MACAE Strong



Fall 2016

October 16, 2016 Welcome to MACAE Fall Conference

We are excited about this year's Fall Conference at Boyne. Thank you to the State Office of Adult Education and the State Department of Education for their continued participation in providing valuable resources to our association and members. Let's extend a huge thank you to our Diamond Sponsors, SBSI, Burlington English, GED



Testing Services, Edgenuity, and Data Recognition Corporation. We're pleased to announce and encourage everyone to attend our Vendor's Reception sponsored by Burlington English and our President's Reception sponsored by SBSI. Let any MACAE Board member know how we can help you. We hope you have a great conference!

Message from the President

MACAE is the largest advocacy group supporting adult education and lifelong learners. We continuously evaluate the needs of our community and organization, so we can support you, our members. MACAE keeps a pulse on edu-

cational policies and listens to our members in the field, so that we can support and provide you with information that can help your program stay "Strong." Our collaboration with other organizations and agencies keeps MA-CAE connected on educational policy initiatives and on the cutting edge of change.

Our partnerships are important to MACAE and advocating the issues we believe will strengthen adults and families in Michigan. We have a strong relationship with Michigan's Children, a multi-issue advocacy organization that focuses solely on public policies made in the best interest of children from cradle to career. We have worked together to create an awareness of the need for two-generational programing. An example of this was MACAE's first annual Family Speak event last year in Lansing. Michele Corey, Vice President for Michigan's Children is an Ex-Officio member of our Board. MACAE is also a member of the Michigan League for Public Policy. Peter Ruark, Senior Policy Analyst at the League focuses on policy which includes skill-building for low-income adults, wage mobility, public assistance, family selfsufficiency and tax credits for working families. Peter authored a report on adult education

MACAE has also worked hard to connect with the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Gregg Dionne, Brian Barber and Eric Lipinski regularly attend our Board meetings. Many of our members participate on the MDE Alternative Accountability Task Force, working on a student accountability system for alternative high schools.

In addition, I'm excited to share another strengthening partnership with the Workforce Development Association (WDA). On August 19, the MACAE Board had a joint meeting with WDA. This was the first of future meetings to discuss opportunities for collaboration, bridge gaps and examine how we can align services.

Our relationship with legislators and their interest in our knowledge and expertise, continues to grow. Our advocacy events: Family Speak and Legislative Day on the Hill, were very well received by legislators. We will continue to advocate for education and the programs we offer outside the traditional K -12 program and the services we provide to support school districts. MACAE articulates the value of community and adult education and what it brings to supporting young children and strengthening families.

MACAE has worked very hard to bring key topics to our members. Please attend our Topic Fridays to network with your colleagues and participate in the discussion of important issues facing our association. We will email members the date, time and place of our Topic Fridays. MACAE will provide a lunch for those attending. For more information on upcoming events visit our website atwww.macae.org.

I welcome your thoughts and ideas, please email me at bsteeh@novischools.net. Have a great year! Together we are....MACAE Strong!

Special points of interest:

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Did you know?

MACAE was incorporated on November 1, 1983?

100 hours or more of Adult Education attendance equates to \$9,620 in extra earnings per year.

National benchmarks rank **Michigan ESL** in the top 15 in the country!

Strategic Partnership with SBSI

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SBSI Software, Inc.

MACAE and SBSI are proud to announce a

partnership that will empower MACAE. With SBSI Solutions and the use of their technology, it will aide us to network, advocate and enhance professional development! Together we are committed to promoting our future initiatives and communication strategies!

As a provider of enrichment and after school classes, increasing your enrichment student registration, scheduling facilities, and keeping your School Age Child Care programs current are probably some of your biggest challenges. SBSI, Inc. – a long time member and supporter of MACAE offers web-based software solutions that will help you handle these issues and more.

According to Rick Ruggles, President, SBSI Software has actually been doing that since 1991! Their three top products now are eClassTrak2.0, eSiteTrak2.0, and eClassTrak2.0-SACC (School Age Child Care). This suite of modules was designed specifically for you, the Community Educator.

If you struggle with growing your revenue, managing facilities and keeping up with your SACC accounts receivables check out the eClassTrak2.0 system from SBSI Software! These programs are on display throughout the conference at our vendor booth. In addition Rick Ruggles will be conducting a breakout session called "Technology Taking C.A.R.E. of the Technicalities" which should prove to be a very insightful session!

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MACAE Membership and Goals

Over the summer of 2016, the MACAE Executive Board met to form a strategic plan for the next year. With changes in 107 State Funding legislation, federal IELCE and WIOA grants, a unified platform is one that will be helpful to our members. The top priorities that the Board has chosen to address reflect concerns from the field at large. These areas will be addressed in three areas: Networking, Legislation/Advocacy and Professional Development. The Networking Committee set goals to create a quarterly newsletter, gain new association members through recruitment, develop partnerships with other agencies like COABE, provide regional grant opportunities for professional development/ trainings, and create a more user-friendly website with helpful resources. The Advocacy Committee will continue to coordinate events such as the Family Speak event and raise awareness of the needs of our adult and community education field. The Professional Development Committee remains set forth plans to provide more comprehensive trainings for program instructors and directors, and offer webinars and resources for the field to use. The MACAE Executive Board remains committed to helping to support the local programs that make us who we are! Don't forget to renew your membership!

MACAE Grant Opportunities for Regions

MACAE is proud to support the field and the 10 Prosperity Regions. Through much discussion with the MACAE board and membership at large we understand that each region is unique with different needs. With new WIOA regulations and the introduction of the new Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE), MACAE has decided to address

these issues by awarding a \$500 scholarship to each region. Regions will be able to use the money for professional development, meetings, strategic planning or any other needs.

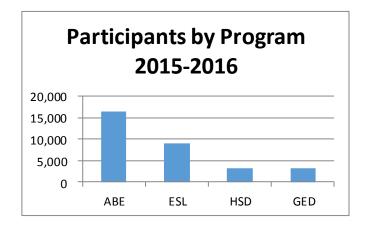
Interested regions will be asked to provide a detailed outline and narrative report on how the monies will help with regional growth and /or programming.

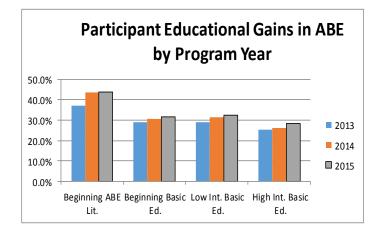
Each grant submission will require a detailed budget. Stay tuned for the release of the grant application and requirements.

We feel this is an excellent way to thank the membership for all their continued hard work and support to promote adult and community education in the state of Michigan. Together we are MACAE strong!

Adult Education Snapshot 2015-2016

In 2015-2016 adult education providers in Michigan serviced 32,002 participants.





Parents in Adult Education with Children 2015-16

Parents with Pre-school Age Children

Parents with School-Age Children



Adult education services adults and their education impacts children. Almost 60 percent of children whose parents lack a college education live in low-income families, and are less likely themselves to get a good education and secure family-sustaining jobs.

Over the last three years, Michigan has continued to make EFL gains at all program levels. While we are improving, we are still one of the bottom states in meeting ABE benchmarks. The State is promoting top 25 in 5 years!

Program Spotlight-Dominican Literacy

Change isn't change until you really change. Two years ago when WIOA legislation went into place, it was very unclear how Dominican Literacy Center's program would be impacted. At our core, we are a literacy council, serving those who have few choices when it comes to reentering the educational arena. The big question was how do we stay true to our mission and change in a way that accommodates job readiness. DLC tried a few things. We offered job readiness classes, offered online career modules, even added a Career Navigator. We created a Work Readiness Symposium. It was a one-day event that was meaningful to the audience, and was



an opportunity for them and DLC staff to personally meet individuals who represented resource agencies in our community.

DLC starting partnering with Michigan Works!, providing GED and ABE curriculum for their clients. This caused DLC's student enrollment to increase 58%. Small group instruction classes offered exploded from 4 to 22. Study groups and support circles have formed, creating a community environment that is phenomenal.

Changes have been made, but we aren't done yet. We want to be able to respond to the needs in our community as it relates to literacy and GED preparation. As long as our clients and environment are shifting, we need to continue to be open to adjusting our programming in order to meet the need. Exciting and exhausting at the same time.

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Our Mission:

To provide a cohesive framework for community education through collaboration and guidance at the local, state and federal level.

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March 8, 2017

March 17, 2017

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Upcoming Events

WIOA 360° Conference, Detroit

MACAE Board Meeting **MACAE Topic Friday MACAE Board Meeting**

Michigan Works Conference, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Dropout Prevention Conference Career Pathways, Indianapolis, IN

MI League for Public Policy's 2016 Policy Forum

Michigan ESLPAC Conference

MiTESOL, Flint, MI

Board Meeting- Fall Conference, Boyne Mountain

MACAE Board Meeting, Topic Friday

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CASAS Summer Institute, Anaheim, CA