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MEMORANDUM

To: Montana Community Management Teams and One-Stop Partners
From: Becky Bird, State Director Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE)
CC: MT DOLI; MT DPHHS-TANF; MT DPHHS-Voc Rehab,
Date: 4/7/2004
Re: Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) Training Opportunity

The MT Department of Labor- Workforce Services Bureau and the MT Office of Public Instruction-Adult Basic and Literacy Education program are collaborating to provide an excellent training opportunity for the Montana Workforce Development community and other partner organizations.

The week of June 14-18 training is being offered on the Test of Adult Basic Education, commonly known as the TABE. The TABE is the required assessment for Montana ABLE programs and is commonly used by other providers of employment and training, and transition programs to assess participant basic education levels.

Montana is moving to a system that will require certification of all those who use and implement the TABE in employment and training programs. The purpose for certification will be to assure standardization and reliability of assessment results, as well as to streamline the impact of assessment of those we serve. Ultimately the goal is increasing participant outcomes.

Plan to attend as a team. Space is limited in each session to 30 or up to five members from a CMT. Even if your agency doesn't implement the TABE but you refer to another organization for assessment this training will be help your organization better understand the TABE and what information it can AND cannot provide.

If you have any questions about this training you may contact Becky Bird, State Director of Adult Basic Education, WIA -Title II programs at 406-444-4443, or at bbird@state.mt.us.