FRIDAY FACTS

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ABLE Bidders’ Conference

Programs may want to reconsider attending more than one Bidders’ Conference session. The sessions will be a repeat of information for both the a.m. and p.m. sessions on February 6 and 13. The question and answers from each of the four sessions will be posted on the web; duplicate questions will not be posted more than once.

Director of Literacy Center Search

The Edward Stevens Center for the Study and Development of Literacy and Language, located within the College of Education at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, is seeking a Director and invites applications for this position which begins July 1, 2009. For details about the position and the application process, visit Ohio University’s website: www.ohiouniversityjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=55092

Dollar General Literacy Grant Available

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation Adult and Family Literacy grant applications are now available online. The maximum grant amount is $20,000.

The grant application can be accessed by going to http://www.dollargeneral.com/Community/Pages/GrantPrograms.aspx

The deadline to apply is March 4, 2009, and grants will be announced May 14, 2009.
**Assessment Training**

Although ABLE programs are seeing some new initiatives with the move to the University System of Ohio, one thing that will remain constant is the need for accountability. Assessment is a critical piece of accountability and an important component of every program’s grant.

The Northwest ABLE Resource Center is hosting two full-day trainings on Assessment Fundamentals. This training is ideal for new staff and for those needing an assessment refresher.

The first opportunity will be on Friday, March 6 at Lorain County Joint Vocational School for ABLE programs in the northern part of the state. The second training will be held on Friday, April 3 at Sinclair Community College for the southern programs.

Assessment Fundamentals will cover the following: current Ohio ABLE Assessment Policy, assessment tools used in the ABLE classroom with emphasis on state-approved standardized tests, an introduction to college screening assessments, and TABE 9/10 training. To register for either training, go to the Resource Center Calendar at [http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm](http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm)

**Quote of the Week**

“Always do what you say you are going to do. It is the glue and fiber that binds successful relationships.” – Jeffry A. Timmons, *The Entrepreneurial Mind*