

Shop Talk Notes
Adult Basic and Literacy Education
November 16, 2010

ESL Study Circles

- Monthly conference calls led by Katya and Ellen
 - Book discussion
 - Technology integration
- LINCS shows the ongoing work
- Model outreach-Kudos to directors supporting ESL staff that are participating
 - Encourage others to join in; ABE teachers are welcome

Performance-Based Funding

- Task force working since last spring
 - Extended contract with MRP
- Accomplishments
 - Modeling decisions
 - In depth look at ABE data
 - Final task force meeting next week (conference call on November 22 at 10:00)
 - Review February agenda (outcomes and content)
 - Final report and materials transferred to Montana at the end of the project

Standards in Action (Sheri and Byrdeen)

- Update on Innovation I and II
 - Working via blog, teaching and re-teaching
 - Translating standards into curriculum and developing coherent units of instruction
 - Link to the SIA Blog
 - <http://mtcontentstandards.blogspot.com/>
- Professional development package should be ready for the field late summer/early fall
 - Sustainability and capacity are the goals

MABLE User's Conference (Renee)

- Agenda designed to meet participants needs
- Survey due one week- **Wednesday the 17th to Wednesday November 23rd**
- Opportunity to read the plans before coming to the conference
 - LINCS-find programs you may want to share time with
- Lodging information
 - Crowne Plaza-Carol will forward to everyone

Data Quality Plans-Year End Report to Feds

- Using all of the information submitted to show what we are doing to meet requirements
 - Advice from Grants Management Training

GED Initiative

- State Workforce Investment Board-Youth Council
 - Discretionary set aside money from the Governor-impact of youth that do not receive a credential; workforce perspective
- Send an alternate if you cannot come, and forward invitation to those who should be invited
 - Billings-December 14th
 - Butte-December 16th

Adult Credentialing Team

- Coordinating efforts (CTI, Missoula Job Service, Department Labor, SWIB, OCHE, Health Care-MSU)
 - Focus on health care sector to model pathways for other careers
 - Update on pathway work at FVCC (Margaret Girkins)
 - First semester of the pathway (ABE/FVCC faculty collaboration)
 - Upcoming conference call with WA to help refine work for next semester

December Shop Talk

- Change to the 15th at 11:00