

Adult Education Matters | Fall '13 Edition |

Tutor Institute Unites Local Adult Literacy Tutors

On Saturday, October 26th, more than 70 adult literacy

volunteers gathered at District 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund in Center City Philadelphia to attend The Commission's Tutor Institute. The conference featured a dozen sessions designed to help volunteers improve their tutoring skills.

Numerous adult education programs were represented by the many tutors who attended. These organizations included

Center for Literacy, Community Learning Center, Congreso, District 1199c, Garces Foundation, Philadelphia Prison System, and Nationalities Service Center, to name just a few. Read highlights or access session handouts and materials [here](#).

(If you attended the Institute, we value your feedback and would love to hear from you. Please complete this brief [survey](#).)



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Time for the U.S. to Reskill?

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WHAT THE SURVEY OF ADULT SKILLS SAYS



 OECD

According to a study released last month by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), one in six adults in the U.S. lack basic literacy skills and one in three possess weak numeracy skills. [The Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies \(PIAAC\)](#), an international study that examined adult skills and basic workplace competencies, reports that Americans skills assessed below average compared with 23 other participating nations.

A new report released last week by OECD, [Time for the U.S. to](#)

Reskill: What the Survey of Adult Skills Says, explores these results in greater depth and provides policy analysis and recommendations to effectively up-skill American workers and strengthen the U.S. economy.

Interested in learning more on this topic? The Philadelphia Adult Literacy Alliance's monthly Literacy Salon on Friday, December 13th will feature a presentation and discussion on these findings. Join the [Alliance](#) or check the Commission's professional development [calendar](#) soon for details!

Calling Local Literacy Agencies to Partner with the Commission's Pilot Program

The Commission has contracted with three agencies ([Community Learning Center](#), 229 N. 63rd Street, [Congreso](#), 2800 N. American Street and [District Council 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund](#), 100 S. Broad Street) through an RFP process to operate **Adult Literacy Hubs**. The Hubs will open by January 31st and continue through June 30, 2014.

The Commission is looking for adult literacy programs who wish to participate as partner agencies in a pilot phase. The participating programs will receive from the Hubs the placement of new adult learners who have:

- been assessed using a standardized test
- completed goals setting for their career pathways and learning plans
- completed a course to learn basic study skills and digital skills
- been assigned to a case manager; and
- are ready to be placed in the partner agency's classes

Partner agencies will be an integral component of the Hubs pilot program. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, all questions should be directed toward Jennifer Kobrin, Assistant Director, at kobrinj@freelibrary.org or (215) 686-5249.

GED® 2014 Resources

GED® Testing Service has announced the following resources are currently available or soon will be:

GED Ready™ - The official practice test for the new GED.® It will be available for purchase from publishers in November 2013.

MyGED- The online portal that test takers will use to register for the test, request accommodations, view test scores, and request transcripts. It will be available in December 2013.

A Teacher's Guide - Getting Acquainted with the 2014 GED®

GED Marketplace - This website offers GED® test preparation materials that students can purchase.

7 Chances to win a prize! Complete short survey for GED



meeting on **Thurs., Nov. 21 at 5:30 pm** at Philadelphia Works, Inc., 1617 JFK Blvd. The session will feature a presentation on Philadelphia Works' online tools for creating a resume and cover letter, conducting a job search, and researching labor market trends. To register, visit www.tlcp Philly.org.

Nominate Outstanding Tutors and Educators



Nominations will be accepted until January 15, 2014 for the **2014 Outstanding Tutor Award**. The nomination form can be completed **online**. Questions? Contact Kim Rossman, kim@tlcliteracy.org. The award will be presented during the tutor day luncheon of the [COABE/PAACE conference](#) on March 16, 2014.

Nominations will also be accepted for the **2014 Outstanding Educator Award**. This award will be presented at the PAACE Awards Luncheon on Tues., March 18. Click here for the **nomination form** which is due by Dec. 20th. Questions? Contact Cheryl Hiester by phone at 717-295-5523 or e-mail Cheryl@getliterate.org

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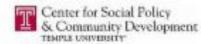
Testing Service...

GED Testing Service® wants to gain a better understanding of the demographic characteristics of its test-taker population by conducting a survey of past, current, and future test-takers. If you complete this survey you will be entered into a drawing for seven possible gift cards.

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opportunities for all of Philadelphia's adult learners. Your gift, no matter the amount, makes an impact on the life of a learner, their family, and community.

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26th Annual Technology in Adult Education Conference

SAVE *the* DATE

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014



Temple University, Main Campus

Invitation & Event Details to Follow

Tech Tutors Sought to Close the Digital Divide

Adult learners don't just need tutors; they need "**Tech Tutors!**"

Tech Tutors provide adult learners with tutoring to enhance their general literacy skills through the integrated use of technology.

Learn about Tech Tutors [here](#), e-mail Program Coordinator [Yuri Seung, seungy@freelibrary.org](mailto:Yuri.Seung@freelibrary.org), or call (215) 686-5252 to get involved!



State Representatives Convene in Philadelphia for Public Hearing

In September, the Mayor's Commission on Literacy participated in a public hearing at [Peirce](#)

College. Themed adult literacy, education, and workforce development, the hearing was called to bring much needed attention to the state of adult literacy and workforce readiness.

16 delegates in attendance represented 11 Pennsylvania counties collectively. Members of the Policy Committee heard testimonies from leaders of adult literacy agencies, workforce development organizations, and post-secondary educational institutions; all of whom stressed the importance of investing in programs that educate adults to successfully join and advance in today's workforce.

Missed the hearing? Click the video to the right to watch it online or [read highlights here!](#)



Public Hearing - Adult Literacy, Education & Workforce Development (September 11, 2013)

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