

2022 MAACCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022

Session 3: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Advocacy in Missouri Can Change the World of AEL

Attendees will meet Kevin White the new Advocacy Fellow for Missouri through COABE. New advocacy options will be discussed on the national level as well as Missouri specifically. Attendees will be invited to share concerns and ideas to be potentially addressed in these plans.

Presenters: Juli DeNisco – AEL Director, Crowder College
Kevin White – Student Advocate, Literacy KC

Categories: Adult Education – Directors, Teachers, ESL

Fostering a Community Focused on Identity-conscious Leadership

So often humans want to lean into the ideals of "I just see people as people" and "Why don't we just focus on being good people." The reality is that only focusing on the "person" increases our likelihood to miss the ways in which identity impacts our learners, colleagues, and anyone we encounter. The unintentional impact can lead to masking one's identities and retention issues because team members do not know how to support one another or their students. Join the presenters in exploring identity-conscious leadership to empower those around us to live authentically and encourage us to show up for each other in real and meaningful ways.

Presenters: Christina Parle – Co-Lead, Founder, Social Responsibility Speaks
Suzette Walden Cole – Co-Lead, Founder, Social Responsibility Speaks

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Getting Out of The Box: Keys to Improving Instruction and Defeating Deception

What if the cause of most interpersonal and instructional problems we face could be traced to something we are unconsciously doing, but can consciously stop? This session will teach you how to recognize patterns of behavior that interfere with your peace, and how to diffuse conflict both in and out of the classroom.

Presenter: Reay Gilmour – Education Specialist AEL, MO Department of Corrections DORS

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Inspiring Others

(Repeated Session – Session #6)

How do I reach those who need inspiration and how do I relate to those in which I have nothing in common?

Presenter: Jeffrey Cauley – UniTec Career Center Director, UniTec Career Center

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Integrated Education and Training in Missouri, Basics and Strategy

The IET Basics and Statewide Strategic Plan presentation introduces Integrated Education and Training with a basic overview of the background, regulations, and program requirements along with a review of Missouri DESE AEL's statewide strategic plan.

Presenters: Megan Wadley – Director, MO DESE Adult Education and Literacy
Lindsay Thomas – Supervisor, MO DESE Adult Education and Literacy

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Managing Behaviors

Behavior management is a series of steps taken to help guide individuals to become motivated to change their actions and interactions. In Afterschool programs, this can mean helping students change their in-class behavior, make better choices, or altering bad habits. Behavior management is important in the classroom because it creates an appropriate environment for learning to take place.

Presenter: Carl Wade – Caring Communities Program Specialist, Local Investment Commission (LINC)

Categories: Afterschool

Poverty Simulation

(Extended Session – Sessions #3 & #4)

The Poverty Simulation is an interactive experience that helps individuals begin to understand what life is like with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. It moves people to think about the harsh realities of poverty and to talk about how communities can address the problem collectively.

Presenters: Missouri Ozarks Community Action

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SEL: A Key to Employee Retention

Employee retention is at an all-time low! Come join us to learn small "tweaks" we've done to increase employee retention through SEL.

Presenters: Shawntelle Fisher - Founder/CEO, The SoulFisher Ministries

Abdul-Rasheed Ajayi - ENAL Program Coordinator, The SoulFisher Ministries

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Session 4: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

A Teacher's Dozen: Activities to Engage Your Learners

In-person, virtual, hy-flex...donut worry! No matter what your English language classroom looks like, dunk into our session to learn how to spice up your teaching and make any lesson more engaging. From warm-up activities and vocabulary lessons to grammar topics and pronunciation practice, we'll have a variety pack of ideas and activities to energize your classroom. Participants will leave full of new strategies to support their English language learners. Join our conference classroom and sweeten your day with the BurlingtonEnglish team!

Presenters: April Lawton – Customer Manager, Burlington English, Inc

Sam Hicks – Customer Representative, Burlington English, Inc

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Effective Listening: Listening to React vs Listening to Respond

Effective Listening helps us become better communicators. Good communication improves our relationships, both in work area and in our personal life with family, friends, and neighbors.

Presenter: Debra Thompson – Regional Employer Services Manager/Marketing Specialist, Workforce Development Board of Southeast Missouri

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HiSET Essay Made Easy

Do your students struggle to pass the HiSET essay? Join former AEL Assistant Program Director and Instructor, Susan York, and Stacy Prewett to learn how to simplify the writing process and ensure your students are ready for the HiSET Language Arts – Writing Test.

Presenters: Susan York - Education Team, Essentials in Writing
Stacy Prewett - Head of Education & Curriculum Development, Essentials in Writing

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OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM AND THE COMMUNITY

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Producing English Sounds

What pronunciation techniques do we fall back on when “sound like me” isn’t enough? This workshop will cover an easy-to-use method of explaining the positions of the tongue in the mouth to produce English vowel sounds and the problematic /l/ and /r/ distinction. We will also discuss a simplified approach for teaching -ed ending sounds and why discerning them is challenging.

Presenter: Melinda Brown-Mason – ELL Instructor, Literacy KC

Categories: Adult Education –ESL

Statewide Afterschool Evaluation

In this session we will be reviewing the 20-21 Statewide Afterschool Evaluation data. This includes data collected in the 20-21 school year on 21st Century and SAC funded afterschool programs.

Presenters: Jason Patrie – Data and Evaluation Coordinator, Missouri AfterSchool Network
Wayne Mayfield – Associate Director of Research, Institute of Public Policy - MU

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WIOA and how can assist your students

Overview of WIOA program services and benefits that be combined with AEL to assist participants with employment and training services and/or funding.

Presenter: Samantha Terry – EO/Compliance Manager/Special Programs and Grants, Southeast Workforce Development Board

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Session 5: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Are You a Michael Scott or George Costanza? Using Self Awareness Practices to Be Your Best Self

Using sitcom and movie references, this workshop will explore some big personalities often found in the workplace. Through the humorous exploration of these fictional characters, we will also explore self-awareness practices to address our issues and work toward becoming the best version of ourselves.

Presenter: Colleen Abbott – Director of Afterschool Services, Eldon LEAP

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Be a Math Guru-The Fundamentals of Teaching Math

(Extended Session – Sessions #5 & #6)

Specific instruction and classroom methods for: solving equations, algebra, fractions, decimals, percents, ratios, proportions, geometry, linear equations, etc.

Presenter: Perry Fairchild – Academic Teacher, MODOC Moberly Correctional Center

Categories: Adult Education –Teachers

Communication & Poverty Barriers

After a brief introduction to the types of poverty your students may face, this workshop will look at poverty from an insider's perspective. Discussion will then focus on the impact poverty has on communication with students and how to break through some communication barriers.

Presenters: Alice Whalen – Director, ECC AEL Program
Mary Eagan – CCR Advocate, ECC AEL Program

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Do You Really Want Them There?!

Meeting the needs of students and families through positive and meaningful relationships is essential to high quality care and education. However, these relationships are often hindered by our unconscious bias. This workshop will provide a discussion on unconscious bias, how they impact our relationships with children and families and how as educators, we can overcome them to build healthy, supportive relationships.

Presenters: Janet Miles-Bartee – Executive Vice President, LINC (Local Investment Commission)
Carl Wade – Caring Communities Program Specialist, LINC (Local Investment Commission)

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Interactive, Engaging, Turnkey Instructional Content to Support Education Programs

Adult education, community schools, and after-school programs have unique and complicated challenges when it comes to providing meaningful and engaging instruction for their students. During this presentation, you will have the opportunity to see a full demonstration of the Boardworks interactive teaching library of supplemental resources. Boardworks is a library of over 25k+ slides of interactive, virtual, engaging, and supplemental Math, Science, ELA, and History content. It works with all teacher/student devices, is non-subscription, and is mapped to Missouri Learning Standards. Come see how Boardworks can save teachers' time while increasing student learning and engagement.

Presenter: Matt Argubright – Educational Consultant, Boardworks Education

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Make a Difference Starting with Yourself

Biases that can change, initiate, or hinder our ability to work with all demographics. Everyone holds biases created from our experiences, background, beliefs, and the media. Recognizing learned behaviors and patterns allows us to learn how to overcome them and ensure that your biases do not affect our customers.

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TABE Testing Updates

This session will include Workforce Readiness Reporting as well as updates and best practices for TABE testing including remote proctoring, TABE Writing Test, the TABE Off-Line testing platform, and the use of TABE CLAS-E Online for ESL students.

Presenter: Mike Johnson – National Adult Education Director – TABE, Data Recognition Corporation

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Teaching English Pronunciation

Looking for ideas on incorporating pronunciation into your classroom? This workshop will introduce the Communicative Framework for Teaching Pronunciation as a guide to develop a lesson focused on pronunciation, as well as several ideas for incorporating pronunciation into speaking, listening, reading, and grammar lessons you are already teaching.

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Closing the Gap - Identifying Where We Lose Students and How to Get Them Back

This presentation will help you identify the critical points where we lose students in our adult ed programs every year. We will also discuss some practical strategies for how to close that gap, with key takeaways for student retention that you can implement right away!

Presenters: Amy Richmund – Director of Implementation, ConnectAble
Neil Richmund – Director of Technology Solutions, ConnectAble

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Creativity In Leadership

Join us to learn about five principles of leadership and how creativity is not limited only to the artists among us. We will explore what it means to be a leader and how we can work creativity into our leadership practices.

Presenter: Brad Lademann - Associate Director of Quality Initiatives, Missouri AfterSchool Network

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DESE Download-MAACCE Edition

Join DESE AEL staff for a discussion of current events in Adult Education statewide. This session is open to anyone who is interested in current strategic initiatives and program development from the DESE AEL office.

Presenters: Megan Wadley – Director, MO DESE Adult Education and Literacy
DESE AEL Team – MO DESE Adult Education and Literacy

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How to Instruct Beginning English Learners

In Volume 2/Issue 2 of the AEL Research Journal (2020) Dr. Dana Downs-Kuritz, PhD described how she instructed a beginning English class. During her presentation, Dr. Downs-Kuritz will elaborate on how to help adult students who do not have any experience in a formal classroom setting. She will explain how teaching beginning English can be an enjoyable with the proper structure and enthusiasm.

Presenter: Dana Downs-Kuritz - Coordinator of Adult & Community Education, Independence School District

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Solutions Communications: What your audience really needs

Step out of the noise and deliver life-affirming communication so that your team and the people you serve hear their voice, see their face, embrace their fear, share their needs, and celebrate their joy. Show them a vibrant, caring community they want to be a part of. And when they need help, be ready with a response system to give them timely solutions -- all on a multitude of platforms wherever they are comfortable.

Presenters: Joe Robertson – Communications, Local Investment Commission (LINC)
Brent Schondelmeyer – Deputy Director - Community Engagement, (LINC)

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