FRIDAY FACTS
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FY 2010 ABLE Instructional Programs with Corrections Education

Twenty-nine ABLE programs offered Corrections Education components in FY 2010. If you offered such a program, please note that any “carryover” funds identified in the separate Corrections Education Final Expenditure Report (FER) are a subset of the overall FY 2010 grant carryover funds. This amount will automatically become part of the overall FY 2011 CCIP ABLE budget allocation after the overall FER has been approved by ODE’s Grants Management.

The FY 2010 Corrections Education “carryover” funds can be used for services other than Corrections Education in FY 2011. In FY 2011, the same ABLE programs are offering Corrections Education again as a component. The amounts for this component have been identified and approved in the FY 2011 ABLE Instructional grants.

Questions about Correction Education funds should be directed to your regional State ABLE Consultant.

Welcome to the Ohio ABLE Directors’ Wiggio

As Ohio ABLE moves to use more technology, the Ohio Literacy Resource Center has developed an Ohio ABLE Directors’ Wiggio. This Wiggio is a virtual meeting place for directors and coordinators of Ohio’s ABLE programs. It provides a way for members to have discussions, share documents, form sub-groups, keep track of up-coming events, hold virtual meetings, post surveys for other Wiggio members, and more.

ABLE program directors and/or coordinators should have received an e-mail inviting them to join the Wiggio. If you did not receive the invitation by e-mail, it may have gone to your spam folder. Since some school districts block access to sites like Wiggio, you may need to contact the IT person for your program to allow access from your computer.
If you need instruction on how to join the Wiggio or have any Wiggio related questions, contact Dianna Baycich at dbaycich@literacy.kent.edu or at 330-672-7841.

**Ohio Writing Project**

The Ohio State ABLE Program is supporting a Professional Development (PD) opportunity for a selected group of Ohio ABLE writing instructors in FY 2011. An effective process for assessing writing is critical for student progress. So, the project facilitated by the Southwest ABLE Resource Center focuses on incorporating research-based practices for assessing and evaluating student writing in all stages of development, from pre-writing to final drafts. The use of rubrics for assessment will be an integral part of the project.

The selected teachers will participate in a variety of activities, which may include study circles, online professional development resources, online discussions and the application of research-based practices in the classrooms. The PD content will be based on a series of workshops developed by a nationally recognized leader in teacher professional development, the Annenberg Foundation. Financial support to participants will be provided. Two hours of graduate credit is an option.

Applicant criteria:
- Have a minimum of two years of experience teaching writing in ABLE programs.
- Teach in an ABLE classroom at least six hours per week.
- Express enthusiasm for learning about and implementing research-based writing practices in their classrooms.
- Currently incorporate Ohio Writing Standard into instruction.
- Are experienced and comfortable with online learning.

To learn more about the Ohio Writing Project, contact Kathy Knall at the Southwest ABLE Resource Center (800-558-5374 or kathy.knall@sinclair.edu). The application deadline is Friday, October 1, 2010.

**OAACE**

It is time to renew your OAACE membership. Please see the attached letter from the OAACE Membership Committee Chair, Robert Seaman. Memberships must be received and paid by January 31, 2011. If you return your membership application during the membership drive, now through October 31st, your institutional membership will include five individual associate memberships: any applications received after October 31st will be limited to four.
Reminders

General Comment – Please make sure you include the program name on any documents that you submit to us. This will assist us in ensuring that the correct program is credited for the submission. Also, check to ensure that signatures are on the necessary documents. If they are not, this slows down the process of approval.

1. **PD Forms** – The FY 2011 PPDP and IPDP forms are due to the OBR by **September 17, 2010**. Remember we need to receive two copies of the PPDP form and one copy for each staff member of the IPDP forms. Remember that all ABLE staff members seeking stipend and/or funding reimbursement in FY 2011 will need to complete a Federal W-9 form. The completed forms are due to your Regional Resource Center by **September 17, 2010**.

2. **Schedule A** – The FY 2010 Schedule A forms are due no later than **September 24, 2010**. Please make sure that both parts of the Schedule A are submitted.

3. **Data Checklist** – The Data Certifications Checklist is due no later than **September 24, 2010**.

4. **Quarterly Reports** – The FY 2011 First Quarterly ABLELink reports are due no later than **September 24, 2010**.

5. **FER** – The FY 2010 CCIP and State Leadership Final Expenditure Reports (FER) are due no later than **September 30, 2010**. Remember that if you have AB-S1 or AB-S2 carryover, you will need to revise your budget and provide documentation for any changes on the addendum pages such as the budget narrative, personnel, and instructional site pages.

6. **FY 2011 AB-S1 Allocation Increases** – Programs should be revising budgets in CCIP and sending (e-mailing) addendum revisions to the State ABLE Office.

7. **FY 2011 PD Policy** - Per the Ohio ABLE FY2011 PD Policy, the New Staff Orientation Online course (NSO) is required for all staffs within one year from date of hire. In addition, NSO is a prerequisite before administrators and teachers attend their face-to-face orientations so that the time can be maximized for job-specific content.

Quote of the Week

"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer’s best of weather
And autumn’s best of cheer."

- Helen Hunt Jackson, *September*, 1830-1885
  American poet and novelist