FRIDAY FACTS
FROM JEFF GOVE, STATE ABLE DIRECTOR
ADULT BASIC AND LITERACY EDUCATION
November 12, 2010

Message from Jeff Gove, ABLE Director

Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, addressed all of the Ohio Board of Regents' staff the day after the elections. Members of the Board of Regents were in attendance via a conference call. The Chancellor reinforced that the results of the election were in no way a referendum on the agency, its work, or the staff. There remains bipartisan support for higher education as a key to economic advancement in Ohio.

Persons who were elected into office all have a sincere interest and belief in their ability to make positive contributions to the state. One of the roles of the Ohio Board of Regents will be to help educate newly elected officials on the work of the agency, including but not limited to the University System of Ohio. Local and regional USO organizations and associations may be called upon to assist with this effort.

*How does all of this impact ABLE?*

Clearly, it is too soon to know specifics but our State ABLE team is confident that our work and that of you, your staff, and volunteers will continue to be valued and critical to the continued integration of the University System of Ohio. Our role in increasing the skills of adults in their pursuit of postsecondary education and employment success is necessary to ensure that Ohio has a trained workforce for Ohio jobs of the 21st Century.

We will provide you with periodic updates as details become known. In the mean time, please know that you, your staff, and volunteers are all doing important work and it is appreciated. Thank you.
ABLE Programs Requesting Payment

It is important that your treasurers/fiscal officers submit regular Project Cash Requests (PCR) through CCIP to the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Board of Regents. If they are not, please encourage them to do so.

Our goal each year is to draw down all of the ABLE state funding before any of the federal portion is available for payment. The system is set up to hold all federal funding until all state funding is requested and paid out. What this means to you is that if you have requested your full state share, but other programs have not, you can not receive any additional federal funds until all state funds have been requested. We ask your cooperation in this to help keep the system running smoothly for all programs. Thank you.

Web 2 Training

Have you ever wondered…

- what is Web 2.0?
- what are wikis, blogs, podcasts, and social networking?
- how can I use social networks in the classroom?

This new training being offered by the Southwest Regional Resource Center can help.

See the attached flyer to learn when this exciting new training will be held. The training involves online work--WebQuest- and a face-to-face lab. The WebQuest portion of the training is available to anyone for use. So if you are interested in enhancing your Web 2 skills, but can not attend the formal training, check out at least the first portion of the training. The link is available on the Alternate Training link at the SW RRC site at: http://www.sinclair.edu/facilities/swable/AltTrain/ .

OBR USO ABLE Initiatives

We have attached a chart to show the relationships between the OBR USO ABLE initiatives. All initiatives contribute to more students successfully transitioning within the University System of Ohio and earning credentials, certificates, and degrees. These credentials will lead to sustained employment and an improved quality of life. For specific questions about any of these initiatives, please contact our office.
FY 2011 ABLE Program Directory

The updated FY 2011 ABLE Program Directory is now available online at the ABLE web site. The link is
Please check the information for your program. If there are any corrections forward them to Sharon Brannon at
sbrannon@regents.state.oh.us by November 19, 2010.

Your fellow administrators can provide support to you.
The directory is published for your convenience when trying to
contact your fellow administrators, ODE and/or OBR ABLE staff.

Reminders
1. **EL/Civics Report** – The FY 2010 EL/Civics End-of-Year Report is
due no later than November 12, 2010.
2. **Second Quarterly Report** – The FY 2011 Second Quarterly
ABLELink reports is due no later than December 10, 2010.
3. **Friday Facts** – There will be no Friday Facts on November 26,
2010, the day after Thanksgiving. The Next Friday Facts will be
sent on December 10, 2010.

Quote of the Week

"Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year;
to the honest man
it comes as frequently as
the heart of gratitude will allow."

Edward Sandford Martin (1856-1939)
American humorist, journalist,
essayist, writer, editor
Co-founder of "Harvard Lampoon"

Happy Thanksgiving

From the State ABLE team