ABLE Contact Information

We are hearing that some of you are still having trouble contacting us at our new location at the Ohio Board of Regents. Sharon Brannon answers our main phone line which is the same at 614.466.5015. You can also reach us through email at:

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ABLE Grants for FY2010

There will be some changes to the ABLE grants for FY2010. We are working on the documents, but do not have a new timeline to share with you at this time. We will communicate new information as it becomes available.
**Economic Stimulus Package**

ABLE programs should become knowledgeable about the Economic Stimulus Package and how they can contribute through various program funds. Two programs through WIA, Title I include:

**Workforce Investment Act Training and Employment Services Recovery Funding:**  
**Ohio Local Area Impact ($109 million)**

It is critical that University System of Ohio (USO) schools recognize that 85% of Ohio’s WIA allocation will be spent locally and outside of State-level policy direction; that equals $109.1 million. Local Workforce Investment Boards/One-Stops will need the help of USO schools in effectively distributing these dollars. The bridges between USO agencies and local Workforce Investment Boards/One-Stops and through the Ohio Skills Bank’s regional Education & Training Consortia should help ensure that local dollars will support regionally-developed training initiatives.

It should be noted that many USO schools are current required partners of Ohio’s local and regional One-Stop systems, e.g. Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE, WIA Title II), AWE/Colleges (Carl D. Perkins). It is presumed that these programs will actively respond to locally-issued grant proposal requests.

Note: Some ABLE programs have already been contacted by their local JFS agencies.

**WIA Youth Program**  
**Ohio Local Distribution ($48,217,100)**

This effort is intended to support youth up through age 24 in all youth activities, with special mention of summer jobs for “youth who have become disconnected from both education and the labor market.”

This program will provide funds to provide grants to states for the creation of summer youth employment opportunities potentially including GED preparation classes for out-of-school youth. Local providers may use funds to reach young adults who have become disconnected from both education and the labor market. The work readiness performance indicator will be the only measure of performance used to assess effectiveness of summer jobs. These funds may not be used to fund Youth Opportunity Grants.

Other areas to note include: WIA Dislocated Worker Program, Community Development Block Grant, Child Care and Development Block Grant and Head Start.

**Health Literacy Study Circle+**

The Ohio Literacy Resource Center is offering an on-line professional development opportunity starting Thursday, April 2, 2009, the **Skills for Chronic Disease Management Study Circle+**. This study circle will meet five times for three hours each time via conference call and computer.
The **Skills for Chronic Disease Management Study Circle** prepares participants to help their students develop basic skills (reading, writing, and numeracy) needed for chronic disease management. These skills include reading medicine labels, following directions, and measuring dosages correctly; using measurement tools to monitor health; monitoring symptoms and talking to health care professionals about their observations; and making critical decisions about health care.

During this study circle, participants will:

- Develop a shared definition of “health literacy”
- Identify the activities people engage in when they are trying to manage a chronic disease
- Identify literacy related barriers and issues faced by people who are managing a chronic disease
- Identify health literacy skills needed to accomplish the many tasks involved in managing a chronic disease
- Teach, modify, and critique sample lessons designed to build students’ literacy and numeracy skills related to chronic disease management
- Use Ohio’s ABLE standards to create and pilot a lesson based on students’ needs
- Outline a sequence of lessons for a health literacy unit and draft an evaluation plan
- Develop strategies to incorporate health literacy skills into classroom activities

The study circle will meet on the following Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.:
April 2, April 9, April 23, May 14 and May 28, 2009.

Participants who attend all sessions and complete all activities will be eligible for a stipend from their ABLE Regional Resource Center. Due to the length of time and work involved in this study circle, it will count as two (2) professional development activities.

If you would like to participate in this on-line Health Literacy Study Circle, register on-line by choosing the alternative delivery option at [http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm](http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm)

Space is limited to 15 participants, and the deadline for registration is March 27, 2009. It is strongly recommended that at least two teachers from a program sign-up. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Baycich at dbaycich@literacy.kent.edu or at 330-672-7841

**Quote of the Week**

“Wherever we look upon this earth, the opportunities take shape within the problems.”
– Nelson A. Rockefeller