Welcome to MACAE Fall Conference

We are excited about this year’s Fall Conference at the beautiful Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids. 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. A huge thank you to our Diamond Sponsors: SBSI, Aztec, Burlington English, Edgenuity, Graduation Alliance and Data Recognition Corporation DRC/CTB. Highlights include sessions with MDE, Wednesday’s half day with the Office of Adult Education and great presentations from the field. Plan on attending our pre-conference at City Built Brewing, Vendor’s Reception 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

The 2017-18 school year is upon us and MACAE will have many challenges and opportunities before us! Your Board of Directors met in July to evaluate last year, map the future and our organizational needs, so we can strengthen our voice to support our members. We reviewed our 2016-17 year and were excited about what a great year we had! The 2016-17 Fall Conference at Boyne Mountain was a success, We had a fabulous Family Speak and Advocacy Day. We had 18 exceptional students give their testimony in Lansing. Our Board has made the decision to make this event FREE to all MACAE members. Our Spring Institute was very positive and had great feedback. Our plans include a Spring Institute again in May. Literacy Day which had great reviews from our members. We are working to improve our Topic Friday’s.

The MACAE Board worked with Senator Hansen to develop a plan and recommend changes in Section 107. The following is our opening statement: Adult Education: A Critical Part of Michigan’s Talent Pipeline. Michigan’s Adult Education Program serves the needs of individuals, employers, and a changing economy by raising adults’ levels of academic and occupational skills, so they are prepared to acquire life-sustaining employment.

The 2017-18 Chairs and Vice Chairs for the three Committee’s and events are: Networking: Karyn Goven and Tammy Brown; Advocacy: Oogie LaMar and Jeff McNeal; Professional Development: Melisa Akers and Linda Cianferra. We would love to have you participate on a committee. Highlights include:

Goals for Advocacy: Hand out advocacy information papers during conference; Advocacy day-engage students in the morning, Family Speak; Meet with Midwest Strategy Group, meet with Reading Works.

Goals for Networking: Continue the Newsletter, Website, update it; market MACAE; update the snapshot; make more of a connection (MI Works, MAEO, MASB etc.)

Goals for Professional Development: Develop a relationship with the Adult Ed Office; Reach out to our regions, LEARN, MMPL, MI Children; look at Spring Institute ideas.

MACAE has made the commitment to continue building our network and services to our members, by adding a new position to our staff, an Outreach Coordinator. Some of the duties include: enhance MACAE’s outreach efforts, manage website, communications, Conference and Professional Development events, compose and execute business organizational, have a knowledge of Lansing political landscape. The posting is at macae.org.

Have a wonderful conference and year!

Bob
In Michigan, employers are experiencing a pronounced shortage of workers in high-demand fields. In 2016, for each unemployed worker there were 19 STEM job openings posted online in Michigan. Immigrants in Michigan are often highly skilled, coming from backgrounds in engineering, IT, and business and have the capacity to lessen the STEM gap. However, these skilled job seekers often struggle to return to their profession because they lack a professional network and familiarity with the professional job search process in the U.S. In order to connect these job seekers to Michigan employers, Michigan’s Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Michigan Office for New Americans created the Michigan International Talent Solutions (MITS) Program.

Michigan International Talent Solutions (MITS) program is a free job search training and coaching program designed to support highly skilled immigrants and refugees in Michigan return to their professional field. Eligible MITS participants who complete the skills training portion of the program advance to one-on-one job coaching. In this program, job seekers will undergo training on how to adapt their resume and cover letter to a US format, interview in the US, build a professional network, complete job applications and more. The MITS program supports active job seekers from application through salary negotiation and actively seeks to connect skilled immigrant talent with employers across Michigan.

We are excited about working with MACAE in providing support to programs who have students gain employment that match their skill level!

MACAE in partnership with COABE has paid for your membership for 2017-18! Members are part of a national organization whose mission is to help advocate for our adult students and our programs. Not only are they a voice in D.C. but they provide free webinars throughout the year! MACAE has paid for all members to participate on October 25-26, COABE will hold a two day Virtual Conference with sessions throughout the day and certificates of attendance! Check it out the sessions.

MACAE: One Voice

Michigan International Talent Solutions (MITS) and MACAE

News from TIA!!

Region Coordinators!

Analysts will be able to serve your better and have knowledge in all aspects of WIOA!

Region 1 & 3
Janice Cooper

Region 2, 5, & 6
Barb Emmons

Region 4
Erica Luce

Region 7 & 8
Louis Simms

Region 9 & 10 (Partial)
Patty Higgins

Region 10 (Partial)
Brian Frazier

MDE Innovation Council

Programs, schools, and districts across the state of Michigan are looking for ways to innovate and provide additional opportunities for students. In July 2015, Superintendent Whiston announced the creation of the MDE Innovation Council (IC), comprised of individuals from across the state representing local educators, superintendents, ISD pupil accounting auditors, the private sector, and subject matter experts from the MDE. The group was charged with assisting local public school districts and ISDs by serving in an advisory and problem-solving capacity for innovative proposals, reviewing proposals for innovative projects and making recommendations to the State Superintendent for waivers if applicable. The IC was also charged with developing a legislative agenda as needed in support of increased innovation, and gathering and disseminating information regarding flexible and creative programming in education.

In order to reach this objective, the IC has adopted the following guiding principles:

- Will use outcome-based strategies and practices that are new, unique, or creative and that have the likelihood of having significant impact on student(s);
- Will involve risk and creativity and challenge our basic assumptions and beliefs underlying traditional education;
- Will engage students using novel ideas, products or processes;
- Will prepare students to be globally competitive, to think outside the box, to problem solve, and to assimilate and apply what’s learned;
- Will be focused on the individual student and student competency, and will have data-proven relevance;
- Will reduce or eliminate barriers to student success and may include instruction presented in and delivered in a form different from the traditional classroom setting;
- Will include mechanisms by which schools can be creative in developing new and unique products with both student and fiscal accountability as included parameters.

If you have ideas or would like to have a proposal submitted for review, please contact Brian Ciloski at Ciloskib@michigan.gov or Gregg Dionne at Dionneg@michigan.gov.
**Adult Education Snapshot 2016-2017 (Data as of 8/31/17)**

In 2016-2017 adult education providers in Michigan serviced 31,887 participants. The majority of students are in ABE with 15,574 students. There were 50% more male than female registered. 51% were between the ages of 25-44.

With over 14,700 children whose parents are registered in adult education, we know that adult education services adults and their education impacts children. Adult Education helps our students to be able to speak English, earn their HSE or HSD and gain employment.

The data used was collected on August 31, 2017. Programs had until September 30 to finish inputting data. Overall the state had a 45% total achievement in gains. ABE Beginning Basic Education was below by 6% and ESL Low Beginning was below by 2%.

**Spotlight Program-Troy Continuing Education: Troy Excels with ESL Students!**

Troy Continuing Education has been successfully offering ESL classes for over 30 years. In the past few years, the need for ESL education in Troy has grown dramatically. They offer both onsite and satellite classes to reach as many students as possible with the grant funding allotted, mornings and evenings. They even offer a class to elementary parents in the cafeteria of their child’s school! Troy now fills up all 300 available seats at their Niles center location in one day of registration! Students start lining up at 5 a.m.!

Students are being referred to Troy’s program before they even leave their home countries. Troy offers both a traditional in-seat classroom as well as a virtual option for those that cannot attend regularly. Last year Troy piloted an ESL Connections event to bring students and community services together – it was a huge success! Standing room only! Troy also has a wonderful Thanksgiving luncheon each year in which students bring their favorite dishes while providing the traditional Thanksgiving dinner menu. Troy is building not only better English learners, but strong community members!
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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August 9, 2017
MACAE Board Meeting

September 10-12, 2017
Michigan Works Conference, Mt. Pleasant, MI

September 22, 2017
MACAE Board Meeting

October 10, 2016
MI League for Public Policy’s 2016 Policy Forum

October 13, 2017
Michigan ESLPAC Conference

October 14-15, 2017
MITESOL, Waterford, MI

October 15, 2017
Board Meeting – Fall Conference, Grand Rapids

October 16-18, 2017
MACAE Fall Conference, Grand Rapids

October 22-25, 2017
Dropout Prevention Conference, California

October 25-26, 2017
COABE Virtual Conference (FREE)

October 26-27, 2017
Career Pathways, St. Louis, MO

November 10, 2017
MACAE Board Meeting

December 8, 2017
MACAE Board Meeting

January 19, 2018
MACAE Board Meeting

February 9, 2018
MACAE Board Meeting

February 9, 2018
Advocacy Day (Tentative Date)

March 9, 2018
Michigan ESLPAC Conference

March 16, 2018
MACAE Board Meeting

March 25-28, 2018
COABE Conference, Phoenix, AZ

March 27-30, 2018
TESOL Conference, Chicago, IL

April 13, 2018
MACAE Board Meeting

May 11, 2018
MACAE Spring Institute (Tentative Date)

June 8, 2018
MACAE Board Meeting

June 19-21, 2018
CASAS Summer Institute, Anaheim, CA