Join us for the Philadelphia Adult Literacy Alliance quarterly meeting, **The Changing Landscape of High School Equivalency (HSE) in Pennsylvania**. During this meeting we will discuss the implications for learners, instructors, and administrators as a result of Pennsylvania’s approval of the HiSET® exam and the new passing score for the GED® exam. Learn about the three ways that a person can now earn a Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma (CSSD).

**Featured speakers include:**
Mayor Jim Kenney and the Mayor's Commission on Literacy Celebrate the Grand Opening of myPLACE at Center for Literacy

On March 1, 2016, adult educators, community leaders, elected officials, and adult learners joined Mayor Jim Kenney, the Mayor's Commission on Literacy and myPLACE program representatives to celebrate the grand opening of the Commission's fifth myPLACE campus at Center for Literacy. The ribbon-cutting ceremony coincided with the second anniversary since the initiative's inception in 2014. >>>Read more.
28th Annual Technology and Adult Education Conference

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ConnectED Learning

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Application Deadline
12:00PM, APRIL 4, 2016

The Mayor’s Commission on Literacy, in collaboration with Temple University’s Center for Social Policy and Community Development, invites you to submit a proposal to present at the 28th Annual Technology Conference, on May 13, 2016 from 9:00AM to 3:30PM on Temple University’s Main Campus in Philadelphia.

The 28th Annual Technology and Adult Education Conference will showcase trends and opportunities for facilitating connected learning in adult education. We invite proposals for dynamic, practice based workshops on integrating technology into adult literacy instruction, curriculum, and programing.

View more information & submit proposals philaliteracy.org/rfp2016

MCOL in the News
Comcast Newsmakers' Jill Horner speaks with Diane C. Inverso, Executive Director of the Mayor's Commission on Literacy, about the importance of adult education in Philadelphia.

ICYMI: Assessment Training Series
Introduction to TABE® & Using TABE® to Inform Instruction

On Friday, March 4, 2016, The Mayor's Commission on Literacy hosted an Assessment Training Series: Introduction to TABE® and Using TABE® to Inform Instruction. Led by Rebecca Wagner, instructors learned basic skills on how to assess their students accurately and use assessments to promote student learning. As a part of this interactive training, instructors facilitated mock assessments to engage their peers on delivery of instruction.

Upcoming Volunteer & Professional Development Opportunities
GED® Tutor Training
March 13, 2016 | (Online)
March 23, 2016 | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
990 Spring Garden Street, Suite 300
Philadelphia, PA 19123

GED® Tutor Training will provide you with the knowledge, tools, skills and resources to support adult learners who are preparing to take the GED® exam. Building on the basic principles of adult teaching and learning introduced in the Mayor’s Commission on Literacy’s Basic Tutor Training, GED® Tutor Training adds theory and techniques specific to tutoring learners who are enrolled in GED® prep courses and/or are preparing to take the exam.

Assessment Training Series
March 11, 2016 | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
990 Spring Garden Street, Suite 300
Philadelphia, PA 19123

Come and learn how to assess your students accurately and use assessments to promote student learning. Offerings in the series will help practitioners to administer and interpret the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE®). The training series is ideal for new educators wanting to learn new skills, and seasoned educators who would like to refresh their skills.

Community Resources & Opportunities

Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education
U.S. Department of Education
Career & Technical Education Month - Community Colleges

Community colleges continue to play a major role in President Obama's goal that everyone would have a fair shot at fulfilling his or her ambitions and earn a family-sustaining wage. An educated nation where all have the opportunity to contribute is essential to advancing our nation's global leadership as the world's premier engine for opportunity and economic advancement. In support of this, the president's FY 17 budget proposal for education focuses on three priority areas: advancing equity and excellence in education; providing support for teachers and school leaders; and promoting access, affordability, and completion in higher education. Career and technical education has an important role in these areas.

America's College Promise is the president's initiative to provide two years of free community college to responsible students in order to enhance their access to the middle class by financing the first half of a bachelor's degree and helping them acquire needed workforce skills. To support this initiative, President Obama is proposing a Community College Partnership Tax Credit in his FY 17 budget to encourage employers to play a more active role in supporting this initiative.

For a full list of the president's initiatives visit: [http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/index.html](http://www2.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/index.html)

OCTAE Announces the Release of the Reentry Education Framework Report

The Office of Career Technical and Adult Education (OCTAE) is pleased to announce the release of the report Reentry Education Framework: Guidelines for Providing High-Quality Education for Adults Involved in the Criminal Justice System (Framework). The report is designed to help reentry education providers create a seamless path for their students by connecting education services offered in correctional facilities with those in the community.

Current estimates show that more than 700,000 adults exit state and federal prisons each year, with even more leaving local correctional facilities. Many of these former inmates lack the workforce skills and training to help them reintegrate successfully into their communities.

Individuals wishing to learn more are encouraged to explore the online tool kit and the Framework report, which include guidelines, tools, resources, and examples from the Promoting Reentry Success through Continuity of Educational Opportunities (PRSCEO) sites.
It isn't too late to nominate that individual you have admired and give him or her the recognition deserved! **The deadline for nominations for Outstanding Adult Educator has been extended to March 14, 2016.** Please submit your complete nomination packet to: Drucie Weirauch | weirauch.dricie1@gmail.com or 238 E. Waring Ave., State College, PA 16801. View the complete announcement here: [http://paacesite.org/announcements.php?id=84](http://paacesite.org/announcements.php?id=84)

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**Join The Alliance**

**The Philadelphia Adult Literacy Alliance** brings together over 200 active members from the adult education community.

The mission of the Philadelphia Adult Literacy Alliance is to support the delivery of quality services to Philadelphia’s adult learners by offering professional development, encouraging collaboration, and sharing information.

**Why join The Alliance?**

- Represent your organization and learners
- Stay updated on adult literacy and workforce trends, standards, and public policies
- Grow in your profession and take advantage of leadership opportunities
- Tap into new resources to enhance the quality of adult education programs
- Network and meet interesting people committed to improving adult literacy city-wide

*Become a member today, it's free and simple!*

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Share Your Story

Sharing your story about your personal experience as an adult learner, volunteer, or educator is a great way to encourage others to return to learning or give back to their community.

Share inspirational content with The Commission such as testimonials, messages, or poetry. Submit online.