

Adult Education and Literacy Director's Category

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- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
WIOA regulations were out in April 2015. There was a sixty-day comment time for people to respond to the regulations. Comments should be done by June 12. At the spring director's conference and spring regional meetings, directors shared how they are partnering with WIA partners and questions about MOUs. Performance measures are of concern. There is so much information in the regulations it is difficult to sort out the key elements specific to AEL.
- Adult Education and Literacy Marketing Campaign.
DESE has developed a state-wide communication (marketing) plan and communication plan, to help promote AEL programs. The "campaign" will be used to promote AEL through different mediums (radio, print, online). While different types of advertisements will be used, the same campaign idea will always be used. The campaign idea we have come up with is "Are You Ready For More?"
- HiSet changes in math and social studies.
The Math on third HiSET practice Test is very rigorous. Math resources are needed to bridge the gap between the TABE and the HiSET requirements. Missouri Learning Standards-the new Common Core
- AEL programs are using resources helping prepare students for a more rigorous high school equivalency test and College and Career Readiness Standards. Several directors found the following materials to be helpful; Paxen series, Aztec software, Number Power-Algebra revised edition, McGraw Hill TABE Skills Workbooks and Common Core Achieve and Basic (McGraw Hill), Non-Negotiable Skills (Cambridge), Victory for the HiSET (Cambridge)
- TABE CLAS-E
There are two complete pilot sites and two partial in Missouri. CLAS-E Pre and post testing takes advanced organizational skills as well as time and staff resources.

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