

2024 MAACCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

Session 6: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Cultural Orientation and Oral Cultures*

Attendees will gain a better understanding of Western and Eastern paradigms. This includes how cultures pass on traditions and years of information. The cross-cultural interactions will determine the outcome. So, understanding the cultural differences can greatly impact the outcome.

Presenters: Eddie Gonzalez – ELL Instructor/RAISE Development Director, Crowder College AEL
Kara Gebre – ELL Instructor, Crowder College AEL

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DESE Download--MAACCE Edition

Join DESE AEL staff to discuss current events in Adult Education statewide. This session is open to anyone interested in current strategic initiatives and program development from the DESE AEL office. Topics will include High School Equivalency, educator professional development, program monitoring, data, performance, Integrated Education and Training, and student assessment.

Presenters: Megan Wadley – Coordinator, AEL and HSE, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
DESE AEL Team

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ELL Grammar - Escape from the Exceptions!

Grammar is often considered difficult to teach because of the seemingly endless exceptions to the rules. There are some core fundamentals of English grammar, however, that never change! Come learn the foundations of English grammar that's free from exceptions!

Presenters: Melina Brubaker Mason – ELL Instructor Lead, Literacy KC

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Hooked & Looped: Latchhook Creations*

Latchhooking offers educational value through the development of fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and concentration. It fosters creativity and problem-solving abilities as crafters work with colors and patterns. Overall, latchhooking provides a hands-on learning experience that combines artistry with cognitive and motor skill development.

Presenters: Chevelle Stewart – Coordinator of Afterschool Program, St Louis Public Schools
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Mastering the Art of Difficult Conversations Effective Feedback*

This session is designed for managers, team leaders, and anyone looking to improve their communication skills in the workplace. Through interactive discussions, real-life scenarios, and practical exercises, you will leave with a toolkit of strategies to handle difficult conversations with confidence and deliver feedback that drives positive outcomes.

Presenters: Erin Malone – VP of Education, Mission: St Louis

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Partnering with the World Education Services (WES) Gateway Program

Does your ESL program have students educated in Afghanistan, Eritrea, Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine or Venezuela? The WES Gateway Program is designed to assess the foreign educational credentials of people from around the world who are forcibly displaced as a result of persecution, war, natural disasters, and other reasons. As a referral partner for two years, we would like to share our experience and provide information on how your program can become a referral partner at no cost to the students or program.

Presenters: Lynn Leslie – Transitions Case Manager, Parkway-Rockwood AEL

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Session 7: 10:15 am – 11:15 am

Building Bridges for Community Education Success

Explore key strategies for collaboration, innovation, and best practices in community education through engaging discussions and real-world examples. Whether you're a seasoned professional or new to the field, this session offers practical guidance and inspiration for advancing your community education initiatives.

Presenters: Stephanie Collins – Program Supervisor, St Charles RVI School District Adult & Community Education

Kathleen Henke – Community Education & Grant Advisor, Northland Career Center

Categories: Community Education

Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers: Empowering Adult Learners

Interactive game that will allow us to learn how to listen and help when everything is not ALWAYS Black & White.

Presenters: Stacy Williams – Connection Coach, Literacy KC

Ray Lucas – Student Advocate, Literacy KC

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How do you market your HSE (GED) program and develop meaningful partnerships?

A successful marketing campaign is essential for building a successful HSE (GED) program in your community. In addition to traditional marketing techniques, building partnerships can expand your reach. Developing meaningful partnerships can lead to increased enrollment, better academic outcomes, and student career opportunities, which might lead to increased funding by leveraging community partners.

Presenters: Jeff Arnott – President, Lot 12 Education

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Statewide Afterschool Evaluation*

Let's review together the 2022-23 Statewide Afterschool Evaluation data. This includes data collected in the 2022-23 school year of 21stcentury and SAC-funded afterschool programs.

Presenters: Jason Patrie – Data & Evaluation Coordinator, Missouri Afterschool Network

Categories: Afterschool

Strengthening Integrated Education and Training (IET) in Missouri

In this session, DESE AEL will: review the basics of IET design, highlight portions of DESE 5-year IET Strategic Plan, and the development of an IET Advisory Board. DESE has new information regarding IETs obtained from the US Department of Education professional development opportunities. AEL and ELL staff working on or wishing to develop IET services should attend this session.

Presenters: Lindsay Thomas – Assistant Director of AEL Programming, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Megan Wadley – Coordinator of AEL and HSE, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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CLOSING SESSION 11:30 pm

Nacho Bar – Closing Meeting – PRIZES!

Capstone – Jan McInnis

“Finding the Funny in Communications”

Jan talks about putting humor into your communications. She dives deeper, taking samples of communications from the group, and demonstrates how to make them even more engaging and funny.