Welcome Back, MACAE!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to welcome you back! Over the summer, the MACAE Board has been hard at work planning for key events and initiatives this year. The MACAE Board set forth strategic plans in the following areas to support the field based on the survey sent out to membership last spring:

⇒ Strategic Partnerships
⇒ Professional Development
⇒ Strategic Goal Setting
⇒ Membership Growth and Board Relations
⇒ Training Resources and Tools

We will continue to focus on these priorities in the months ahead on your behalf as we work with the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

This summer was also a summer of training including an e-CASAS Training, New Director and Coordinators session, and an Integrated Education and Training workshop. We have released our 2019-2020 Professional Development Calendar and pricing to better help you and your program staff plan for the year ahead.

Our MACAE Committees: ABE/Literacy, Advocacy, Alternative, Community Education, and HSE are returning this year. We have also added Workforce Development. Please contact macaeoutreach@gmail.com if interested in joining.

We look forward to a great year ahead!
We are happy to welcome these members to the MACAE network as of August 2019:

Daphne Epps, Mott Community
Todd Laventure, Tuscola ISD
Andrea Foglietta, West Bloomfield
Donna Burmeister, Genesee ISD
Dan Romzek, Genesee ISD
Whitney Dettmer, Iosco RESA
Johnnetta Bell, Mercy Education
Jerry Johnson, Calhoun ISD
Nick Blackmer, Hartford Schools
Lance Horwath, Hudson Schools
Joe Holloway, Houghton Lake
Pamela Bellaver, Ferndale

Mary Blanch, West Bloomfield
Pam Kiesel, West Bloomfield
Paula Konfara, West Bloomfield
Julie McIntosh, West Bloomfield
Cheryl Voss, Baker College
Douglas Waidle, Baker College
Mary Jo Gale, Troy Continuing
Carol Maynard, Troy Continuing
Jacqueline Jones-Love, Siena Literacy
Katie Thompson, Troy Continuing
Ruth Raiston, Fulton
Joe Smolka, Fulton
Maria Fishell, Ottawa Area ISD
Bradley Woehlke, Saline
Joseph Freeman, Saline
Susan Kwapik, Troy Continuing
Lisa Decaminada, Troy Continuing
Bob Medellin, Zeeland
Christina Quimby, Zeeland
Sharon Umlor, GRCC
Jennifer Dorcey, My Virtual
Faith Barriger, Tuscola ISD
Jennifer Majorana, The Legacy Center
Jacob Hammers, The Legacy Center
Sarah Salem, West Bloomfield
Judy Christie, Livonia
Sr. Janice Brown, Reading Works
Karen Gavin-McCarthy, Cassopolis
Yara Hernandez, Cassopolis
Tresa McGuite, Tuscola ISD
Rebecca Archer, Iosco RESA
Sarah Prevo, Iosco RESA
Lauren Ososki, Iosco RESA
Robert Speeter, Iosco RESA
Wendy Kimmerer, Iosco RESA
Lisa Schultz, Iosco RESA

ADD A MEMBER?
JOIN TODAY!

MACAE FALL CONFERENCE 2019: REACHING HIGHER!

Register today!

Join adult, alternative, community education and workforce training partners from across the state for this valuable networking and professional development conference.

Reserve your hotel room today by calling Crystal Mountain Resort directly: 1-855-520-2974.

Registration information can be found online at our website at www.macae.org or by contacting our MACAE Office at 517-492-1367.
**FIRST COMMITTEE MEETINGS: SEE YOU THERE!**

We hope you will join us this Friday, September 13 from 12pm-3pm for the first meeting of the MACAE Committees!

We are excited to have six dynamic working groups: Adult Basic Education/Literacy, Advocacy, Alternative Education, Community Education, High School Equivalency and new this year, Workforce Development made up of practitioners from across the state.

Interested but not sure what it all involves? Each committee will: Analyze statewide data trends and best practices in that particular content area, Work to produce innovative programming initiatives, Organize professional development resources and training to support the field, Make recommendations for improved services and outcomes for participants. Join us for a networking lunch at noon in our new Lunch and Learn series with important updates concerning adult, alternative and community education data and information. Committee meetings will begin shortly thereafter.

Please RSVP to Patrick Brown at macaeoutreach@gmail.com

If you aren't able to make this meeting, we still want you to be involved! Our future committee meeting dates are November 8, January 10, February 14, March 13, April 17 and May 8!

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**MACAE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: ERICA PETTIS, DPSCD ADULT EDUCATION**

What motivates you the most working with the adult/alternative education populations that you do?

I am motivated by the eagerness and urgency that some students have to learn English. I am also motivated and encouraged to impart information that is new to them. Sometimes they have a look of excitement or wonderment. Lastly, the students exude innocence, honesty, and openness to learning.

What professional career experiences have you had and how did they lead you to adult education?

I began my career as a social worker and transitioned into education. I come from a family of Social workers and educators. In fact, my mother was a school social worker with DPS. I enjoy working with people, especially the adult ESL population. When I decided to leave social work, I never considered teaching. However, my educational background led easily to education. Once I learned about ESL, it was an automatic love for the subject area and working with non-native English speakers.

How do you interact with MACAE and what is a benefit of being a member for you?

I read the information that is circulated regarding the organization, I share with my peers, and I have attended several conferences. I believe the benefits are great because I am able to network with other educators, attend professional development opportunities, and I am kept current on legislation and other pertinent happenings with adult education.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Do you know all the benefits of being a MACAE Member?

⇒ Professional Networking with practitioners from across the state!
⇒ Access to low cost, high quality professional development and training
⇒ Free webinars and automatic enrollment as a COABE member
⇒ Regular communication on statewide updates and initiatives
⇒ Access to professional job postings and support for administrators, teachers and support staff
⇒ Advocacy and program spotlight at the local, state and national levels
MACAE is growing and continuing to expand and evolve to include adult, alternative, community education and workforce training partners in its ranks. As the face of adult education changes in Michigan we are committed to all of our members and the populations they serve.

**What’s the latest?**

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Top 5 largest programs in Michigan Adult Education:

⇒ Michigan Department of Corrections
⇒ Dearborn City School District
⇒ Utica Community Schools
⇒ Kent ISD
⇒ Detroit Public Schools Community District

**MACAE concentrates on work in the following areas:**

- Adult Education
- Alternative Education
- Community Education, Childcare and Enrichment
- Adult Basic Literacy
- Workforce Training/Credentialing
- High School Equivalency
- ESL

**Highlights**

Other Information

- 113 organizations or groups are members
- 13% organizational growth in 2018-19
- 21 organizations who do not receive Section 107 or WIOA are members
- 74 Section 107 recipient programs are members
- 33% of members are nonprofit associations or community based programs
Thank You, Partners!

Lunch and Learn Series

New this year we are offering a Lunch and Learn Series connected to our MACAE Committee Meetings. This Series will present pertinent information for adult, alternative education and workforce training partners.

September 13, 2019: MACAE Update

This month’s update will focus on statewide initiative updates.

November 8, 2019: New Readers Press

This month’s update will feature Elaine Pardieck, Representative from NRP. She will share curriculum updates, new instructional tools and technologies for your program.

Join us for networking, updates and professional development.

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