

Logistical Update

Mountain Plains Adult Education Association (MPAEA) Conference April 11-14, 2012

Note to Program Directors:

The MPAEA 2012 Conference, Implementing Career Pathways, is a collaborative effort between MPAEA and the Montana Office of Public Instruction. In order to support conference attendance, Montana state trainings will be held in conjunction with the conference. This will minimize days out of the office and maximize professional development opportunities for this program year. I am hopeful that reimbursements for attending required activities will enable you to support your staff in participating in this unique opportunity. Montana ABE teachers and directors will be able to network and glean ideas from professional colleagues from eight states. This will not be available in Montana for almost another decade!

State activities included in the conference:

- ABE
 - TABE Training April 11th Morning
 - Bridge Program Training April 11th Afternoon
 - Directors' Meeting April 12th Afternoon
- ESL
 - BEST Plus Training April 11th Morning & Afternoon
 - Montana ESL Mini-conference April 12th Morning

State Reimbursements

- ABE-Director and up to three instructors per program will be supported
 - Attendance at **TABE Training/Bridge Training/Conference**
 - Reimbursements will include:
 - Room for the night of the 10th (if needed) and the 11th
 - One-two vehicles per program (approval required for more than one vehicle)
 - Meals not provided by the conference
- ESL-Teachers from programs will be supported (EL civics grant recipients will be given priority)
 - **Attendance at BEST Plus/Conference**
 - Reimbursements will include:
 - Room for the night of the 10th (if needed) and the 11th
 - One vehicle per program
 - Meals not provided by the conference

Deadlines:

- March 1st: Send list of registered participants to OPI office; attention Carol Flynn at cflynn@mt.gov

- March 10: Early Bird Registration Ends. (Register as an MPAEA member before March 10th and save \$55!)
 - Montana educators will be able to register for the conference as MPAEA members. When you visit the registration website you can click on the member's rate of \$195. Here is the link to the registration page - <https://www.mpaea.org/?page=register> .
 - If you would like to join MPAEA, they are having a membership drive and you can join for a discounted rate of \$30, a savings of \$10 from our regular membership fee.

Conference Information:

For more information about the conference and lodging visit this website - <https://www.mpaea.org/?page=conference>

We will discuss this in further detail during our January Shop Talk. Please contact me if you have any questions that you would like me discuss during the Shop Talk.

Margaret