

## 2024 MAACCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024**

**OPENING SESSION 1:00 – 2:45 pm**

**Opening Meeting**

**Entertainment – Springfield Improv!**

**Session 1: 3:00 pm – 3:50 pm**

### **15 Cognitive Science Insights to Maximize Adult Student Engagement and Performance on Standardized Testing**

This session will expose participants to 15 cognitive science insights and discuss how to use research-based instructional strategies to maximize student learning. The goal is to share and discuss 15 cognitive science insights and their implications for student learning. The participants will learn about the insights before discussing how they can be adapted and applied in different teaching contexts to maximize learning facilitation.

Presenters: Teddy Edouard – Systems and Learning Coach, Coaching for Better Learning

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### **Activities To Connect\***

This interactive session will feature activities that could be used to help staff connect to one another or could be used with students to create connections within your group. The activities range from very low risk (no talking) to highly connected (working together). Join us for a fun session full of movement, laughter, and learning!

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

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### **Adult Classroom Management**

Managing a classroom full of adults is sometimes challenging. In this session, we will discuss the things I do to maintain a classroom environment that is conducive to everyone learning. The group will have a chance to share their ideas and tips and tricks as well. During this session, we will cover trauma and trauma responses and how the teacher can help handle those difficult students.

Presenter: Cherie Hayes – AEL Instructor, Crowder College

Categories: Adult Education – Teachers

### **Being a “Math Person”: Confidence-Building HiSET Math Instruction**

Defeat the self-fulfilling prophecy of “I’m not a math person” with specific strategies for teaching and learning multiplication tables through algebra word problems.

Presenters: Heather Mecham – Lead ABE/ASE Instructor, Literacy KC

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### **Effective Instruction Using CASAS Assessments & Tools**

***(Repeated in Session #5)***

We will introduce participants to the CASAS Reading & Listening STEPS assessments, look at sample test items, explore their alignment to the College and Career Readiness and English Language Proficiency Standards, and explore how the new reports can be used to target instruction.

Presenters: Daisy Shah – CASAS Trainer, CASAS

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## Exploring the HiSET in 2024

Join us for an overview of the HiSET program and a collaborative look at best practices. There will also be time for an open Q and A discussion.

Presenter: Tess Yurik – HiSET Adult Education Manager, HiSET

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## Federal Follow-Up Data: DESE Guidance and Best Practices

Missouri DESE AEL must report local program follow-up performance outcomes to the US Department of Education. These indicators represent achievement by AEL and ELL students after stopping services at local programs. Learn more about the federal follow-up outcomes: employment status (2nd and 4th quarter), median wages, and credential attainment. This session is designed for administrators and educators seeking guidance on collecting, calculating, and documenting student follow-up performance measures.

Presenter: Kathy Bommel – Assistant Director of AEL Performance, Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education  
Megan Wadley – Coordinator of AEL and HSE, Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

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## Little Tools of Power! Strengthening Academic Vocabulary Instruction

Academic vocabulary is a key part of reading increasingly complex text. Though formal academic vocabulary instruction typically begins at intermediate ESL and ABE levels, we can expose learners to this vocabulary orally as early as High-Beginning ESL. During this session, explore different levels of vocabulary, access tools to identify target words/phrases, and learn about activities for vocabulary play and review.

Presenter: Kristine Kelly – Literacy Coordinator, ATLAS@Hamline University

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## Session 2: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### AI Wizardry: Crafting Classroom Magic with Technology!

Prepare to dive into the exciting possibilities of using Artificial Intelligence to transform teaching and learning in today's classrooms. From adaptive learning systems to AI-driven feedback mechanisms to creating quizzes and study guides, explore how to harness the power of AI to cultivate engaging and effective educational experiences. Don't miss this opportunity to embark on a journey towards educational innovation!

Presenters: Brad Turnbull – ELL Instructor, Macon AEL

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### Building a Thriving Mentorship Program

This session will describe how one adult education program formed a new mentoring initiative to provide new instructors with a systematic, structured mentoring process. Walk away with mentor observations forms and a clear blueprint for implementation.

Presenter: Melinda Brown-Mason – ELL Instructor Lead, Literacy KC  
Jodi Garbison – ELL Instructor and Mentor, Literacy KC  
Melissa Acton – ELL Instructor and Mentor, Literacy KC  
Heather Mecham, ELL Instructor and Mentor, Literacy KC

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### **How Do You Create Impactful IET's in your HSE Program?**

As Integrated Educational Training (IETs) is becoming commonplace in adult education classrooms, local programs are continuously exploring creative and cost-effective solutions to implement these courses. Today, 80 percent of employers need help attracting and retaining the right employees. It's clear, along with attaining an HSE, that hands-on training in a high-demand occupation is a genuine pathway for our students as they will obtain entry-level skills to help employers fill employment gaps.

Presenters: Jeff Arnott – President, Lot 12 Education

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### **Improv Skills for Better Communication and More Effective Leadership**

Improve your communication skills, be able to connect with people from all backgrounds, and be a more effective leader. This workshop uses the exercises of Improvisation to teach you the skills to be a more effective listener and a more effective communicator. Have fun with a variety of interactive exercises that you can use in all aspects of your life. This session asks participants to get up out of their seats and engage each other, so be prepared to move around and talk!

Presenter: Seth White – Springfield Improv!

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### **Recharge Your HSE Prep with Free Resources**

Check out the free tools and resources available from GED Testing Service. This session will be an overview of the free tools and resources available to develop your knowledge of the GED, enhance your instruction, and improve outcomes.

Presenters: Liz Lanphear – State Relationship Manager, GED TS

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### **STEP UP with Burlington Core**

This presentation will briefly explore the new CASAS STEPS test, why the ELP Standards are important, and how programs can use Burlington English to prepare students for the more rigorous assessment.

Presenters: Sam Hicks – Customer Manager, Burlington English  
Elsa Valarezo – Customer Representative, Burlington English

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### **The Positive Power of Games and Laughter\***

Interactive session playing games, laughing, and learning how to make your lessons stick. These activities will most likely make many of your students look forward to coming to your class every day.

Presenters: Cheryl Leonhardt – AEL English Instructor, Ozarks Technical Community College

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### **What's Your Why: Setting the Vision for Adult Learners**

Participants will use reflection, discussion, and group activities to create a personal vision for the work they do, how that work supports the adult learners they serve, and how to leverage cultural responsiveness to meet the needs of diverse learners.

Presenter: Evelyn Gilliam – Director of Professional Learning, Ritenour School District

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## **WELCOME RECEPTION 5:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Slider Bar – Drinks – Visit with Exhibitors – Networking – PRIZES!**