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**NEW PERSPECTIVES: 2020!**

## Looking Ahead!

2020 is poised to be a busy, productive year for adult, alternative, community education and workforce development in Michigan!

We are happy to announce our Spring Institute 2020: In Perspective, to be held this year in Kalamazoo on May 14-15, 2020. Please consider attending by registering today or submitting a presentation. [Click here for more information.](#)

We would like to thank Eric Lipinski at the Michigan Department of Education who has been promoted within the department. For many years Eric has been a key advisor to us as an Ex-Oficio member of our board on alternative education.

MACAE met with the State Adult Education Office earlier this month to establish goals for a strategic partnership around: professional development, collaboration, resources and training.

This month's newsletter includes updates on the WIOA state unified plan, Member updates and useful links.

In addition, updates to our Family Literacy Taskforce and upcoming professional development.

As always, check out our website for the latest information: [www.macaе.org](http://www.macaе.org)!

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## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

### High School Equivalency– Getting to the Finish Line

Friday, February 28  
(MACAE Office)

8:30am–3:30pm  
(SCECHs available!)



Hands-on learning day for practitioners! Walk away with best practices, curriculum resources and alignment tools to increase student performance and participation. Instructional strategies for teaching the HSE competencies!

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## MACAE IN THE NEWS:

In our new section, we would like to highlight MACAE members and the innovative work and practices they are coordinating! If you have an interesting story to share, please contact the MACAE Office.

### *What's the Latest?*

**MACAE Leadership and Erica Luce, LEO Adult Education Services Manager** held a joint meeting in early January. MACAE and LEO discussed a variety of initiatives and ways in which we can work together.

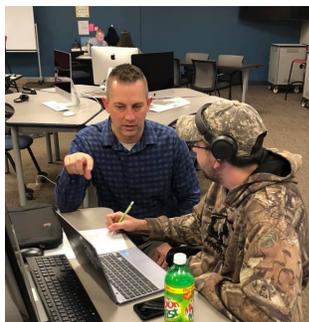
Mitch Rosin, **CASAS Consultant** met with MACAE leadership and state staff to present information on the **National External Diploma Program**. This is a viable High School Equivalency Competency Based model that is being launched across the state.

Our partners at **Michigan's Children** met in January to set goals and strategic planning to support family literacy and adult education.

**Belding Adult Education** announced that they have expanded their services. Beginning on January 13 classes began to be offered at the Alpha Family Center in Lake Odessa. They will be held on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9am-12pm. High school completion, GED preparation, and ESL classes will be offered. Ann Van Dusen, Director, was on hand for the opening.



**Ted Kroll, Director of the Livingston ESA Adult and Alternative Education Program** presented on the partnership of his program with others at the Livingston County Literacy Coalition at a Shared Visioning Event. Literacy partners from across the county came together to share strategic goals and strategies for addressing low literacy.



**The Oakland County Community and Adult Education Association (OCCA)** set forth a new plan for strategic marketing and using technology to advertise to potential participants.

**MACAE Outreach** met with the Michigan Afterschool Partnership to connect on ways we can work together to support strong families and building resilient communities. [To find out more about MASP, click here.](#)

**Allegan Adult and Alternative Education** participants attended a skilled trades fair at the Allegan Tech Center.

## Other Information

- [An Alternative to College 'Choice' Models and Frameworks](#)
- [Count All Kids 2020 Census Counting Book](#)

### LEO seeking Adult Learner Profile

The Adult Education Office is seeking profiles of program participants as a part of a larger project on adult literacy with the Barbara Bush Foundation. See the template by [clicking here](#). Contact Patty Higgins in the State Office with questions.

### MACAE ABE/Literacy Committee seeks more members!

The ABE/Literacy Committee is seeking additional members. If you are invested in adult literacy, please consider joining. The committee is working on a collection of resources and tools for adult literacy programs and low level learners. Contact Patrick Brown in the MACAE Office. Our next meeting is February 14.

### Family Literacy Taskforce Launched

If you are interested in joining MACAE's Family Literacy Taskforce, please contact Patrick Brown. The Taskforce will be creating a toolkit for March is Reading Month to be utilized by adult education families.

## MACAE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome these new members to the network as of January 2020!

Beckah Chartier, Paw Paw Public Schools

Sherri Hildenbrandt, Branch ISD Adult Education

Terry Key, Bangor Public Schools

Jennifer Russell, Paw Paw Public Schools

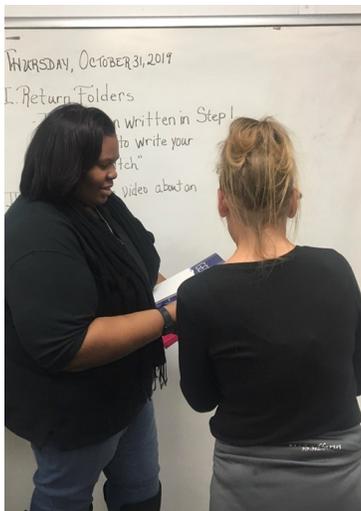
**ADD A  
MEMBER?  
JOIN TODAY!**

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 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JOHNETTA BELL

My career path actually began in high school. I had the opportunity to attend Crockett Career Technical High School and Crockett Career and Technical Center. In the morning, I would take classes at the career center and one of the requirements for graduation was completing a portfolio with a resume, certificates, letters of recommendations and other achievements earned. My counselor saw I had a talent for writing resumes and cover letters well and I began assisting her with editing resumes of my peers. That actually led to a sideline job during high school (and beyond) where I wrote cover letters and resumes for individuals tailoring it to a specific position or industry. Since tenth grade I have been writing resumes and cover letters for various people with diverse backgrounds which gave me exposure to various industries and positions in the workforce. Throughout the years job titles may change but the overall job description and responsibilities remained the same.



I welcome opportunities to interact with other people through meetings and conferences because they just may be the resource I have been looking for and vice versa. As the Workforce Development/College and Career Readiness Manager at Mercy Education Project my role is connecting our graduation bound students to their next step whether it is directly into the workforce, certified training program, or higher education institution.

I am motivated the most when I work with my students on their resumes. At the beginning of the lesson they will explain that they really do not have any work experience, skills or talents worth mentioning. I love the look on the face when I explain that managing a household budget, meal planning/preparation, scheduling doctor appointments for themselves/family members, caring for an elderly parent, are all skills that they have been building and using throughout their adult life. After each lesson on building a resume they begin to see value in themselves which is a strong boost to their self-worth and self-esteem.

## THANK YOU MACAE BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

January is Board Appreciation Month!

We would like to thank our MACAE Board of Directors for their tireless dedication! Our Board members are practitioners working in the field who serve on the board. They volunteer countless hours to organize, prepare, and plan professional development, networking and outreach opportunities. Their diligent work is advancing the mission of adult, alternative, community education throughout the state.



## PRESENTATIONS NEEDED:

MACAE is seeking presenters for its 2020: In Perspective Spring Institute. Sessions will be considered in the following areas:

- ⇒ Leadership Capacity and Program Growth
- ⇒ Asset Framing and Trauma Informed Strategies
- ⇒ Instructional Best Practices for College and Career Ready Instruction
- ⇒ Integrated Workforce and Education Training
- ⇒ College and Career Readiness Resources/Access to Postsecondary

[Click Here for more information!](#)

## STATE WIOA UNIFIED PLAN DRAFT RELEASED: PERIOD OF FEEDBACK BEGINS

The Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity has released a draft of its 2020-2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Unified Plan.

The Plan outlines the strategic vision for the state around education, credentialing and workforce training.

MACAE Leadership will be spending time in the next few weeks to review the plan and submit commentary on behalf of its membership. We will be looking to ensure that adult education is represented as a part of the plan to:

- ⇒ Increase adult literacy for the least literate in across the state
- ⇒ Create opportunities for early childhood investment and family literacy
- ⇒ Coordinate integrated education and training models for adult education and workforce partners
- ⇒ Allow for streamlined delivery of services to participants
- ⇒ Include opportunities for program growth and innovation to meet the needs of participants
- ⇒ Articulate the importance of adult education as a part of an increase in educational attainment rates

There is a period for comments open until Monday, February 17. We encourage individual members to send us thoughts on how things are working under the WIOA system. We can use these constructive comments to better inform our commentary.

The link to the State Plan can be found by [clicking here](#).

## ADULT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

### *EDGE Showcase!*

Bay-Arenac Intermediate School Districts' AE/CTE Special Program, EDGE (Education Providing Great Employees) wrapped up their fall 2019 session on December 12th with their talent showcase, "Appetizers and Applications".

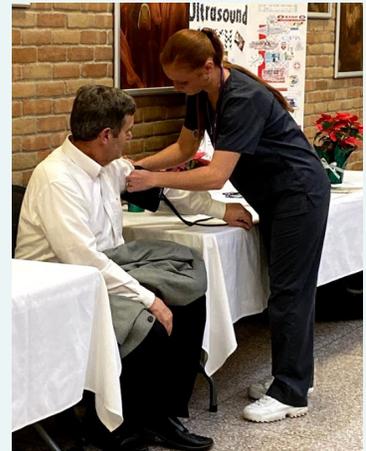
Twenty-five guests, including local employers, program advisors and Senator Kevin Daley were on-hand to watch the participants demonstrate their skills and meet with them in an informal setting over appetizers.

Seventeen participants completed EDGE, seven with training in welding and ten with training in Healthcare. All participants were also in need of their high school credential, twelve working toward their GED and five working toward their diploma.

The winter session of EDGE started on January 20th and will run through April 27th, with training in automotive technology, healthcare and welding.



Members of the 2019 Welder Class



Healthcare Graduate with Senator Kevin Daley

*MACAE concentrates on work in the following areas:*

- *Adult Education*
- *Community Education, Childcare*
- *Workforce Training/ Credentialing*
- *Alternative Education*
- *Adult Basic Literacy*
- *High School Equivalency*
- *English as Second Language*

We want to hear from you! Contact [macaеoutreach@gmail.com](mailto:macaеoutreach@gmail.com) with questions or concerns!

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