOL Reading and Listening STEPS series overview
- New CASAS Math GOALS 2 series overview
- Strategies for engaging your teachers in the transition to the new assessments
- Updated user friendly reports for content standards and competency areas
- Supporting professional development plans and the CCRS/ELP standards

Ample time for questions will be included, including updates on the Florida Department of Education CASAS Assessment policy.

How to Connect Private and Public Partners to Create a Viable IET

Presenter(s): Dr. Jeff Arnott, Amy Lesniak
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Palm Beach
Strands: Administration, Career Pathways, Integrated Education & Training (IET)

During a summer term in Osceola County, LT3 and the school district cooperated in providing a short-term training program that led to a 100% completion rate and 85% certification rate in cybersecurity, and learned 22 distinct job skills wanted by employers. With the help of CareerSource Florida, this program was viable, and several students received intern opportunities at major corporations in the area. This model can be affordably replicated in adult education programs aligning with pre-apprenticeship programs and IETs.

Customizing Canvas for Adult Education

Presenter(s): Melodie Pinsonnault, Jennifer Jennings
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Salon I
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), AGE (Adult General Education), GED® (General Education Development), Technology

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This session is designed to introduce you to the Canvas environment for Adult Education students and teachers. Session attendees will get started with some basic tools and features in Canvas, designed to create a “One-Stop Shop” for student instructional technology utilization. Canvas can be applied to both online and in-person courses; it creates a user-friendly environment, engaging course content, and allows for individualized instruction. This session will address important aspects of a Single-Sign On (SSO) method to ease adult student frustration with using technology. Lastly, participants will leave with access to a Canvas course shell inside of Canvas Commons that will allow them to easily integrate into their classroom.

An Analysis of GED Candidates: What Characteristics are Correlated with Success on the Tests? - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Brian Smith, Diane Vaccari
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Salon III
Strands: GED® (General Education Development)

Research is an important factor in determining the characteristics and behavioural patterns that correlate to candidate success on the GED® test. With the help of the University of MN Carlson School of Management, we conducted an analysis of more than 500,000 GED® candidates. This presentation will share the findings through segmentation and discuss qualities that are common among successful learners. We will also share suggestions to help various types of learners successfully move forward to completion of the test.

From Caterpillar to Butterfly: Turning Change into Opportunity

Presenter(s): Team Palm Beach
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Taylor
Strands: Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, College and Career Readiness, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership

The only thing constant is change. Like a caterpillar’s transformation into a beautiful butterfly, we will explore the metamorphosis of change management in adult education. In this interactive session, we will delve into strategies for transforming the chaos of change into dynamic and productive opportunities for growth and success.

Teaching Math for Reluctant Learners

Presenter(s): Cynthia Bell
Time: 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm
Location: Union
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), GED® (General Education Development)

Have you ever heard a student say, “I’m not good at math,” or dealt with students who hate learning mathematics? Teaching and learning mathematics can sometimes be both challenging and present classroom management issues. In this session, we will discuss how students can and should learn mathematics in an effective and meaningful manner, keeping them engaged. You will be given concrete tips and tools for helping learners to see that math can and does make sense.

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CONCURRENT SESSION VIII 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Q & A for New Adult Education Administrators

Presenter(s): Dr. Debby Meyer, Cathy O'Neil
Time: 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Location: Jackson
Strands: Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET)

This is a follow-up Q&A session for New Adult Education Administrators with FDOE staff. Bring your breakfast and pop in for this informal session. A lot of information has been shared with you over the past three days and we are here to help you navigate your impactful leadership role.

CONCURRENT SESSION IX 9:30 AM – 10:40 AM

MathSync: Optimizing Synchronous Online Cohort-Based Math Instruction

Presenter(s): Jennifer Cloughly
Time: 9:30 am - 10:40 am
Location: Jackson
Strands: AGE (Adult General Education), College and Career Readiness, GED® (General Education Development), Technology

Do your learners realize what they can do in just eight weeks? In this session, participants will explore creating and optimizing an eight-week synchronous online cohort-based learning model that provides meaningful, interactive math instruction. Participants will leave with a comprehensive set of evidence-based best practices AND a plan for uniquely implementing this model in their own programs.

Keeping Your Sanity While Teaching - A Guide to Classroom Management - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Harold Rutledge
Time: 9:30 am - 10:40 am
Location: Nassau
Strands: Teacher

Classroom management can be particularly challenging for teachers transitioning from industry to the classroom. However, this interactive class aims to address this issue by providing suggestions for successfully managing day-to-day operations in the classroom. From pre-bell routines to post-class activities, the course emphasizes the importance of establishing clear expectations, building rapport with students, and creating effective routines. By setting consistent behavioral and academic expectations, teachers can manage student behavior more effectively. Additionally, developing positive relationships with students promotes a supportive learning environment. The class also emphasizes the significance of creating routines and procedures, which provide structure and predictability. By incorporating engaging instructional strategies, monitoring and addressing behavior, encouraging student responsibility, and fostering communication with parents, teachers can enhance classroom management. With an interactive approach that encourages sharing of experiences, both new and experienced CTE teachers will benefit from the valuable insights and strategies provided in this class.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

CASAS for ABE and GED® Prep - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Laura Fetter, Veronica Pavon-Baker
Time: 9:30 am - 10:40 am
Location: Orange
Strands: Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), College and Career Readiness, GED® (General Education Development), WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

Have you been thinking about using CASAS for your ABE and GED Prep programs? Now is a great time to take a fresh look at CASAS and the new Math GOALS 2 assessment which has been approved by OCTAE for NRS reporting through 2030. This session is for ABE and GED Prep instructors and administrators to provide insights into how the CASAS system works in these programs. Participants will review sample test items, test content blueprints, and sample reports generated immediately to guide instruction. There will be ample time for questions, including FDOE CASAS Assessment policy.

In Our Students' Shoes: Breaking Down and Comprehending the Test: GED & CASAS!

Presenter(s): Talia Cotton
Time: 9:30 am - 10:40 am
Location: Palm Beach
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development)

This workshop will take teachers through a series of protocols that will have them explore the Adult Ed tests that their students must master. The participants will reflect on their experience taking the assessments and brainstorm together on how they can support their students in reaching mastery. Participants will take 1-2 GED Practice tests and CASAS tests. Participants will need a laptop to access the practice tests and other resources.

Workplace Skills: Getting Your Students Geared Up for the Next Level

Presenter(s): Ketsia Nortelus
Time: 9:30 am - 10:40 am
Location: Taylor
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET)

The Employability Skills Framework (ESF) captures skills that enable students to thrive in any work environment. Participants will navigate a continuum of lesson planning strategies from identifying key components of the ESF to implementing appropriate application of the skills through cooperative learning groups to increase student engagement and support their growth and proficiency.

CONCURRENT SESSION X 10:45 AM – 11:55 AM

Data-Driven Instruction in the Adult ESOL Classroom

Presenter(s): Pamela Jo Wilson
Time: 10:45 am - 11:55 am
Location: Jackson
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

When you hear the word data, what comes to mind? Let's explore different types of data that can add voice to the ways ESOL teachers and learners can connect, collaborate, and create a culture that brings learners into the conversation, for autonomy and motivation to listen, speak, read, and write in class.

How to Build a Solid Family Literacy Program! Could Be Easier Than You Think!

Presenter(s): Dr. Jeff Arnott
Time: 10:45 am - 11:55 am
Location: Nassau
Strands: ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP

Have your adult learners always said, "I don't have quality childcare so I can take adult education classes?" There might be a low-cost solution that increases enrollment, reportable instructional hours, and enhances student engagement. The targets of these programs are parents of school-age children in your district. See how students were engaged in STEM and other hands-on activities while their parents were involved in IET activities and ESL instruction. Topics, including funding, curriculum, and recruitment, will be discussed.

Implementation Innovations - Taking Your Florida Ready to Work Program to the Next Level - *Exhibitor*

Presenter(s): Tiffany Vause, Valencia Strowder, Holly McFadden
Time: 10:45 am - 11:55 am
Location: Orange
Strands: AAAE (Applied Academics for Adult Education), Administration, AGE (Adult General Education), AHS (Adult High School), Career Pathways, Career Source, College and Career Readiness, Corrections, ESOL/ELL/EL-Civics/ELP, GED® (General Education Development), Integrated Education & Training (IET), Leadership, Technology, WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)

The 2023-24 school year brings exciting enhancements for the Florida Ready to Work program. Now is the time to ensure your Florida Ready to Work implementation plan is taking advantage of all the features that benefit your students. Focusing on outside the box implementation strategies that have proven successful, we will highlight ways to seamlessly incorporate Florida Ready to Work modules into your lesson plans, share benefits of the program with your business community, and how to talk with students about the benefits of the program. Bring your computers because we will also be providing real-time technical assistance. This session will highlight our new features for the 23-24 school year and incorporating Florida Ready to Work into your IET plan. Let's work together to map out how you will utilize Florida's FREE career readiness solution.

Infusing Self-determination within Mathematics Instruction for Young Adults with Intellectual Disability

Presenter(s): Deidre Gilley
Time: 10:45 am - 11:55 am
Location: Palm Beach
Strands: Adults with Disabilities, Academics; Self-determination

The presentation will feature three research studies that embedded various self-determination component skills (e.g., self-monitoring, self-graphing, goal setting, choice making, decision making) within mathematics instruction for transition-aged young adults with intellectual disability. Each study aimed to teach secondary and post-secondary students with intellectual disability to solve word problems using modified-schema based instruction (MSBI). Recent research on MSBI has intentionally infused self-determination component skills to address multiple instructional priorities simultaneously while also increasing student independence, self-regulation, goal setting and attainment, and decision making.

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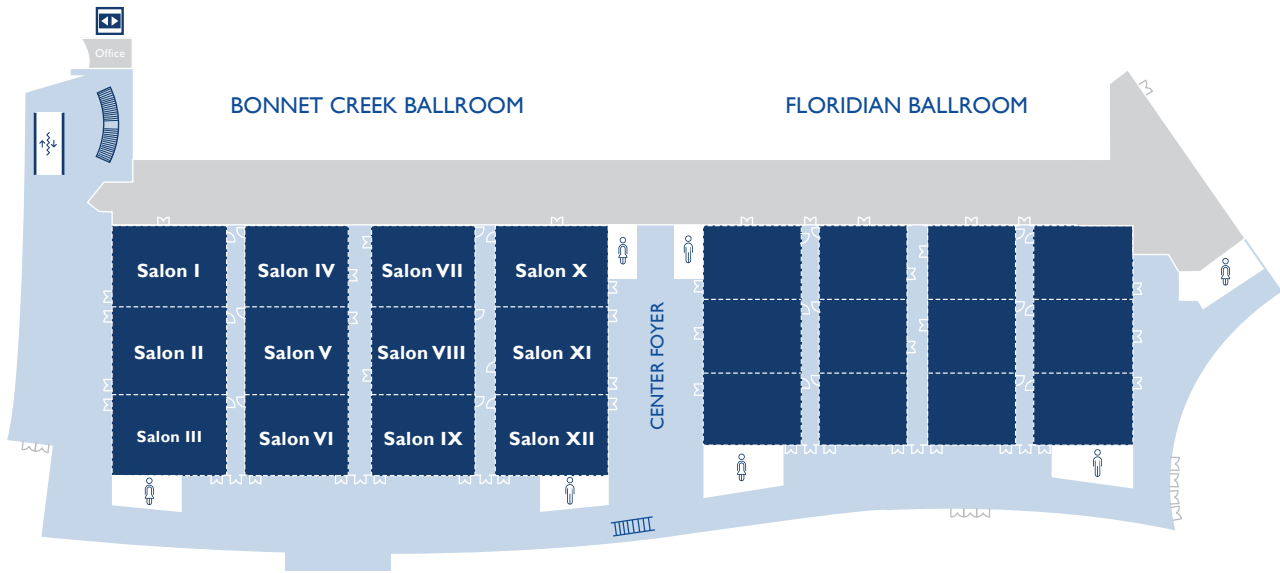


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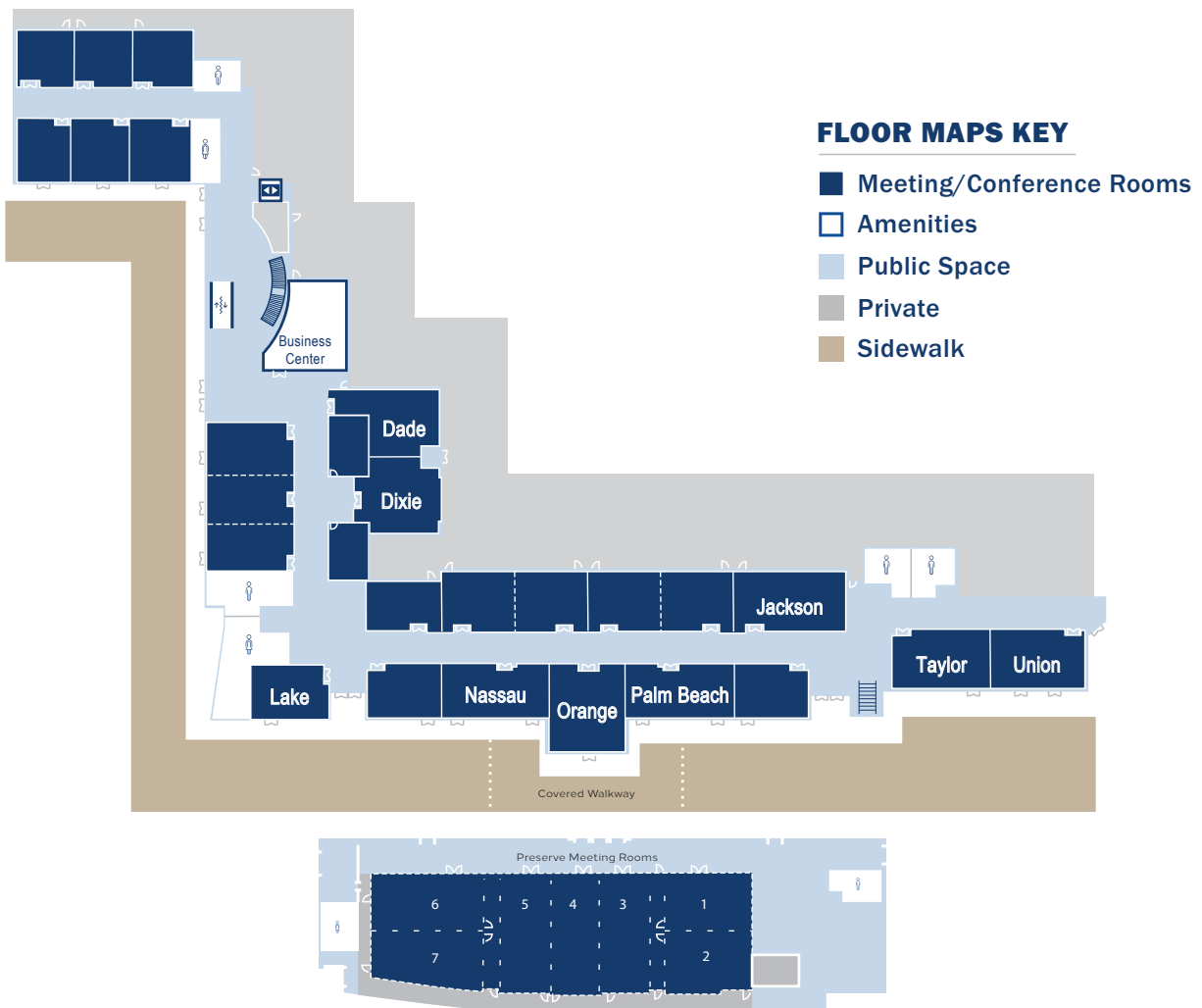
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