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MEMORANDUM

**TO: Basic Skills Directors
Community-Based Organization Directors**

FROM: Bob Allen, Director, Literacy Resource Center

SUBJECT: Basic Skills Newsletter: Basic Skills E-News July 2008

Attached is the latest copy of the Basic Skills newsletter, Basic Skills E-News. Please print copies and share with your staff.

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cc: Presidents
Senior Continuing Education Administrators
Dr. Randy Whitfield

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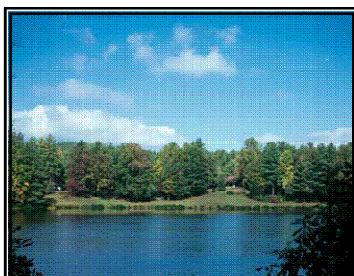
Great Basic Skills Staff Workshop



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Close your eyes and picture this: a relaxing drive up the Blue Ridge Parkway. Rugged mountains carve out the deep blue sky on either side. The cool breeze of fresh mountain air caresses your face as the tantalizing aroma of wildflowers infuses your senses. As you near Kanuga Mountain, you meander through the rolling grassy countryside.



At your destination, a green carpet of grass nestles the stunning, panoramic view of Kanuga Lake.

Now, open your eyes. You are at the Great Basic Skills Staff Workshop. Don't worry. There are NO worrisome agendas, NO briefcases littered with useless papers and handouts, and best of all, there isn't a long list of workshops that you wish you could attend, but probably won't attend.

Over the last couple of years, Basic Skills has offered this exciting experience for its entire

staff. The Great Basic Skills Staff Workshop branches off the Great Teacher's Movement founded in 1969 by David Gottshall.

The focus of the workshop is not on the teaching or leading of specific disciplines, but rather on the **ART** of teaching and leading. The sessions are intense and sequential; each session builds on the previous one. Time for personal reflection and relaxation is included.

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Basic Skills State Leadership Advisory Board



From the
desk of :

Randy
Whitfield

The Basic Skills Advisory Board was established by Randy Whitfield in May 1996 to get input from local programs and share information with local programs. The name was later changed to the Basic Skills State Leadership Advisory Board because the board makes recommendations for state leadership activities.

The following are the mission and goals of the Basic Skills State Leadership Advisory Board:

- To provide leadership for the advancement of Basic Skills education in North Carolina.
- To assist System Office Basic Skills staff in making decisions regarding state leadership funding.
- To assist the System Office Basic Skills staff in overseeing state leadership programs.
- To disseminate and receive information to Basic Skills regions and their directors.

The Board meets four times each year. After each Board meeting, Board members are asked to meet with Basic Skills Directors in their regions to disseminate information from the System Office. Any issues that need to be addressed by the Advisory Board may either be sent to the Board by Board members or System Office staff.



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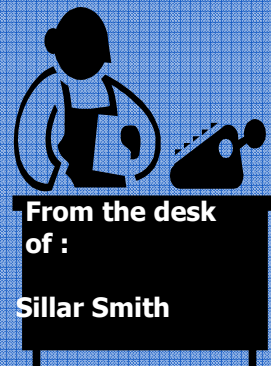
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Compensatory Education Program and Special Populations

Upcoming Events

- * The Compensatory Education Program Coordinators' Conference will be held November 5 – 7, 2008 in Clemmons, NC at the Village Inn and Conference Center
- * The North Carolina Conference on Homelessness will be held November 17–18, 2008 in Raleigh, NC at the Mckimmon Center
- * UNC-Chapel Hill Center for Development and Learning has been awarded a twelve month grant to update and revise the Compensatory Education Program of Study. The project will begin July 1, 2008 and end June 30, 2009.



From the desk
of :

Sillar Smith

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Examiner Training

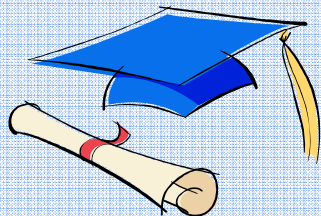
2008 Basic Skills ♦ Family Literacy Pre-Conference

Back By Popular Demand! – Mario Payne and Amanda Carter from **GED Testing Service** and Kathy Crooks from *Oklahoma Scoring, Inc.* will present at the GED Training, as a part of the Basic Skills/Family Literacy Pre-Conference this summer. New this year will be Amanda Carter from Testing Service conducting the session on Test Administration and Security. Karen O’Neal and Lou Ann Parker from the *North Carolina Community College System* will also join Kathy Crooks in a session on **Scanning and Scoring and Other GED Topics**. Mario Payne will conduct a session on **GED Accommodations**. There may be some changes to accommodations for the next contract year. GED Examiners will not want to miss Mario’s session! This is required training for all Chief GED Examiners. Please join us as we review and learn new techniques from these experts and well as from our colleagues.

Tuesday, August 5th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon



12:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6th

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Registration – Winston – Salem Marriott
(Twin City Quarters)

Karen O’Neal

All Three Sessions
GED Security and Test Administration
Amanda Carter, GED Testing Service

Accommodations
Mario Payne, GED Testing Service

Scanning and Scoring and Other GED Topics
Karen O’Neal and Lou Ann Parker, NCCCS and
Kathy Crooks, Oklahoma Scoring, Inc.

Lunch (on your own)

All Three Sessions
GED Security and Test Administration
Accommodations
Scanning and Scoring and Other GED Topics

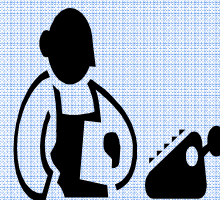
Questions for the Experts

Dinner (on your own)

All Three Sessions

GED Security and Test Administration
Accommodations
Scanning and Scoring and Other GED Topics

Closing Questions

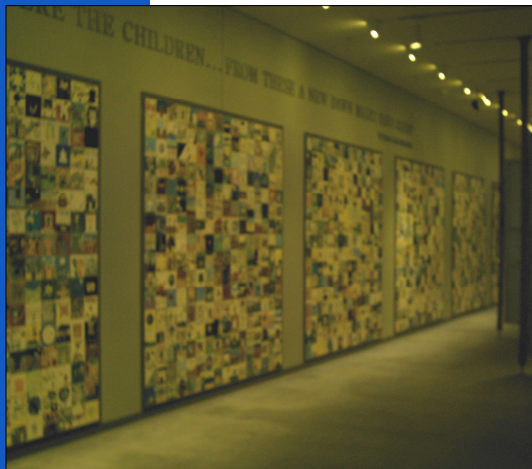


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Lou Ann Parker

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Remembering the Holocaust-Group 6



View of the Tile Wall located on the concourse level of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.



From the desk of :

Bob Allen

In collaboration with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Basic Skills department has sponsored six training workshops on the Holocaust. Selected instructors are flown to Washington, D.C. for four days of hands-on training in the museum. While there, staff are trained on

how to be a Holocaust Educator. Instructors are required to provide local/regional training workshops once they return to their programs. The instructors also provide feedback/evaluation of Holocaust teaching materials used with students.

Thoughts on the Holocaust experience

"The Holocaust Museum was a very exhausting and exciting experience. The amount of generosity shown to us by the staff was wonderful. They opened our minds and thoughts with a huge amount of information. I came to the museum with what I thought was a good understanding of the "Holocaust." What I soon learned was that what I knew was a drop in the bucket..."

"I feel I can instruct my students with a more intent structure about the Holocaust and other

negative human condition. I found myself questioning my feelings about being as fortunate as I am."

"The study of oppressed people and their continued struggle and success in the face of their own destruction, exhibits the resilience of the human spirit."

"My experience has been very enlightening. I have learned so much from the other instructors. I found them to be very professional and highly intellectual. My experience at the Holocaust

museum has impacted me in a profound way. The atrocities done to the Jewish race should be taught to our children so this will never be repeated."

"This experience was heartfelt in the way that it gave me a sense of actually being there. The displays and exhibits were actual artifacts which also added to the reality of the fact that the Holocaust should never be denied or forgotten. I think this a tour that everyone should see."

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ONLINE
Conference Registration
deadline is July 11, 2008.

2008 Basic Skills ♦ Family Literacy Conference

“Transitioning to a Higher Level”

Twin City Quarter in Winston-Salem, N. C.

August 6-8, 2008



Transitioning to a Higher Level

The emphasis this year is on building accountability of our programs' successes.

Conference Fee: \$125
Pre-Conference Fee: \$25
(non-refundable)

Time is ticking away...

Important Reminders

- * **Online registration will close July 11, 2008**
- * **ALL registration fees are due PRIOR to JULY 28, 2008**
- * Opening Session begins at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 in the Grand Pavilion
- * Pre-conference workshops will begin on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 1:00 PM and end at noon on Wednesday, August 6, 2008

Pre-Conference registration fee: \$25

- * **No fee for GED Examiner Training**
- * When contacting the hotels to make reservations, be sure to state you are with NCCCS.

AUGUST 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Door Prizes are needed.



Angela Moore
Trogon Awards will be given during Friday brunch.

REGISTER NOW!

You are invited to select/mentor a

DEADLINE NOW UNTIL ALL SPACES TAKEN

Literacy Ambassador

DATE: NOVEMBER 21-22, 2008
(Friday at 9 a.m. to Saturday at 3 p.m.)

PLACE: CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER, ASHEBORO, NC

COST: FREE!

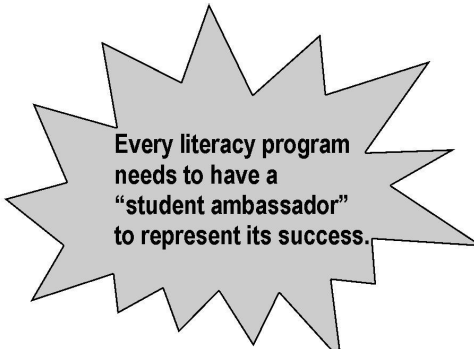
Participants will be selected to participate in the second Literacy Ambassador training program. Students will learn how to tell their story, build confidence, increase speaking skills, and learn how to be a local program Ambassador.



Literacy Ambassadors June 2008

STAFF MAY ATTEND TO BE MENTORS AND ADVISORS FOR STUDENTS.

Registration NOW OPEN
Call Jannai Johnson to reserve space.
(919) 807-7185



Determined to Make It

Camp Caraway



Literacy Ambassadors June 2008

Pictured above is the third group to participate in the Literacy Ambassador training sponsored by the Basic Skills department held June 6 & 7 at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC.

confidence. Also, the program has helped me understand that people have obstacles to overcome, and mine is fear of speaking in front of people."

Any improvements or suggestions?

"More sessions! Excellent programs-it's the reason I came back."

"No improvements. I really enjoyed listening to all the speeches, and the experience of giving my speech. Thank you."

"There are no improvements. Everything presented and discussed is pertinent, beneficial, informative, and helpful."

"Facilitators were all outstanding; I feel honored to have been a part of the training."

How has the Literacy Ambassador training helped you?

"I learned to understand important things about myself, and to love me for me."

"Everything presented and discussed is pertinent, beneficial, informative, and helpful."

"The preparing of the speech gave me more

"Learning to speak in front of people; taking advice, knowing how to motivate myself; being helpful to each other."

"It was all great. Creating a safe, supportive, encouraging atmosphere makes all the growth, learning and open heartedness possible. All the sessions were powerful."



From the desk of :
Bob Allen



ALL BS conference registration fees are due PRIOR to JULY 28, 2008

Great Basic Skills Staff Workshop cont.



The Pavilion at
Kanuga Lake

Workshop Objectives:

- To celebrate good teaching and good leadership.
- To venture beyond the limits of our own specializations and environments in search of transferable ideas and the universals of teaching and leading.
- To develop an atmosphere of introspection and self-appraisal by providing a relaxed setting and straightforward process where participants seriously review and contemplate their attitudes, methods, and behavior as educators.
- To practice a rational analysis of instructional problems and develop realistic, creative approaches and solutions that address those specific problems.
- To renew ourselves professionally and personally.

Great Staff Comments



From the desk
of :

Jannai
Johnson



“Rejuvenated- ready to return to class with new ideas and e n e r g y ; affirmed-what I do is important and inline with God’s purpose for my life; network-of comrades and friends with common interest in education of Basic Skills’ students.”

“Allowing students to have a more active voice; this was the best professional development which allowed sharing of ideas and information; we all have gained more knowledge and relationship building.”

“Networking; commitment to excellence on our jobs; c o m p a s s i o n a n d dedication.”

“The retreat has made me take a look at myself and my teachers and the way we respond to the students in which we teach.”

“It has definitely changed my outlook on my specific abilities; it has made me realize that I can go beyond the minimum and do the maximum to assure that our participants are successful.”

“...Stop being so focused on achieving goals and focus on people-sensitive to their needs-valuing them more.”

“The retreat was deeply affirming because the structure acknowledged value and necessity in each participant. I was made to feel and to know that I have something special to give. I learned the value of doing the same thing to my s u b o r d i n a t e s a n d colleagues. I will look at them differently.”



“Transitioning to a Higher Level” is the theme for this year’s conference.

Please share information with your students.



How do I obtain a copy of my GED?

The State GED office:

- ⇒ Only provides duplicate transcripts... duplicate diplomas are not provided
- ⇒ Does not maintain Adult High School Records... contact the school where you obtained your AHS Diploma
- ⇒ Issues GED diplomas to examinees who complete testing in North Carolina
- ⇒ Only maintains records for GED diplomas earned by North Carolina residents
- ⇒ Will not release student information without the student's signature
- ⇒ Will not release information over the phone

**Please call our GED Transcript Request Line
(919)807-7139
for information to request a copy of your
GED transcript**

US Mail address:
State GED Office
NC Community College
System
5016 Mail Service
Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-5016

Fax: 919-807-7172
919-807-7164

Phone: 919-807-7137
919-807-7138

Download GED Transcript Request Forms from our website...

http://www.ncccs.cc.nc.us/Basic_Skills/ged.htm

Fax or mail transcript requests.
(Voicemail requests will not be executed.)

Transcripts may be picked up at our
downtown Raleigh office
Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm
200 West Jones Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-1379



Enjoy a week of ESL professional development at the 2008 Basic ♦ Skills Family Literacy Conference!!

- Jean Beal and Sandra Trevino will lead the instruction at the August 4-6 pre-conference training, My United States.
- On Wednesday afternoon, Special Guest Speaker Dr. Noah Pickus, Director of the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University, will lead a discussion on issues of immigration, citizenship, and national identity.
- In the Grand Pavilion on Wednesday afternoon immediately after Dr. Pickus' session, the English Literacy/Civics Education Poster Session will showcase the 2007-2008 projects. Twenty programs are represented this year with free materials for your program...so come support your colleagues!



From the desk
of :
Karen Brown



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Working with ESL Students

It's hard to make history and civics relevant and interesting to many students. Motherhead, Inc. has developed a compelling approach to meet this need. The My United States® curriculum helps students develop a personal perspective and context for learning about history, government, and community life. Based on the requirements of the U.S. Citizenship Test, all 12 lessons have also been correlated with CASAS competencies. When the curriculum has been used as a component in an ESL class, the average student gain is 2.13 ESL functioning levels as measured by the Basic English Skills Test.



Great Staff Development!

- My United States Pre-Conference Training
- Monday, August 4th, 1:00pm-4:30pm
 - Tuesday, August 5th, 9:00am-4:30pm
 - Wednesday, August 6th, 9am-12pm



In order to provide My United States classes, staff need to attend a 2-day interactive training that combines individual assignments, small group work, lecture, and discussion.

Training Topics

- How to integrate civics education into a literacy course
- How to motivate students to learn information required to pass the U.S. Citizenship Test
- How to connect simple books to complex subjects
- How to use related resource and support materials

Curriculum Topics

- Introduction to Civics
- The Revolutionary War
- The Role of the Constitution and Bill of Rights
- The Civil War
- World War I & II
- The Federal Government
- Local and State Governments
- Recent American History
- The Naturalization Process

Motherhead Inc. 

Log in to the Basic Skills website for more information
http://www.ncces.cc.nc.us/Basic_Skills/index.html

Basic Skills Mission

The mission of the Basic Skills program is to assist adults to become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency, assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the educational development of their children, and assist adults in the completion of a secondary school education. The North Carolina Community College System provides educational opportunities for adults to improve their reading, writing, mathematics, and communication skills through five major program components (Adult Basic Education, General Educational Development, Adult High School, English as a Second Language, and Compensatory Education).



The 2008 Basic Skills Family
Literacy Conference
will be held in Winston-Salem,
August 6-8, 2008

From the Editors:

This newsletter is for you! It will provide information for instructors, administrators and professionals working in Basic Skills.

This newsletter is a form of communication which will be ongoing, and we kindly invite you to contact us with your by-line, newsbyte and head line.
Send your literacy updates today!

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