

Transitions Professional Development



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Illinois WIOA Summit 2019: SAVE THE DATE

April 23-24, 2019

Sheraton Lisle-Naperville Hotel
Lisle, Illinois

The 2019 WIOA Summit is designed to share the vision of service integration in Illinois by addressing the components necessary for success.

Registration will be opening soon! For more information, follow the link to ICSPS's website here: icsps.illinoisstate.edu

ICAPS/IET APC Training at the Chicago Literacy Coalition Consortium



Southern Illinois Professional Development Center (SIPDC) had a great time coordinating with the Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition Consortium on ICAPS/Integrated Education and Training (IET). We spent the afternoon informing and assisting Adult Education Providers with expanding partnerships to coordinate with Career Technical Education in Chicago. We'd love to help your program and/or your APC! For more information, contact Sarah Goldammer at sgoldam@siue.edu.

Do you have any news, an update, or an idea regarding Transitions that you would like to see in our next newsletter?

Contact Maile Signorotti at the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center and share your ideas by sending an email to: mmills@siue.edu



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ICAPS/IET Workplace Activities - Check Out This New Module on iLearn!

ICAPS/IET Workplace Activities Component: Retention, Relevance & Real Life

Learn how integrating the ICAPS/IET component of workforce preparation activities is important and helpful for ALL levels of students in adult education. You don't have to be an ICAPS/IET teacher to begin the process. Gather resources to use in your classroom right away to teach the following workforce prep skills: utilizing resources, using information, working with others, understanding systems, transitioning skills, and other employability skills.

Transitions Academy Webinar Series

To access the link for registration, click on the title of the webinar.

IET Practitioners' Guide

February 28th 10:00-11:00 am

Guest presenter: Dr. Peggy Heinrich, Elgin Community College

Team Teaching Models

March 28th 10:00-11:00 am

ICAPS Model One in the Field

April 11th 10:00-11:00 am

ICAPS Model Two in the Field

May 2nd 10:00-11:00 am

Each session fulfills one hour of adult education professional development requirement from ICCB, with certificates of attendance available upon request. Attendance at the Transitions Academy is not required to register for these webinars. Sessions will be archived and available for viewing following the original airdate.

IACEA Transitions Sessions

Be sure to check out these transitions related sessions at IACEA 39th Annual Statewide Conference in Springfield March 6th – 8th! For more information or a link to register, visit: www.iaceanet.org

March 6th

Building Academic and Workplace Communication Skills with Ventures 9:00AM - 10:15AM

Presented by Natalie Cornelison

Discover how Ventures uses collaborative activities to build the communication skills that are key to learner success in college, the workplace, and in the communities. Experience the many different collaborative activities in the Ventures series that promote face-to-face interaction.

Math in Context: Math for the Workplace

9:00AM - 10:15AM

Presented by Michael Matos

How do adult educators contextualize math instruction to prepare students for success in the workplace? The inability for students to recode real world situations into math problems and reach a correct solution can be a major obstacle to employment. Presentation helps to explore strategies for explicit, contextualized math instruction.

Employment 101: Tools to Reach Training and Employment Goals

3:30PM - 4:45PM

Presented by Natasha Telger and Latoya McRae

Employment 101 provides a complete set of tools and steps your students will need to develop a plan for reaching their career goals. Attend this session to learn about Employment 101 and experience Illinois workNet Customer Support Center tools such as the Career Plan Builder.



IACEA Transitions Sessions (Cont.)

March 7th

Redefining Blended Learning for the 21st Century

10:30AM - 11:45AM

Presented by Brandi Cardwell and Robert Breitbard

In order to achieve targeted results, we must do things differently than we did in the past. Join us to learn how Burlington English defines Blended Learning to successfully meet content standard requirements, while bringing consistency to your curriculum in and out of the classroom. We will explore the benefits of having correlated lessons for students to experience face-to-face and at a distance. We will break the barriers to using technology as a foundation to your curriculum and share effective strategies for implementing the Burlington Blend. Our comprehensive suite of courses will help you successfully meet the requirements of WIOA with Integrated Education and Training (IET) and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IEL/CE). Participants will learn how to best implement our blended courses, ensuring your programs' long-term growth and success.

An Overview of The Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) for the Adult Education Provider

10:30AM - 11:45AM

Presented by John Marchioro

The Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) provides solutions for the workforce needs of business customers while preparing talented, qualified job seekers with disabilities for their chosen careers. This presentation will provide adult education partners with an overview of DRS eligibility requirements, services and referral information. A question and answer session will also be included.

Education to Careers: Your path to a better life

2:15PM - 3:30PM

Presented by Karla Libera and Katherine Petty

Lawrence Education Center offers an Education to Careers Academy (E2C). The Academy offers a unique opportunity for students to prepare for the world of work, learn important foundational skills, and improve social emotional skills that can help to provide for a better life. It also allows students to earn certificates in food handlers, digital literacy and CPR. The E2C Academy sessions cover traditional work skills, communication with peers, resume and cover letter development, applying for employment and interviewing. The unique aspect of this academy is that it also allows students an opportunity to develop essential skills, such as decision making, to find out their personality and learning styles, to learn anger management strategies, as well as how to deal with personal trauma. The staff assist students to overcome challenges and to be productive individuals in employment and in the community. The Education to Careers Academy is an effort to help students be better by doing better. Come learn how you can incorporate this approach in your program.

IACEA Transitions Sessions (Cont.)

March 7th

WIOA Innovations: Career Pathways Navigator

3:45PM - 5:00PM

Presented by Robert Guzman

The Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition Career Pathways Navigator shares best practices, data, ideas and experiences gained over a year of collaborating with WIOA partners, 13 ICCB Adult Education providers, and the Near West American Job Center in South Chicago.

March 8th

Be the Compass: Strategies for Navigating the Career Exploration Process

9:00AM - 11:30AM

Presented by Pryanka Sharma

As adult educators, we are committed to helping our adult learners gain skills that can help them attain and succeed in jobs that pay family-sustaining wages. This workshop will further prepare you – instructors and counselors – to help guide learners through a process that helps them set career goals and secure the educational services they need to pursue their personal and employment goals in the changing economy and integrate the resources from the Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE & ESOL Classroom (ICA) Curriculum Guide within the context of your situation. We will also explore additional online resources, and mobile apps that can further enrich the career exploration and planning process. The hands-on activities are designed to increase your level of comfort and familiarity with these resources.

Free Online Professional Development!

Did you know there are several classes on iLearn that incorporate the *Career Awareness into the ABE & ESOL Classroom Curriculum Guide*?

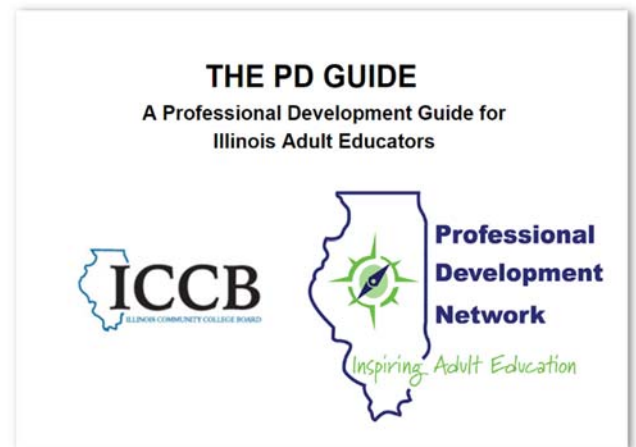
Contact the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center at sipdctrainer@gmail.com for more information!

Professional Development Network PD Guide

Your Professional Development Network has created a new [PD Guide](#), a professional development guide for Illinois adult educators. This tool is intended to help teachers design their professional development plan each year. It contains a targeted list of PD appropriate for different categories of teachers and will be updated regularly, so check it often. We hope the PD Guide will make life easier as you try to identify PD opportunities that are relevant and interesting to you. So visit the [PD Portal](#) website and check out the new PD Guide to get all your PD information!

PDN Social Media

Your ICCB Adult Education Professional Development Network is excited to announce that we're now on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Please follow us on social media! Be sure to share the link with your Adult Education friends!



Click on the icons
to see our Social Media!



Transitioning Through Adult Education Online Learning

Career Navigator Orientation

The Career Navigator Orientation is now available on the iLEARN website. Login information is available on the PD Portal under Career Navigator Professional Pathway, or you can send an email to sipdctrainer@gmail.com for more information or support.

New Format for the Transitioning Continuum

The Transitioning Continuum has outgrown its current format. Therefore, the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center has completed a redesign of the Transitioning Continuum. The new format is more user-friendly and categorizes all units of online learning by the following topics:

- Technology
- Special Learning Needs
- Career Development
- Pre-IET
- IET



Please check out the redesign, and let the SIPDC know if you have any questions, suggestions, or problems.

Also new, the Transitioning Continuum is categorized into **Instructional/Professional Pathways for Special Learning Needs and Transitions**, making it easier for individuals to track their progress on a **Specialist** or **Master** Pathway. Check page 8 for information on the *Career Navigator Pathway*!

To learn more about the Transitions Pathways, visit this link to the [PD Portal](#).

Questions? Concerns? Need Help or want more information?

Contact the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center for more information at:

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Instructional/Professional Pathways: Career Navigator and Transitions Specialist

If you are an Illinois Adult Education instructor and have recently become a Standards Proficient instructor or are considering completing this training, please consider continuing on the professional pathways to become a **Transitions Specialist**.

All of the training is online, and you can complete the training on your own schedule! If you have already completed any of these sessions, you will earn credit for your prior completion.

Career Navigators now have their own professional pathway! Online training allows you to earn the status of Proficient Career Navigator, CN Specialist, or CN Master.

Feel free to contact Sarah Goldammer at sgoldam@siue.edu if you have questions or would like to talk through this process. We hope you will continue the training for Transitions Specialist or Career Navigator and serve your program and students in this capacity.



Transitions Blog

To view the latest information and to share ideas with other Adult Educators in Illinois, visit the Transitions Blog online at:

www.illinoistransitions.blogspot.com

Supporting College Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder: ICSPS Online Workshop

As the number of students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) continues to rise, many students with ASD are now graduating from high school and entering higher education classrooms. This online presentation will help faculty and staff recognize the characteristics of ASD, discuss what a student with ASD might need in a college classroom or setting and explore strategies to help students be successful.

Event Details:

Friday, February 22, 2019

10:00am - 11:00am CST

Registration:

Registration can be found at the following link [here](#).

Illinois workNet Resume Builder!

Free Illinois workNet Resume Builder for you and your students! Students can build their resumes, cover letters, portfolios, prepare for interviews, and more. As a partner, you can view their saved results and provide useful feedback.

Benefits:

- Single Sign-On: Access your Resume Builder and other tools within “My Dashboard”
- Templates based on Industry and Skill Level. Don't see the right template for your students' needs? As a partner, you can work with the Illinois workNet team to customize templates, so that they can meet your students' needs.
- Export: Download resumes and cover letters as Microsoft® Word compatible, PDF, HTML, or plain text files. Export portfolios as a ZIP file.
- Share: Send or share a link to a specific resume, cover letter, portfolio, interview preparation, or webpage.
- Visibility: Review students' works and provide feedback using Customer Support Center tools.
- Secure and Portable: Everything is saved in Illinois workNet where the student and approved instructors/partners can access the information at any time.

Get Started:

1. Start with the [Resume Writing Guide](#). This guide includes articles on how to write and customize a resume. It also includes articles for getting started using the Illinois workNet Resume Builder.
2. [Login](#) to your Illinois workNet account and select Resumes. Get first-hand experience before you use the tool with your students.
3. Incorporate using the tools into your workshop, classes, and guidance resources.
4. View student saved results in your [Customer Support Center Groups](#).



NCTN Conference 2019

Save the Date: The NCTN Conference 2019 will be November 11-13, 2019 in Cambridge, MA. Stay tuned for more information and the call for presenter proposals in early spring! Check out the NCTN/World Ed website at the link [here](#).

Heading to New Orleans for COABE this April? Here's a sampling of the NCTN Transitions Strand workshops:

Monday, April 1st

Single Mothers' Career Readiness and Success

8:00AM - 9:00AM

Tuesday, April 2nd

WIOA Career Pathways Innovations: Connecting Adult Education to Workforce Development

1:15PM - 2:15PM

Presented by Robert Guzman, Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition

Wednesday, April 3rd

Unmasking Mindsets: How Counseling Strategies Can Eliminate Barriers to Transitions

1:15PM - 2:15PM

LINCS: IET Resource from Penn State

Penn State has developed an IET Library to help practitioners develop the basic skills curriculum for an IET program. Learn more about their library at their website [here](#).

A curriculum guide is part of the library. The Guide consists of six sections that help practitioners plan, design, and implement the basic skills component of an IET curriculum:

1. Introduction to IETs
2. Creating Basic Skills Lessons for an IET
3. Getting Ready to Offer the Basic Skills Component for the IET
4. Lesson Plan Overviews
5. Resources (additional tools and information for reference)
6. Tools (blank templates of tools)

Also included in the library are resources and tools designed to help practitioners tailor the IET to the individual needs of their community and the requirements of the funding used to implement the IET. The Guide does not include information about developing the occupational skills curriculum for the IET. However, it does provide tools to support collaborative work between the basic skills and occupational instructors, including the development of a single set of objectives for the IET.

Important Upcoming Dates

Legislative Awareness Day

March 27, 2019



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Upcoming Conferences and Events

Upcoming Professional Development opportunities hosted and sponsored by the Professional Development Network. Click on the links to learn more!

[ITBE \(Illinois TESOL-Bilingual Education\)](#)

Feb 22 – Feb 23

[IACEA Annual Statewide Conference](#)

March 6 – March 8

[TESOL International](#)

March 12 – March 15

[COABE Conference](#)

April 1 – April 3

[WIOA Summit](#)

April 23 – April 24

[NCTN Conference](#)

Nov 11 – Nov 13

Tell us what you think!

Do you have any comments, questions, thoughts or concerns regarding this issue of the Transitions Professional Development newsletter? Is there something that we missed that we should include in our next newsletter?

The Southern Illinois Professional Development Center wants to hear from **you!** Complete a survey [here](#) to review this issue of our Transitions newsletter and let us know what you think.



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