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PREPARING FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

Many projects and events on deck!

With February underway we have many projects and events that will be unfolding in the next few weeks. In particular, we are excited about the many professional development opportunities upcoming.

Please be sure to register for the Spring Institute 2020: In Perspective, May 14-15, 2020. We will be releasing the day calendar very soon. [Click here for the latest information.](#)

In March, board nominations for our Board of Directors will be sent out. Consider nominating yourself or another hardworking colleague!

As always, check out our website for the latest information: www.macaе.org!

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Development today!

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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Workforce Development and Integrated Training

Friday, March 20, 2020 (MACAE Office)

8:30am-3:30pm: \$45 for Members; \$100 for Non Members

Are you looking for additional resources and strategies for how workforce development and adult education can work together? Practitioners will share IET resources, WIOA application walk through and overview of all the WIOA titles. SCECHS available.

E-CASAS Troubleshooting Workshop

Friday, March 27, 2020 (Novi Technology Center)

9:00am-12:00pm: \$25 for MACAE Members; \$50 for Non-Members

Interactive troubleshooting best practices and resources for CASAS TopsPro users. Share resources for maximum capacity of the system, learn how different programs incorporate the E-CASAS system into their registration process to ensure timeliness and accuracy. SCECHS available.

Join our MACAE Committee Meetings: March 13, April 17 and May 8! It's not too late to join.

WIOA TIMELINE IMPORTANT DATES

We are dedicated to keeping you informed of the Title II WIOA Application important dates and information:

- ⇒ February 11: Phase I Applications Due
- ⇒ February 19: Phase II Grant Applications made available in MEGS; programs notified of advancement to Phase II
- ⇒ March 4: Title II Bidders Conference, Michigan Library and Historical Center
- ⇒ March 20: MACAE Workforce Development WIOA Application Professional Development
- ⇒ April 14: Completed Applications due into MEGS System

PARTICIPANTS CELEBRATE MID-YEAR SUCCESS!

A number of programs have posted of the success of their participants in the last few months. We wanted to share one such story from Kelly Vella, Huron Valley Adult and Alternative Education:

At Huron Valley Adult Education, we not only celebrate the success of our GED students, we celebrate the success of ALL people who take the GED test at our center.

Three weeks ago we had a sullen young man come to our center to take the RLA and SS exams. Because he was not really happy to be here testing I got the feeling that he was forced to take the exam. After he left, I looked at his scores and he passed both tests, one with a College Ready score.

Last night he came back to take the remaining two sections, SCI & Math. Once again, he was in his sullen mood and just wanted to "get it over with". When he came out of the testing center I asked him how he felt about the test. He was adamant that he failed the math exam. He asked if I would check his scores, which I did. He passed the Math test with a score of 156 and College Ready on the SCI exam. His face turned bright red and tears welled up in his eyes. He was so happy that he was now a graduate, he even smiled!

Of course we took his picture and asked if he would participate in our graduation ceremony in June, to which he replied, "I would, but I'm moving to join the Plumbers and Pipefitters apprenticeship program!"

FEBRUARY IS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH!

February marks Career and Technical Education Month!

We would like to spotlight the eleven Section 107 Special Programs in Michigan who offer CTE programming for adults. Eight of them are MACAE Members (Eastern UP ISD, Traverse Bay Area ISD, Kent ISD, Ottawa Area ISD (inc Allegan ISD), Bay-Arenac ISD, Lapeer ISD, Lenawee ISD (inc Hudson), Dearborn City School District).



The emphasis of these programs is to provide adult education services followed by rigorous training for credentialing and certification.

Here are some highlights from 2018-2019:

- ⇒ Credential tracks included: Welding, Automotive, Hospitality, Manufacturing, Construction Trades, CNC and Robotics, Health Sciences, Business, CNA
- ⇒ 256 participants completed their designated CTE course
- ⇒ 95 obtained employment in their desired career pathway

Areas of improvement include working to meet the needs of participants who do not currently have a high school diploma or credential and helping participants transition to employment.



MACAE IN THE NEWS:

In our news section, we 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 Outreach joined with partners at **Michigan's Children** in the first meeting of the Michigan Kinship Care Coalition. This new group will help bring together practitioners and shareholders in the foster care and youth care system.

MACAE Outreach offered technical assistance for programs in jeopardy of not meeting the target performance metric for the new WIOA Application Grant. MACAE worked with those programs to identify best practices, strategies and resources for improvement.

Dominican Literacy Center in Detroit celebrated its 2020 Appreciation Dinner. Volunteers and benefactors were honored for their continued support of adult literacy. Partner representatives from **MACAE, Siena Literacy, Reading Works, and Southwest Solutions** were also in attendance.



Region 10 Section 107 Providers heard a presentation from the Michigan Rehabilitation Services organization at their February meeting.

Swan Valley Adult and Alternative Education has launched a program entitled: Connecting Generations– Cyber Seniors. The program allows for high school students to help teach senior citizens how to use different apps or technology. The program meets at the local library.

A Students Speak Event is planned at **Dearborn Adult Education** for April 1st. The event will highlight the intersection of adult education and community support.

The ten Section 107 regional fiscal agents met in early February to discuss regional goal setting and alignment to state goals from LEO. **MACAE Leadership** has been instrumental in helping to lead this process and examine data for continued growth and support of adult education across the state.

Kent ISD Adult Education has been working with CASAS to identify core content standards commonly missed by students. KAE staff will use this information to better inform teacher instruction and best practices.

Sparta Adult Education has launched a new connection event to engage employers and business partners during networking hours.

Other Information

- [Governor's 2021-2022 Budget Link](#)
- [COABE Journal: Career Pathways](#)

Interesting News

Governor Whitmer Releases 2021-2022 Budget

The Governor has released the Annual Executive Budget. It maintains adult education Section 107 funding at \$30 million. It also enhances workforce development training tools in alignment with federal standards.

Changes to Section 107 Special Programs CTE Language

The Governor's budget also outlined several changes in Section 107 for the special CTE programs. The proposed changes include a 10% cap on enrollment of participants who already have a high school credential. The intended purpose of the programming is to reach those without a credential.

Census Link: The Change Agent

Are you interested in helping participants take the upcoming Census? Consider this article from The Change Agent. The magazine outlines a series of lesson plans, worksheets and activities for helping to engage participants. You must create an account first. [Click here for more information.](#)

MACAE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS:

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

Patricia Eggleston, SER Metro Detroit

Kristine Ranger, Lansing Housing Services

Anne White O'Hara, Warren Woods

**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: TRENTON RIES

My current position is as an IA (Instructional Assistant, Paraprofessional) at Niles Adult Education. However, I have just been "promoted" to an Assistant Academic Advisor position, as our other Academic Advisor is retiring at the end of this year.

What motivates me to work with our Adult Education population is the desire to provide individuals with the opportunity to complete their educational goals, when they may not have been given that opportunity earlier in their lives, or the myriad other reasons our students come to us to help them reach their goals. Plus, it's always heart-warming to see the joy on a student's face when they complete their last GED test, or walk for our graduation ceremony.

As a Veteran, I understand the importance of education, and strive to help our students get the education that they deserve. I would say that the most important thing about what we do is Customer Service, Service with a Smile. As an IA, I'm usually the first person that people see when they arrive for class, so greeting people with a smile and a "Hey, how are you?", while being courteous and respectful and being able to meet their needs is paramount. Sometimes, just greeting someone with a smile and asking how they are can really make a difference to our students.



As far as resources from MACAE, what is currently being provided (i.e., Fall/Spring Conferences, Regional meetings, the various online resources, etc.) has been an immense help, especially for someone such as myself who is new to the education field. Moving forward in my capacity as an Assistant Academic Advisor, I really look forward to continuing to help our students to meet their educational goals, and to provide them with the tools necessary to be successful in life.

SPRING INSTITUTE 2020: IN PERSPECTIVE

Register today!

Planning preparations are well underway for the MACAE Spring Institute 2020: In Perspective, May 14-15, 2020 at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Kalamazoo!

For complete conference information, registration links, hotel accommodations and more, visit www.macaе.org

Registration Costs and Information: One Day Member (\$75); Two Day Member (\$140); One Day Non-Member (\$125); Two Day Non-Member (\$200). SCECHS pending.

Confirmed Presentations:

Thursday- Michigan Department of Education Welcome; Shifting the Narrative of Marginalized Students; Educator Selfcare; Understanding What Childhood Trauma Is; Youth In Transition; Restorative Practices; Socioemotional Learning; Engaging Opportunity Youth for Postsecondary Options

Friday- MACAE State Update; Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity Welcome; Employability Soft Skills; Employer Engagement; Filling the Gaps in the Workforce Ecosystem; Career Education Advisory Council; ESL Instructional Strategies; GED Manager; Adult Education Office State Update

And more!

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*

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Program Goal Setting

It's not too late to consider what goals your program can attain this year. Here are some questions to help get you started:

What professional development opportunities are available for you or your staff?

Have you reviewed your annual data to compare where you are in relation to previous years?

Where are the gaps in your program? What resources do you need to fill them?

What are the needs of your participants? Are there partnerships that would be helpful to bridge those barriers?



We want to hear from you! Contact macaeoutreach@gmail.com with questions or concerns!

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