

**Workforce Development Update
July, 2009**

HOT NEWS!

ACLS Grants (Fund Code 342) to Local Workforce Boards for Career Center Support:

Grant applications are due on August 3rd for FY10 funding to local Workforce Boards for Career Center Support. Guidance, including grant forms, can be found on the ESE web site under "Grants". Funding cuts of 5% were implemented for next year's funding allocations across all ACLS grant initiatives UNDER \$150,000 (including ALL grants to workforce boards for career center support). Grants over \$150,000 received a 10% cut.

NOTE: These grants do *not* require an ESE Statement of Assurances form as the Memorandum of Understanding with the regional workforce board functions as such. See link for the FY2010 MOU.

ABE/ESOL Subcommittee of the MA Workforce Investment Board: The last meeting was held on Thursday, July 9 at Commonwealth Corporation and featured a presentation and discussion on the Dedicated Fund for Workplace Education led by Jennifer James of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, a presentation and discussion by Anne Serino of ACLS on the Nellie Mae Bridges to Success Task Force, and a presentation by Gloria Cross Mwase of *Jobs for the Future* about the *Breakthrough Initiative* that addresses the needs of adult basic education students access and succeed in community college. Ms. Mwase identified institutions across the country that implemented innovative transitional strategies, as well as work that is occurring to build upon these pilots to support change in state policies to broaden the impact of their success.

COMMONWEALTH CORPORATION

Go to www.commcorp.org to access information on the Clean Energy Workforce Training Capacity Building RFP. Applications will be accepted for workforce training program development, expansion, or enhancement activities that build the capacity of non-profit community-based organizations, higher education institutions, or vocational technical high schools to train individuals for jobs in the clean energy industry.

MA Workforce Board Association News – www.massworkforce.com

The newly elected chair of the MA Workforce Board Association is William Tinti, Chair of the North Shore Workforce Board. Mr. Tinti succeeds John Lipa, former chair of the Berkshire WIB, who served for five years as the Board Association Chairperson. Mr. Lipa will continue as a member of the Board, as the past chair was voted in as a member of the Board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **ABE Directors' Meeting** is scheduled for September 23rd and 24th at the Sea Crest Hotel and Conference Center in Falmouth, MA. Sessions will address the integration of workforce development strategies, including career awareness, job readiness, and occupational skill development, into the ABE/ESOL curriculum.

Network 2009 will be held in Marlboro on October 22 and 23, 2009. Contact Kenny Tamarkin for more information at ktamarkin@mcae.net, or go to www.mcae.net for details.

One-Stop Career Center Events

BOSTON: Know Your Rights – Lawyers are available at **JobNet** on the last Thursday of the month between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Call 617-338-0909 for an appointment. For help with CORI or background checks, a recent copy of criminal record **MUST** be brought to the meeting.

PLYMOUTH: Wednesday, July 15, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. A Training & Education Vendor Fair will be held at the Plymouth Career center at Cordage Park in Plymouth. Call 508-732-5300 for information.

NEWTON: July 20, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - MBTA Career Opportunities – Four orientations will be held at the Newton Career Center about employment opportunities with the MBTA. For information, call 617-928-0530.

Publications

Getting Back on Track: Effects of a Community College Program for Probationary Students was published in April 2009 by mdrc. Authors are Susan Scrivener, Colleen Sommo, and Herbert Collado. Go to <http://www.mdrc.org/publications/514/overview.html> for more information.

P-21 News

Find **Pathways to Success by 21** Information at <http://resources21.org>.

RESEARCH

JFF Newswire – *Jobs for the Future* disseminates information in a variety of publications related to “next steps for students”. A particular initiative relating to adult basic education students moving on to community college is the *Breakthrough Initiative* directed by Gloria Cross Mwase. (For info, go to www.jff.org).

Lumina Foundation – sign up for Lumina Foundation News at www.luminafoundation.org. Find reports on the achievement gap, community college access, financial aid and other important topics.

Public Private Ventures – www.ppv.org – Download the latest report “Job Training that Works: Findings from the Sectoral Employment Impact Study”.

The Aspen Institute – Sign up for the Aspen/EOP e-news at www.aspeneop@aspennst.org.

E-news is disseminated quarterly to provide news and information about the projects that make up the Fund for Innovation, Effectiveness, Learning, and Dissemination, the Workforce Strategies Initiative (WSI), and the Access to Capital and Credit project.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SABES

UPDATED Career Awareness Curriculum Guide

The newly revised Guide on Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE & ESOL Classroom, developed by Martha Oesch and Carol Bower, is now available on the SABES website. The National Center on College Transitions funded the revision of the guide to include more information on the topic of transition to college. Available for download and on CD! www.sabes.org.

Contact your **SABES Workforce Coordinator** for information on SABES WFD activities. Laurie Sheridan is the statewide SABES Workforce Coordinator; Contact her at 617-482-9485 or lsheridan@worlded.org. Go to www.sabes.org and scan the calendar for workforce related sessions. SABES Workforce Development Specialists include Dori McCormack at SABES West; Cathy Gannon at Central SABES, Kathleen Howell at SABES SE, Patricia Pelletier at SABES NE, and John Zhang at the ALRI.

For more information on the ACLS Workforce Development Specialty, contact Andrea Perrault, ACLS Workforce Development Specialist at 781-338-3852 or e-mail at aperrault@doe.mass.edu.