

Shop Talk Agenda Adult Basic and Literacy Education January 17, 2012

Mountain Plains/Montana ABLE Meetings

Goal is to have a large presence at MPAEA

- Demonstrate Montana's commitment to ABLE and professional development
 - Hear from the U.S. Department of Education
- Participants transition from required trainings to conference activities
- Montana TABE (morning training)
 - Highlight: Linkage between SIA, L2A, MABLE (one participant from each program required)
 - Transition to Bridge Program Presentation in the P.M.
- Montana BEST Plus
 - All day training and transition to Montana ESL mini-conference on the 12th
- Montana ESL Meeting
 - Morning of the 12th
- Montana Directors' Meeting
 - Afternoon of the 12th
 - Highlight: Changes to NRS beginning July 2012
 - Cohort measures and new data to be collected
- Bridge Program-mini-institute
 - Highlight: a systemic approach to Bridge curriculum
 - Glean from participants from other states

Refer to reimbursement document that was sent to each program and contact OPI if you have any questions.

Send list of participants from your program to OPI for prior approval by March 1st.

Register soon as MPAEA member; this will save \$55.

Montana ABLE End-of-Year Report

- Increased percentages in all areas
 - Did not meet several state targets
- Review 2010-11 state targets that was sent prior to the conference call to compare how your program performed in comparison with the state.
 - Positioned to meet targets this year with new hour rules, individual program changes, and technical assistance.

MABLE Data Team Update

- State has participated in two Webinars to receive guidance for programming changes
- Writing business language for programming and receiving input from the data team
- Best Practices Manual is being developed in conjunction with programming
- Next step in our statewide data plan
 - Sign up for technical assistance with Renee Bentham
 - Programs wanting to work with Renee will begin the process by sending an email to the OPI to confirm participation

ABLE RFP for 2012-13

- Notice will go out in April

Maintenance of Effort

- Programs will be mailed MOE needs to be in 2012 RFP Budget page
- Close out reports have not always matched proposed budget

Learning to Achieve

- Check with staff to make sure they complete the online module by January 18th.
- Certificate of completion must be submitted to OPI
- Outcomes of trainings:
 - Updated intake policy (in ABLE Handbook)
 - Updated intake form with student signature and date
 - Ongoing training
 - Accommodations module
 - Bi-weekly updates on LINCS beginning in February
 - Important activities from remaining modules (teacher friendly; student centered)

Regional Math Trainings (TATT)

- Three trainings remaining
- Participants' evaluation validate this is training that will positively impact student learning.

GED Update

- Rewriting of ARM
 - Draft is completed and ready for task force approval
 - Second step, will send to GED Examiners for input
 - Finalized draft submitted to OPI Policy Committee
 - Policy Committee will submit the draft to OPI Cabinet for approval and ask that it be submitted to the Board of Public Education

Future ForGED Initiative

- Meeting with SWIB staff to discuss continuation of the project

Program Monitoring

- Data monitor will be hired
- Program monitoring by state staff
 - Begin in February
 - Individual programs will be contacted

College!Now Grant

- RFP available soon
- Demonstrate creative, collaborative work between ABLE/Two-Year Institution to enhance transition of students prepared for post secondary

Distance Learning

- Miles City will be providing information soon