

## **Greetings from the Adult Education Office Patricia S. Terry, Ph.D.—State Director**

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Welcome to a new year and a new look for *Adult Education Matters*, the California Department of Education's (CDE) Adult Education newsletter designed to inform California's adult school community. The year 2013 promises to be one of anticipation and challenges for adult schools and adult learners. Our adult community needs to work together to address these challenges while continuing to provide appropriate educational services for our adult learners. We at the Adult Education Office (AEO) renew our pledge to work toward fulfilling the mission of adult education in California.



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## Implementation Guide Survey

The AEO invited agencies to participate in a survey to obtain a baseline of activity with respect to the action items in the *Implementation Guide*. Having this information aggregated at the state level will help to inform work in the AEO and will further support our participation with other stakeholders. The survey tool provided agencies an opportunity to rate the degree to which they have actualized an item. The AEO encouraged the field to collaborate with staff in preparing the agency's response. Responses will not be publicized with names of individuals nor by agency. The survey was due January 31, 2013.

## Field Partnership Team

The Field Partnership Team met on December 6, 2012, at the offices of the American Institutes of Research in Sacramento, California. Meeting highlights included a discussion of the Implementation Guide Survey, a question-answer session with the CDE administrator in charge of General Educational Development (GED) testing, Diane Hernandez, a discussion with Coordinated Student Support and Adult Education Director, Gordon Jackson, and a discussion with Association of California School Administrators legislative advocate, Adonai Mack, concerning weighted student formula. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2013.

## New Adult Education Office Changes

The AEO is pleased to welcome aboard two new consultants: David Stang and Dr. Carmen Martinez-Calderon. They will oversee activities in Region 3 and Region 7, respectively.

Dr. Don Taylor, formerly Region 5 consultant, has left the AEO and is now the Administrator in the After School Division. Dr. Martinez-Calderon will oversee Region 5 activities on an interim basis.

## Governor Jerry Brown's Budget Proposal

Governor Brown introduced his budget proposal for fiscal year 2013–14 on January 10, 2013. The proposal outlines specific changes to adult education. To create a more accountable and centralized adult education system, the Governor proposes \$300 million in new Proposition 98 General Fund revenues to fund a comparable kindergarten through grade twelve adult education system within the community college system.

The AEO and CDE are currently engaged in ongoing discussions regarding the Governor's proposal.

## New Voters Page

Recently, the Secretary of State introduced a New Voters Web page located at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/new-voter/>. The page was created to help people who are new to voting or who will soon become eligible to vote, to find basic voting information and materials. The Secretary of State's office presents adult learners with instant access to voting-related resources in English and nine additional languages.



Our lives end the day we become silent about things that matter.

**Dr. Martin Luther King**

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## General Educational Development 2002 Test Series Closeout Campaign



The AEO is still promoting the GED 2002 Test Series Closeout Campaign. GED test-takers who have started the 2002 Series GED test but not finished and passed every section, have until the end of 2013 to do so. Otherwise, their scores will expire, and they will have to start over with the new 2014 GED test. Free materials to advertise the campaign and other information is available at: <http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/closeout> and <http://www.gedtestinservice.com/>

## New Administrators' Orientation

The New Administrators' Orientation was held for 21 administrators on November 29–30 2012, in Sacramento. Presentations on Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Title II requirements and various Adult Education initiatives were made by CDE staff, the Leadership Projects, and adult educators from the field. Several field experts hosted agency-alike lunch sessions with the new administrators to answer questions about program implementation, challenges, etc. The new administrators were also introduced to the *Implementation Guide* through a group activity.

### Common Core State Standards

Looking to learn more about the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) implementation? Please visit <http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/>

Approved on March 7, 2012, by the State Board of Education, the CCSS Systems Implementation Plan is a living document that identifies major phases and activities in the implementation of the CCSS throughout California's educational system.

### The Statewide Leadership Team:

CDE, California Adult Literacy Professional Development Project (CALPRO), Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN), and Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System (CASAS)

The Statewide Leadership Team (CDE and Leadership Projects) met at CALPRO offices on November 15, 2012. Upcoming events, trainings, and deadlines for Leadership Projects were discussed. The next Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2013.

## California Course Approval System—A22

Has your agency submitted the A-22? The new course approval process is in full swing and 217 schools have already responded. The AEO is making every effort to get each school with an active adult education program into the A-22 process. Please update your contact information on the OTAN Web site at <http://adulted.otan.us>. E-mail Cliff Moss at [cmoss@cde.ca.gov](mailto:cmoss@cde.ca.gov) with questions.

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## Workforce Investment Act, Title II Notes...

The 2012–13 program year continues to bring changes to the WIA, Title II Grant Program.

One change in effect for the current program year involves new National Reporting System (NRS) reporting requirements. You may access a CDE recorded Webinar, the PowerPoint slides, and questions and answers regarding the new reporting requirements at <https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-peer-communities/california-accountability/cde-ca-nrs-changes>. The NRS 2012 Webinar Series explaining the changes can be viewed at the following Web site: <http://www.nrsweb.org/foundations/NRSChanges.aspx>

Another development is that the open competition for the WIA, Title II grant funds has been postponed until 2014–15. Currently funded agencies will use AEO's re-application process for the 2013–14 year.

The 2011–12 WIA Annual Report was submitted to OVAE by the December 31, 2012, deadline. The report will be available on the CASAS Web site.

The 2013 Winter Consortium was videotaped on January 15, 2013. The videotape, which includes a presentation on data from WIA, Title II agencies and panel discussion on student transition strategies, will be available on the CASAS Web site.

And finally, currently funded agencies should note that the accountability and implementation trainings provided by CASAS should have been completed by January 31, 2013.

### Office of Vocational and Adult Education

The AEO is gearing up for a monitoring visit from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) regarding WIA, Title II program implementation. The visit is scheduled for the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

**OTAN Technology and Distance Learning Conference:**  
Berkeley, California; February 22–23, 2013.

**California Council for Adult Education (CCAE) Bay Area Section Winter Conference:**  
Berkeley, California; February 23, 2013.

**Council of Adult Basic Education Conference:**  
New Orleans, Louisiana; March 24–28, 2013.

**CCAE State Conference:**  
Sacramento, California; April 18–20, 2013.

## Adult Education Initiatives Update

### Policy to Performance

OVAE has released a Policy to Performance Toolkit, available at: <http://lincs.ed.gov/>.

### Points of Entry

The Points of Entry pilot ended in December 2012. California has submitted a sustainability plan related to lessons learned in the pilot.