

2024 MAACCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

Session 3: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Ben's Math Class*

Live math class model for any and all. Those who don't teach math or don't like teaching math are especially welcome.

Presenters: Ben Falby – AEL Columbia Coordinator, MACC

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Burnout Happens: What It Is and How to Avoid It*

Burnout is a very real problem that is often experienced by administrators and staff in the world of education. Join this interactive session to learn what burnout looks like and take away some strategies to better help you and your colleagues stay mentally healthy.

Presenters: Brad Lademann – Associate Director of Quality Initiatives

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Connecting with People Who May Not Think Like You

This session will be a facilitated conversation where participants will engage in a variety of discussion techniques to help them self-reflect on the values they bring to an educational setting and how those values impact the lens through which they engage with the adult learners they serve.

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

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Getting Students To & Through IETs: The Power of Partnerships

Are you trying to figure out how to make a greater impact on your students? Formulating and engaging community partnerships play a major role in job placement, recruitment, and various supports. Working with partners improves your recruitment, retention, completion, and career placement of learners. The goal of this workshop is for attendees to gain an understanding of the strategies we have instituted to continue to grow, develop, and shape our IET/IELCE (workforce services) landscape.

Presenters: Yolanda Waldon – Chief Workforce Officer, Literacy KC

Kimberly Simmons – Career & College Readiness Coordinator, Literacy KC

Categories: Adult Education – Directors

High Impact Teaching: 12 Ways Instructors Can Move Their Teaching Skills from Good to Great

This session will expose participants to high-impact teaching practices and decisions to capture student attention and facilitate effective learning. The participants will explore 12 research-based teaching practices (for example, high-impact instructions, reflection on learning, and storytelling) and their implications for lesson planning and delivery. Lastly, in small groups or pairs, the attendees will reflect on adapting and applying the practices and materials to improve lesson planning, delivery, and facilitation in their teaching contexts.

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

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Increasing Rigor to Meet Today's New Testing Landscape

This is a great opportunity for teachers who use Burlington English to gain practical knowledge in the classroom. We'll collaborate on the elements of rigorous instruction and demonstrate simple ways to increase rigor in the classroom.

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

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Let's Go Deep: Building Literacy Instruction around an Essential Question

What are some key questions we can ask ourselves when planning literacy instruction? How can we build instruction around an essential question? What are some effective pre-, during, and post-reading/writing tasks to support students in working with vocabulary, grammar, and comprehension? Let's work with these questions, try out some literacy activities, and reflect on how they could be incorporated into different levels and instructional contexts.

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

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RAISE and Crowder ELL Partner to Reduce Stress for New Arrivals

Crowder College ELL and (Joplin RAISE (Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education) created to a strong partnership to reduce barriers to work. This includes classes for English Language Acquisition, ELL Driving Written and Driving, Workforce, and Digital Literacy class.

Presenters: Juli DeNisco – AEL Director, Crowder College
Kara Gebre – Director, Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education

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What Does a Children's Book Have to Do with Adult Education?

Come see how the book, "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs," can be utilized to teach text structure, vocabulary building, philosophical discussion, writing skills, literature building, and more. Plus, you will get to have some fun!

Presenters: Dina Fustini – Literacy Coordinator & AEL Instructor, AEL Moberly Area Community College

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Session 4: 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Breaking Down the GED

What is on the GED test that you need to know as an instructor to teach your students? Learn about the breakdown of what is covered on each test and what subject material your students will need to know to be successful on the GED test.

Presenters: Leigha Layne – Assistant AEL Director, Crowder College Adult Education & Literacy

Categories: Adult Education – Teachers

Building a Culture of Philanthropy in For-Profit Organizations: Creating Social Impact and Business Success

This presentation offers insights into the importance of for-profit organizations embracing philanthropy, exploring how integrating social responsibility into corporate culture can drive business success while positively impacting society. Through case studies, strategies, and practical examples, participants will learn how to cultivate a culture of philanthropy within their organizations, fostering a sense of purpose and community engagement.

Presenters: Xavier Hankins – Chief Development Officer, Literacy KC

Categories: Community Education

ELL Roundtable

Join us in a discussion about ideas that have been helpful in the classroom. Topics will include the new CASAS testing. Be prepared to share!

Presenters: Lorraine Gardner – ELL Instructor, Ozarks Technical Community College
Vicki DeToy – ELL Instructor, Ozarks Technical Community College

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Empowering Adult Learners: Focusing on Understanding, Motivating, and Progressing

Participating in this session offers educators a comprehensive understanding of the key elements underpinning several critical aspects of adult education. This session delves into the dynamics of adult learning processes, motivational factors that compel adults to remain committed to their educational journey and instructional strategies that resonate with the goals of adult learners. The session reveals strategies for effectively facilitating progress and advancement among adult learners, guiding them from one proficiency level to another.

Presenters: Christina Miller – National Consultant, Aztec

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Joys of ADHD

We plan to foster discussion on the positives of having these adult students in our classrooms. To encourage this, we plan to generate discussion with participants and share resources, tips, and strategies to not only help ADHD adult students, but to enjoy their presence in the classroom.

Presenters: Leslianne Bagwill – Educator, Department of Corrections
Christopher Cooley – Educator, Department of Corrections

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MOlearns FAQ's

MOlearns will offer a frequently asked questions session for programs who are currently opted in for MOlearns or from programs interested adding MOlearns.

Presenters: Laura Hernke – Facilitator, MOlearns
Tina Hunsel – Teacher, MOlearns
Tania Langrehr – Teacher, MOlearns
Debbie Calderon – Teacher, MOlearns
Laura Barber – Teacher, MOlearns

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Refugee Simulation*

Do you wonder what an official refugee status is? This session is to help walk you through the journey of getting approval and beyond. We will discuss technical paperwork as well as walk you through the cultural and emotional aspects of this transition. This will help you serve this population with empathy and understanding.

Presenters: Eddie Gonzalez – ELL Instructor/RAISE Development Director, Crowder College AEL
Juli DeNisco – AEL Director, Crowder College
Kara Gebre – Refugee and Immigrant Services & Education (RAISE) Director and ELL Instructor, Crowder College

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Renew your Program and Outcomes

Considering a transition to GED? Discover the free tools and resources to help you be successful. You'll be so glad you did!!

Presenters: Liz Lanphear – State Relationship Manager, GED TS

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TABE 13/14 and TABE CLAS-E Forms C/D Updates

This session will provide information related to what the updates are and what will be changing for the new TABE 13/14 and TABE CLAS-E. Programs and students will benefit from updates to both assessments to meet the needs as students preparing for today's workforce or preparing to learn English. The updates that both assessments have undergone are based directly on feedback from Teachers, Administrators and Students.

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

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AWARDS LUNCH 12:00 – 1:15 pm

Awards – Membership Meeting – PRIZES!

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1:15 – 2:45 pm

Evelyn Gilliam

The History of Juneteenth

Evelyn will provide a brief history of Juneteenth with a discussion about its implications for current society.

Session 5: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

DESE Afterschool*

DESE Afterschool Updates

Presenters: Patrice Speed – Program Specialist, DESE
James Reed – Program Specialist, DESE

Categories: Afterschool

Effective Instruction Using CASAS Assessments & Tools

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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HSE Roundtable

Join us in a discussion about ideas that have been helpful in the classroom. Be prepared to share!

Presenters: Debbie Calderon – Teacher, MOlearns

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Informal Reading Assessments Benefits for Adult Learners

Wish TABE gave more information about reading skills? Learn the benefits of informal reading assessments and the benefits they provide for students and instructors.

Presenters: Melissa Johnson – Literacy Coordinator/AEL Instructor, AEL Moberly Area Community College

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Session Cancelled

MAACCE Leadership

Interested in being part of the team that leads the MAACCE Organization and brings our conference to life? Come to this session to learn how to become involved in MAACCE and the leadership opportunities available to any MAACCE member!

Presenters: Karen Musemic – MAACCE President and AEL Director, Ritenour School District
MAACCE Leadership Team

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Personalizing the Lesson

Students respond to details and situations that affect them directly in their own lives. Especially for adults, learning abstract concepts in a vacuum makes retaining content more difficult. By personalizing the lessons, we can create a more interactive learning environment, thereby helping students acquire and retain more vocabulary and grammar concepts.

Presenters: Colleen Jennings – ELL Teacher – Literacy KC

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Strategic Partnerships that Lead to Better Lives for Students and the Economy

In today's world, no partner is too big or too small. It is taking the time to develop meaningful partnerships that lead to increased enrollment, better academic outcomes, and student career opportunities, which leads to increased funding by leveraging community partners. This funding was used to better serve students through IETs, apprenticeships, family literacy, and short-term industry training. Participants will start creating a strategic plan to increase community engagement.

Presenters: Jeff Arnott – President, Lot 12 Education
Tayten Jordan – AEL Student Ambassador for Missouri

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Teaching the Struggling Reader

Not all teachers are trained to help struggling readers navigate different subject areas. We will preview methods that help teachers approach academic subjects and give learners organized way to approach learning course content. We will explore active learning strategies to transition from "learning to read to reading to learn".

Presenters: Christina Miller – national Consultant, Aztec

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Team Teaching and Hybrid Instruction for Rural Class Sites

Feeling isolated as an instructor? Learn about how our East Central College AEL Instructors are team teaching instruction even though they are the only instructor in the building or even the county! We will talk about our hybrid approach and the programs we use to achieve this.

Presenters: Alice Whalen – AEL Director, East Central College
Mary Eagan – AEL Program Coordinator, East Central College
ECC AEL Instructors

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CATEGORY MEETINGS 4:15 – 5:00 pm