

Office of Adult Education

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OAE UPDATES

MAERS 2.0:

Now that the MAERS 2.0 trainings have ended, hopefully programs are working to input their data into the upgraded system. The Office of Adult Education will be reviewing reports monthly, to ensure that programs are entering data into the system in a timely manner. It is possible that your program may receive a phone call from our office. This call is simply, to act as a reminder and offer any guidance or technical assistance that you may have regarding the entry of your MAERS 2.0 data. Please remember, that if you do have questions, you may always send an email to MAERS2.0@michigan.gov or call the help desk at 313-456-3200.

SECTION 107:

The 2010-11 Section 107 Individual District Calculations, along with a cover sheet explaining the calculations, are now available on the adult education website (www.michigan.gov/adulteducation)

FEDERAL GRANT:

By now, every program should have received notification of how they performed in the 2010-11 program year. Those programs that have met at least one, or all performance measures must reflect their budgets to show the percentage of funds received.

From the Desk of Dianne Duthie, Director Education and Career Success

As promised, we will be publishing a monthly newsletter at the end of each month to keep you updated on what is happening in the Office of Adult Education and GED. This month we are highlighting several items of interest including the Port Huron School District Adult Education Program. I am so pleased that we are able to showcase a wonderful program and what they are doing to give back to their community. As stated last month, we would like to highlight a noteworthy practice or article of interest from adult education programs across the state. We have also added several other items of interest that may have impact on your programs. Please look at the calendar of upcoming events at the end of the newsletter and take advantage of the trainings being offered in March. Also, don't forget to register for the Michigan Adult Education Training Conference being held at the Grand Traverse Resort from April 24-27th. If you are a GED examiner, please remember to sign up for the GED workshop at the beginning of the conference. If you need further information, go to the MAEPD.org website.

Keep up the good work!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne M. Duthie". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a white rectangular box.

GED Student Leadership Committee

Harrison Center GED Leadership Group Gives Back to the Community

Harrison Center's Adult and Alternative Center is part of the Port Huron Area School District. Each year a GED Student Leadership Committee is formed with its primary mission being to give back to the community. Ways in which this is accomplished include: bottle and canned food drives, a March of Dimes event, and helping out the needy. The 2011-12 school year has been no exception to this rule. So far this school year, two bottle drives and a canned food collection has taken place for the Salvation Army during Thanksgiving, participation in an Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness march has taken place, partaking in a Jail and Bail event for the March of Dimes has occurred, and the adoption of 12 needy students from one of the school district's elementary schools at Christmas time has taken place. The 12 students and their families that were chosen received a full course turkey dinner, games for the children, and boxes of gifts to take home to help make Christmas a little brighter.



The act of giving has not stopped there either. In honor of Black History Month, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Count Day for the district, the GED Student Leadership Committee held an essay contest to commemorate those African Americans living in the community who touch the students' lives every day and help with student success and achievement. A basket filled with wonderful goodies was the prize for the es-

say winner along with a Jambalaya and cornbread lunch for all of the students.

And what about the rest of the school year you may be asking? Preparation for a Career Day is underway with assistance in resume writing and portfolio building, postsecondary and business participation, and plenty of assistance from local human resources agencies. A recipe book full of healthy meals is also in the works to raise money for future events and projects for the students.

How lucky Harrison Center is to have such a committed group and how fortunate the community is to have the dedication of students who are improving themselves to make Port Huron a better place to be!



If you have a story that you would like to showcase in the Office of Adult Education Newsletter, please send the write up to wolinskik@michigan.gov.

GED Update: The New Assessment for 2014

The GED Testing Service has released the *Chapter 1 Assessment Guide for Educators*. This guide provides educators with more detailed information on the new 2014 GED test content. The new GED® test is scheduled to launch in January 2014.

Topics covered in the guide include important information about the new computer based GED® test such as:

- *An enhanced and more powerful Score Report that will yield valuable skills-GAP data*
- *Clear definitions of career and college readiness based on new national curricula standards*
- *Explanations of the forthcoming computer-based testing Item Types across content areas*

The *Chapter 1 Assessment Guide for Educators* can be downloaded at:

- <http://gedtestingservice.com/>
- Click on "The New Assessment 2014" in the left margin

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Teacher Spotlight Winners

The Teacher Spotlight was a unique opportunity to recognize selected adult education teachers from around the state at the 2012 MAETC for outstanding practices and performance in the adult education classroom. Qualifications for teachers to be chosen for the spotlight were based on the following criteria:

- ◆ Teachers who utilize effective and innovative strategies to help adult students reach their goals
- ◆ Outstanding lesson plans, techniques and “tricks” in the areas of reading, writing, math, social studies, science and ESL that other teachers or literacy tutors can utilize and make their own
- ◆ Strategies that tackle the more challenging topics to teach or situations to manage in the classroom
- ◆ Proposals must have met at least four of the following guiding principles:
 - Innovative
 - Collaborative
 - Accountable
 - Responsive
 - Agile
 - Contextualized
 - Entrepreneurial
 - Aligned with Adult Education Content Standards
 - Applied Technology

Based on the criteria listed above the following are the winners of the Office of Adult Education’s Teacher Spotlight are:

- **Ben Hassenger**—A+ Language School
- **Malissa Smith**—Milan Area Schools

- **Candice Taylor and Emily Norton**—Southwest Solutions Adult Learning Lab
- **Vickie Vaughn Adams**—Education & Training Connection
- **Gerald (Jerry) P. Hawes**—Northwest Michigan Works, Kalkaska Adult Learning Lab
- **Susan Duryea**—Dominican Literacy Center
- **Christine Schneider**—Novi Adult/Alternative Education

Each of the winners received their 2012 MAETC registration fees waived, highlights of their best practices in the brochure and recognition at the awards ceremony.

TEMA

What is it?

TEMA is a list that promotes the sharing of information, research, expertise, and resources to help bridge the gap between what Adult Education programs traditionally offer and what most adult learners need to succeed in postsecondary education and employment. Each month there will be a different moderator and topic under discussion. The discussion list is an ongoing forum to communicate fresh ideas and promising practices, contribute the voice of the field in shaping policy initiatives, discuss critical issues in the latest research, share resources and experience, and provide a forum to ask questions of subject area experts and colleagues.

How can I subscribe?

Visit www.maepd.org and click on the “TEMA List” in the upper right hand corner. Fill out your name and email address; choose your Subscription Type; and click on Subscribe. It’s that easy! Next you will be connected to all of the latest topics from the TEMA moderators.

BLS Employment Projections for 2010-20

Recently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics issued a news release of the employment projections for 2010-20, which is located at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ecopro.pdf>. Several of the key components, as it relates to our adult education participants, included the following:

- ◆ Out of the 30 occupations projected to have the largest growth, 23 require a diploma or below.
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- ◆ Occupations that typically need some type of postsecondary education for entry are projected to grow the fastest during the 2010-20 decade.
- ◆ Two-thirds of the 30 occupations projected to have the largest number of new jobs typically require less than a postsecondary education, no related work experience, and short- or moderate-term on-the-job training.
- ◆ Over the 2010-20 decade, 54.8 million total job openings are expected. While growth will lead to many openings, more than half—61.6% - will come from the need to replace workers who retire or otherwise permanently leave an occupation.



Up and Coming

Here are a couple of highlights that the Office of Adult Education is currently working on:

- Collaborating with the Michigan Department of Education on looking at correlations between the dropout rate of high school students and their parents educational attainment level
- Negotiating performance indicator targets with the Federal government, which will be approved in April
- Accountability Task Force is working on finishing the State Plan and looking at putting together a two year continuation grant

Upcoming Events

March 2: ESL Professional Advisory Committee

March 6-8: Michigan Adult Education Professional Development

Please visit www.maepd.org to register for this free event. Professional Development will be delivered at three sites across Michigan.

March 9: Practitioner's Task Force Meeting

Once again, the Practitioner's Task Force Meeting will be held at the Lexington Hotel.

March 10-12: Michigan Reading Association Conference

The Michigan Reading Association Conference will be held in Grand Rapids.

March 15: Deadline for early registration to the 2012 MAETC

March 22: Deadline for hotel rooms at the conference rate

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