

2025 MAACCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

Session 6: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

CASAS eTests "Help Desk"

"If you're an eTests Coordinator or Data Manager, come join us to get your CASAS eTests and TOPSpro questions answered and learn some helpful tips! Program Administrators and eTests Proctors are welcome. Be sure to bring your laptop or tablet. Please submit your questions in advance so I can answer them at the session (or contact the real CASAS Help Desk if needed!) by scanning the QR code (or clicking the link) and filling out the form.

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Presenter: Lorraine Gardner – ELL Instructor, Ozarks Technical Community College

Categories: Adult Education – ESL

Creating Paraprofessional and Substitute Teachers

Everything you wanted to know about teaching a paraprofessional class. Learn how to effectively and efficiently prepare your students to be paraprofessional or substitute teachers in just 16-18 weeks.

Presenters: Mary Silwance – ABE Teacher, Kansas City Public Schools
Terresa Ford – ABE Teacher, Kansas City Public Schools

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Human Trafficking 101: The Basics

(Repeated Session – Session 1)

The severity of human trafficking in the United States, particularly in the state of Missouri, requires a coordinated community response system in order to adequately address survivor needs. HT 101 is designed to establish a basic level knowledge through discussion of most common survivor demographics, vulnerable populations, and key factors that heighten the risk of trafficking and exploitation to exist.

Presenter: Eryn Borders – CATE Coordinator, Coalition Against Trafficking & Exploitation

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Team Teaching & Hybrid Instruction

Feeling isolated as an instructor? Learn about how our East Central College AEL Instructors are team teaching 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
AEL Instructors – East Central College

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Laughter is One of the Best Teachers

Teaching and learning are stressful - so many decisions to make, goals to set and accomplish, and expectations to meet. How can you handle all of that and still learn and be successful? PLAY! LAUGH! HAVE FUN!

Based on scientific research, having good old fashion fun in the classroom relieves stress and helps teaching and learning be more effective. Come join me as we kick off our heels, take off our jackets and remember what it was like to learn as a child.

Presenter: Netty Doyle – AEL Instructor, Literacy KC

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Responding to Change: Strategies for ESL and Adult Educators Amid Immigration Reform

Recent immigration changes affecting students from different statuses: adjusting classroom and program strategies to address the needs when the rules keep changing.

Presenters: Eddie Gonzalez – Community Relations Director, RAISE (Refugee And Immigrant Services & Education)

Kara Gebre – Program Director, RAISE (Refugee And Immigrant Services & Education)

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Student Orientation: A road map for new students

This session aims to equip Admin and Instructors with the tools necessary to create a welcoming and informative orientation that sets students up for success. Attendees will receive a copy of our Student Orientation that they can adapt to their own program.

Presenters: Isabel Bateman – Student Services Coordinator, KCPS AEL/Don Bosco

Jamie Hatfield – Lead Instructor, KCPS AEL/Don Bosco

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Session 7: 10:15 am – 11:15 am

AEL Advocacy Roundtable

With proposed budget cuts to Adult Education, come join the discussion about how to advocate for our students and our programs.

Presenters: Juli DeNisco – AEL Director, Crowder College

Alice Whalen – AEL Director, East Central College

Lindsay Woods – Student Support Coordinator & AEL Instructor, St Charles Community College

Categories: Adult Education – Directors, Teachers, ESL

Empowering ELL Success: Clear Communication and Engaging Techniques

In this session, we will explore strategies to help English Language Learners thrive by focusing on clear communication, effective body language, and engaging teaching techniques. Participants will practice speaking clearly, simplify grammar vocabulary, and use role-playing to apply these methods.

Presenter: Jeanette Powers – ELL Teacher, Kansas City Public Schools

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Human Trafficking and Online Safety

(Repeated Session – Session 4)

Join us for an eye-opening session to gain solid basic knowledge of various forms of human trafficking, the methods used by traffickers, and the impact on victims and society. We will also examine common tactics used online by traffickers to recruit and manipulate teenagers and adults. This online training includes an interactive presentation followed by a Q&A session that is perfect for anyone in the community that is just learning about this important issue.

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Informal Reading Assessment in AEL

Have the TABE assessment results left you unsure as to where to begin a student in class? Have you wondered if there is a reading issue? Come learn about informal reading assessments and how they may benefit student and instructor.

Presenter: Dinise Mustain – Literacy Coordinator/AEL Instructor, AEL Moberly Area Community College
Ben Falby – Adult Education & Literacy Coordinator, AEL Moberly Area Community College

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Math Can Be Fun?!

In order to allay fears and foster fun, a myriad of math games will be demonstrated. All will be copy ready and need only a pencil and perhaps scrap paper. Beware: your students might learn to enjoy math.

Presenter: Cheryl Leonhardt – AEL Instructor, Ozarks Technical College

Categories: Adult Education – Teachers

Teaching the TABE Format and Other Test Taking Strategies

Prepare your students to better utilize the embedded tools on the TABE test with an original demonstration you can use in class regardless of access to technology.

Presenters: Adam Pettis – DOC AEL Educator, John J Pershing School (Booneville Correctional Center)
Abygail Bruce – DOC AEL Educator, John J Pershing School (Booneville Correctional Center)

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Using AI – Empowering Educators

(Repeated Session – Session 2)

Participants will work in groups to see what AI options work best for their subject matter - bring your own device.

Presenter: Dr. Jerol Enoch – Instructional Designer, St Charles Community College

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CLOSING SESSION 11:30 am

Slider Bar – Closing Meeting – PRIZES!

CAPSTONE SPEAKER – Rachel Russell – “The Power of Juneteenth, Engaging with History, Understanding the Why”