

2022 WVAEA, Inc Fall Conference Session Descriptions

2020: Foresight not Hindsight (Keynote)

Presented by Josh Davies

Tuesday, September 13 – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

We all know there is only one constant in this world – change, and nothing exemplified that better than 2020. This year has accelerated systemic shifts in the workforce, educational system, and in society. In addition, new technologies, growing skills mismatch, and the speed of change will cause further disruption. Rather than sit back and hope, now is the time to prepare for the coming reality. 2020 has given us insight on the coming changes, and we need to be developing the changes to build a resilient and inclusive workforce with the skills needed to be successful today and into the future. Learn how we can develop the skills that will make you and your students relevant today and in the future. Now is the opportunity for us to evolve our practices and develop solutions that ensures everyone has an equal opportunity for success in an ever-changing world.

The skills of yesterday need to evolve to prepare for the coming reality. The future will have a greater need for leaders at all levels in an organization, and they will require a different set of skills and abilities. As the world becomes more and more High Tech, leaders must become more High Touch. Learn how to develop the seven skills that will make leaders more effective today and invaluable in the future. While it is often said that hindsight is 2020, great leaders are instead using it as foresight.

Introduction to Service Personnel Course

Presented by Tina White, Sandra Adkins

Tuesday, September 13 – 3:00 PM -4:30 PM

Friday, September 16 – 8:00 AM -9:30 AM

WVAdultEd was presented with an enormous opportunity to partner with county boards of education who have found it difficult to fill service personnel positions. This project is available to all county boards of education in conjunction with their local adult education class. Come learn about this ready-made IETP course and how you can partner with your local county board.

Unraveling the Mysteries of the HiSET® Exam

Presented by Ellen Killion

Tuesday, September 13 – 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Wednesday, September 14 – 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

This session will provide a brief overview of the HiSET exam, including upcoming changes to the accommodation process, the newly revised website, and test taker registration. The remainder of the session will focus on unraveling the mysteries of HiSET scoring, especially in regards to the test taker who is combining HiSET® test scores with TASC® test scores. Various scoring scenarios will be provided so that participants will gain a better understanding of the passing criteria, when a student needs to retake a subtest, how to determine the passing criteria when the test taker takes two or more tests already passed on the TASC test to bring up their overall total score, etc. Come with your questions and be ready to learn!

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Reading Partners: Understanding the Importance of Reading with Children for Family Literacy

Presented by Robin Haupt

Tuesday, September 13 – 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Reading Partners is a program from the WVU Extension Service used to teach parents how to be a reading partner with their children and for community reading partner volunteers. This workshop covers the importance of reading with children, different strategies, activity ideas and resources. This is valuable information instructors can pass onto adult students to promote family literacy.

MONITORING4U

Presented by Dr. Tim Anderson, Rebecca Metzger, Nick Northup

Tuesday, September 13 – 3:00-4:30

A session to review the proper steps for a classroom to take in preparation for the monitoring team to visit. WVAdultEd staff conducts monitoring visits throughout the program year. All classes are required to be monitored every five years. The session focuses on how to complete the self-study and review the procedure for visits. Self-study must be completed for additional hours.

Do You Know What You're Saying? Practical and Compassionate Strategies for Communicating with ELLs in the Regular AE Classroom

Presented by Katie Mehle

Tuesday, September 13 – 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Attendees will learn about common barriers to clear communication with English Language Learners (ELLs). We will explore strategies for educators to avoid confusion commonly caused by factors like idioms, pronunciation in conversational English, language nuances, and cultural differences. Attendees will come away with practical and compassionate strategies for communicating with speakers of other languages in classroom settings.

Assessment Specialist Meeting (TANF Assessment Specialists Only)

Monday, September 13 – 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

IETP 2.0

Presented by Tina White

Wednesday, September 14 – 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Those IETP Update quiz questions were tough. Join us for a thorough revisit of the latest and greatest IETP information and review of the new and final IETP Components Form. Time will be provided for you to work on your IETP Components Form, ask questions, and network with other instructors regarding your IETP ideas.

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LACES for Beginner Users

Presented by Shannon Stangis

Thursday, September 15 – 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

In this session, we will go over how to enter and track required student, class, and staff information for state and federal reporting purposes. This includes student intake, assessments, enrollments, attendance, and completion of records. Measurable skills gains tracking and outcomes will be explained. Class creation and completion and staff intake will also be discussed, as well as basic searches and custom view creation. Participants must bring laptops. *Session limited to 25 participants.*

LACES for Intermediate Users

Presented by Shannon Stangis

Wednesday, September 14 – 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM (3-hour session)

Thursday, September 15 – 9:30 AM – 11:45 AM (2-hour session)

In this session, we will delve more deeply into measurable skills gain and outcome tracking, and data analysis and review. The focus for analysis will primarily be on the information collected for reporting on Tables 4 and 5. The new features and functionality in LACES will be discussed, and a deeper dive into creating searches and ad hoc reports. We will also review specialty program tracking for IELCE, IETP, and WIOA core partner programs. Participants must bring laptops. *Sessions limited to 25 participants.*

TABE Testing Updates and Best Practices to Improve Student Success

Presented by Michael Johnson

Wednesday, September 14 – 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

This session will review best practices for TABE testing including remote proctoring, the Concordance Study linking TABE and HiSET Readiness, the new TABE Off-Line testing platform and review the TABE 11/12 Student Reports to link results to instructional plans to improve student performance. Additionally, we will review the soon to be released TABE Workforce Portal that will link TABE Scores to Reading and Math requirements to the top 600+ jobs listed on the Dept of Labor's O*Net Job Database. Please also come prepared with any questions/suggestions you have for the planning of TABE 13/14!

A Journey to Success in Reading Instruction

Presented by Samantha Knauff

Wednesday, September 14 – 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Journey to Success is a curriculum designed for students in NRS Levels 1-4. The series uses research-based methodology to increase reading and writing proficiency and prepare students for pre-high school equivalency instruction. Lessons introduce adult learners to increasingly complex text structures and new content knowledge to build healthy reading habits and comprehension skills, while remaining relevant and accessible to literacy level readers. In this session, we will walk through Journey to Success's instructional template, review individual lessons, and examine how those lessons align with College and Career Readiness Standards and meet WIOA guidelines.

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WorkKeys 101 (SPOKES ONLY session)

Presented by Sandra Adkins

Wednesday, September 14 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

WorkKeys is a system of assessments and curriculum that build and measure essential workplace skills that can affect your job performance and increase opportunities for career changes and advancement. This session will provide background information on WorkKeys, how the assessment is scored, and educating students to use this credential in their job search. (new SPOKES instructors)

Hey, I'm Going to College! CSM - A New Path to Adult Education College Transition

Presented by David Goldberg, Caroline Leach

Wednesday, September 14 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Postsecondary transition has long been a secondary stretch goal for adult education, but CSM changes the equation. CSM is an online course that uses next-generation educational technology to ensure that even many people who would struggle with high school equivalency can build college-level math skills. All WV community and technical colleges accept the CSM Certificate as transfer credit that satisfies the general education math requirements for an associate degree -- your students will be able to start college with their math in the rearview mirror! At the session, we'll introduce CSM, show you behind the curtains how it works, describe your role as a CSM coach, hear from WV students whose lives have been changed, and get you ready to offer CSM in your own program.

Naloxone Training and Education

Presented by Dr. Lindsay Acree

Wednesday, September 14 – 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

The purpose of this session is to educate individuals regarding the use of naloxone as a reversal for opioid overdose in the community setting. By the end of the session, participants should be able to:

- Recognize the importance of naloxone use in the community
- Identify signs of an opioid overdose
- Describe how naloxone works in the body
- Assist an individual experiencing an opioid overdose and administer naloxone (several types of naloxone) when appropriate
- Discuss the importance of calling 911 and legal protections associated with responding to an opioid overdose

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Jobs & Hope WV (General Session)

Presented by Deb Harris

Wednesday, September 14 – 1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

In this session, presenters will give an overview of a ground-breaking statewide initiative called Jobs and Hope West Virginia. Set forth by the Governor and financially supported by the WV Legislature through an initial \$20M appropriation, this program seeks to end hopelessness linked to education and employment barriers. The Jobs and Hope WV program is a statewide approach that promotes agency collaboration to provide services in even the most rural areas. The West Virginia Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Resources, WorkForce WV, the Higher Education Policy Commission, and the National Guard are the primary partners for this mission. This group meets regularly to discuss implementation and system changes necessary for access to resources for individuals transitioning from treatment and recovery programs. Employment of credentialed Peer Recovery Support Specialists and Transition Agents work together to maximize outcomes such as, safe and affordable housing, expungement, access to primary care, transportation, childcare, gaining recovery capital, linkage to free education and training, life skill development, career readiness training, and ultimately career employment. This approach focuses on developing the whole person, where each professional employed is tasked with their specialty area. These solutions are imperative to the successful implementation of all programs that seek to address the Substance Use Disorder crisis. This presentation provides insight into how a state system and local communities collaborate to find the solutions to some of the most relevant and universal barriers faced by people in recovery from Substance Use Disorders.

WIOA Partner Panel (General Session)

Wednesday, September 14 – 3:00

Partnerships among workforce, vocational rehabilitation, and adult education result in streamlined access to vital services and greater educational and employment opportunities for participants. WV Division of Rehabilitation Services Acting Director, Pisu Bua-lam and Workforce WV Acting Director, Scott Adkins will provide an update on program services and answer your questions.

Ten Reasons to Recommit to Teaching (Keynote)

Presented by Dr. Linda Bone

Thursday, September 15 – 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

A one-hour keynote designed to inspire, influence, and invigorate every guest, from novices to veterans. Tap into your passion again. Laugh. Think deeply. Imagine your professional life in a fresh way using the latest research from cognitive science, social anthropology, and most importantly, Dr. Bone's unique, observations on our profession.

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M is for Motivation

Presented by Dr. Linda Bone

Thursday, September 15 – 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Leave our keynote inspired and head into session one, where guests will take away strategies to retain and sustain their energy to make lasting personal and professional changes that lead to growth and creativity. Using vetted research drawn from the latest work on motivation, consider the “Autonomy, Mastery, Purpose” paradigm as it applies to our profession. Take an assessment and discern your strengths and weaknesses. Make a commitment to live your teaching dreams.

Creativity As a Noun and Verb

Presented by Dr. Linda Bone

Thursday, September 15 – 10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

We all change. That’s part of the natural life process, right? But does that mean we must lose our creative energies in order to survive, especially in a high stress profession like teaching? Join Dr. Bone for a one-hour session beginning with an assessment of your current level of creativity and then dive deep into the research on what it takes to both “be a creative”, as in a noun and to “teach with a creative vibe”, as in a verb. It is going to be fresh, fun, and freeing. Let’s finger paint with our brains and recapture those creative selves so often lost in daily life and work.

Using Canva to Market Your Program

Presented by Chris Williams

Thursday, September 15 – 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Elevate your messaging using Canva! Canva is an online platform that provides a simple, but effective, way to create eye catching advertisements, graphics, and much more. During this presentation, you will learn the basics of Canva and create your very first graphic. Participants must bring a laptop to the session.

Advisory Councils & Needs Assessments

Presented by Regional Adult Education Coordinators – Kim McConnaughy, Julie Hagan, Anne Mezzanotte, Chanda Perry, John Holmes, Benitez Jackson

Thursday, September 15 – 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Advisory councils and needs assessments bring to light community needs. Join the Regional Adult Education Coordinators as they provide tips on how to develop advisory councils and conduct needs assessments.

Boardworks: An Interactive Teaching Tool

Presented by Liz Johnson, Misty Dawson

Thursday, September 15 – 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Boardworks is a teaching tool being utilized in some adult education classrooms around the state. Join Misty and Liz as they share how they implement Boardworks in their classroom to enhance instruction. Already using Boardworks? Come share your successes!

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From the Struggle to Juggle to Facilitating Distance Education with Ease

Presented by Elizabeth Jarrett, Robin Haupt

Thursday, September 15 – 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM, 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM, 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Learn how using reports, schedules, and communication tools helps facilitate distance education to help students persist, persevere, and succeed in achieving their goals.

Data, Data, Data

Presented by Dr. Tim Anderson, Rebecca Metzger, Nick Northup

Friday, September 16 – 8:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Data measures program performance and efficiency. This session will focus on factors that contribute to quality data, identify strengths and weaknesses in the data collection process, and explore strategies to improve data accuracy for program improvement.

FERPA & Confidentiality

Presented by Georgia Webb-Hughes

Friday, September 16 – 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Educators serving students of all ages have a great responsibility to protect students' confidentiality. This session will discuss how FERPA specifically applies to work with students in adult programs. Participants will review the basics of federal and state education privacy statutes and will engage in discussions about how these regulations apply in the day-to-day work of teaching and supporting adult students. Topics for discussion will include understanding adult students' education records, differentiating information sensitivity/restrictions, and ideas for promoting good privacy practice.

Microsoft Teams

Presented by Mark Moore

Friday, September 16 – 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Still confused on using Teams for communication with co-workers. Still showing up as a "guest" during Teams meetings? This fast-paced session with Mark Moore will go over all things Teams as a communication tool for you and your co-workers.

Tips and Tricks with Office 365

Presented by Mark Moore

Friday, September 16 – 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Do you sync your files on your physical computer with your OneDrive in the cloud? What's the difference between Office365 on the web and desktop versions? What is upcoming with Office 365? Not sure how to share files? This session will cover all kinds of tips and tricks for getting the most out of Office 365 to make your life easier.

WV Works Question and Answer (SPOKES ONLY)

Presented by April Saunders

Friday, September 16 – 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

During the 2023 Updates your input provided questions for WVWorks. Come hear April Saunders as she answers your most pressing questions on WVWorks.

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What Can ProLiteracy Membership Do for You?

Presented by Kari Geary

Friday, September 16 – 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM

This session introduces instructors to the many resources and training opportunities offered by ProLiteracy. Join us to learn about ESL tutor training, literacy tutor training, and MORE!