



## 2023 MACAE Fall Conference: Celebrating 40 Years Sunday, October 15, 2023- Wednesday, October 18, 2023 Lansing Center

### Description:

The Michigan Adult, Community and Alternative Education (MACAE) Association is excited to announce our Fall 2023 in-person experience for adult, alternative, community education and workforce development professionals and vested education and business partners, October 15-18, 2023. We expect over 250 attendees to our conference! This is THE conference to attend regarding adult, alternative, community education and integrated education and training in Michigan. Plenary sessions will include options for professional learning communities, instructional strategies, program design, best practices to meet measurable academic outcomes, transition to employment and postsecondary access, etc. Our membership is strong, active, and engaged in our annual conference and ongoing professional development throughout the year. We will have state leadership, statewide partners, administrators, teachers and instructional staff, support staff, data management personnel all present.

**SCECHS:**      **AGENDA:**

### Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (Please note all events will take place at the Double Tree hotel)

**8:00am-9:00am: Breakfast**

**9:00am-9:30am: MACAE Association Annual Meeting**

**1.0    9:30am-10:15am.: Keynote Session: Michigan Economic Trends and the Implications of Demographic Changes**

*David Zin, Economic Financial Analyst, Michigan Senate Financial Office*

Explore Michigan's economic direction for the next few decades, trends in demographics and population shifts and well and industry centers and employment trends.

**10:15am-10:30: Check out of room**

**0.5    10:30am-11:00am: Update from COABE**

An update from the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE).

**11:00am-11:15am: Walk to State Capitol and State Capitol Picture**

**12:00pm: End Conference**

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**End of Day Four (Total SCECHS for Day Three, 2.0 SCECHS)**

**Total Conference SCECHS: 17.75 SCECHS**

List of Presenters:

Marcus Little is the Director of the Customized English Workplace Literacy Program at the Literacy Center of West Michigan.

Jennifer Summers is the senior instructional leader for the Customized English Workplace Literacy Program at the Literacy Center of West Michigan.

Tammy Brown is the President of the MACAE Board of Directors. She has served in that capacity for over two years directing the operations and strategic vision of the association. She is also the Director of Troy Continuing Education.

Patrick Brown is the Executive Director of the Michigan Adult, Community and Alternative Education (MACAE) Association. He has presented at the statewide and national levels.

Carrie Machkouri is the IET and ELL Instructor at the Literacy Center of West Michigan. She also serves as Michigan's Coalition on Adult Basic Education State Advocates Fellow.

Natalie Cummins is a national consultant at Pearson. Her expertise is in the area of instructional design and program capacity building with an emphasis in student accommodations.

Manon Steel is the Senior Program Associate for TICAS, The Institute for College Access Success. Her expertise lies in statewide higher education college access strategy and policy development.

Laura Warren Gross is from the Michigan Library System

Christy Nelson is the Director of Adult Learning at the Networks Northwest, a collaboration of services in adult education and workforce development.

Ibrahim Elabed is the Director of Federal Funds for Southwest Solutions in Detroit. He coordinates all reporting and outcomes measurements for programming for youth and adult services.

Elaine Pardieck is a national consultant for education and curriculum for New Readers Press.

Jon Weiss and Michael Johnson are national consultants from Data Recognition Corporation.

Laura Saline is the Career and College Readiness Coordinator for all of Livingston county. She serves as a coordinator of services and programming for youth and adults transitions to postsecondary and employment opportunities.

Angelia Izzo is an instructor with Beecher Adult Education

Todd Wamester is the Senior Consultant with En Gen.

Karyn Goven has served in adult education for a number of years. Her expertise is in program design from early childhood through adult skill building. She currently serves as the Vice President of the MACAE Association.

Teri Banas is the Director of Communications and Programming at Michigan's Children. Her expertise lies in communications strategy, student voice advocacy and program development.

Mellissa Hulstrandt is a Senior National State Consultant with GED Testing Services.

Yilin Wendland-Liu is the Director of Adult Literacy at the Literacy Center of West Michigan. She is joined by Megan Bowers and Hamid Ahara, coordinators for the same program.

Monica Robbins is a Business Relations Consultant for the Michigan Rehabilitation Services.

Brian Smith works for the Michigan Rehabilitation Services at the Michigan Career Technical Institute.

Callan Eschenburg and Schume Harrison are from the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity State Apprenticeship Expansion Office. Their expertise is in grant writing and program design.

Katie Thompson is the Integrated Education and Training Coordinator for Troy Continuing Education. She has vast experience in IET design and implementation. She also coordinates curriculum alignment and resource and career preparation for adult learners.

Karyn Ruiz is the National Senior Academic Specialist for Aztec.

Michelle Smith is the Senior Vice President for ProLiteracy. She oversees much of the programming and educational resource gathering.

Joy Zug is the Coordinator of the Royal Oak Adult Education program.

Alexandra Stamm is the Education Policy person for the Michigan League for Public Policy. Her expertise lies in developing statewide policy recommendations for preK- higher education initiatives.

Anne Kuhnen is the Policy Analyst for the Kids Count Michigan Project at the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Manon Steel is from TICAS, The Institute for College Access and Success. She has expertise in grant writing, legislative writing and facilitation of key statewide stakeholders around postsecondary access.

Ted Kroll is the Director of Adult and Alternative Education at the Livingston ESA. He has held various instructional and administrative positions in K-12. He currently serves on the MACAE Board of Directors.

Brand Cardwell is a regional consultant for Burlington English. She has expertise in instructional delivery and program design for many adult education providers across numerous states.

Louie Paras is a the Michigan representative for Burlington English. He has experience in postsecondary student affairs and leadership across educational access opportunities for students.

Ana Manzano is the ECHO Program Manager for the Michigan College Access Network

Tricia Kane and Carrie Price are department analysts with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

Claudia Stephens is a Career Center Manager in Detroit. Her expertise is coordinating WIOA Title Services for several hundred clients in Southwest Detroit.

Jan Hobbs is the Adult Education Coordinator for Lansing Adult Education. She has expertise in program design and curriculum development as well as high school equivalency test administration.

Whitney Dettmer is the Assistant Director of Adult Education at the Iosco RESA. She also serves as the chairperson of the high school equivalency committee.

Laurie Weeks is the Director of Tutor Programming at the Oakland Literacy Council. She has vast experience is volunteer recruitment, volunteer tutor preparation and curriculum development and design.

Vincent De'Ettoire is the Lead Teacher for Michigan Works! Southeast. He has experience working with youth and adult populations.

Brian Puffer is the Director of Saline Community Education. He has administrative experience in grant writing and programming development. He also has experience with facilities management and maintenance, before and after school programming.

Elizbeth Scheib works for CASAS. Her responsibilities included assessment training and e Tests strategy implementation.

Rich Heide is the Health Care Coordinator at Maccomb Community College. He has expertise in a variety of integrated education and training program implementation models.

Anthony Mangiafico is the Director of Community and Adult Education at Wallingford Adult Education. He also serves as the President of the Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education. He has vast experience in program implementation, grant writing and program design. In 2022 he was voted the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE) Administrator of the Year.

Hamid Ahari is the Family Literacy Coordinator for the Literacy Center of West Michigan.

Amy Cheadle is the Digital Learning and Program Coordinator at the Office of Global Michigan withing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Development.

Carmen Bordea is the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Office of Global Michigan with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

Beth Lindley is the Director of the Michigan State University Kinship Resource Center. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the Michigan Kinship Care Coalition.

Erica Luce is the Manager of Adult Education Services at the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

Sara Brooks is the Youth Services Director for SER Metro. She has decades of experience in alternative, adult education and youth opportunities.

Kari Hiner is a Department Analyst for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. Her expertise is in Integrated Education and Training.

Chad Patton is the Director of Development and Innovation for the West Michigan Works! system. He has vast experience in the integration of education and training into programming. He also has expertise in leveraging braided funding and in engaging multi-sector partners.

Tasha Evans is the Director of Talent Solutions for the West Michigan Works! system. Her expertise is in talent recruitment strategies to meet the needs of employers and businesses. She also has vast expertise in leveraging partnerships across entities and utilizing braided funding.

Sue Johnson is a Department Specialist for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. She oversees the data management system, Michigan Adult Education Reporting System, MAERS.

David Zin is a Financial Analyst for the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency. His expertise is in economic projections.

Brian Fraizer is a Department Specialist for the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. He helps with the statewide assessment policy.

Linda Kell, a seasoned educational leader with 32 years of experience, currently serves as the Leadership Development Consultant at Wayne RESA. She holds an undergraduate degree in Education from Alma College and a master's degree from the University of Michigan, along with an Educational Specialist Degree in Administration from Wayne State University.

Maidie Baker is the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Centric Learning. Prior to joining the Centric team, Maidie was the Principal of a Title I Elementary School in Bradenton, Florida. Maidie's career in education has taken several different paths in her 27 years since her first teaching job. She has served at the school, district, and state level of public K-12 education in a variety of roles and also spent several years in the higher ed world as a student services administrator. Her passion has always been supporting at-opportunity students and ensuring educational equity for all.

