



## North ABE Spring 2016 Regional Thursday and Friday, April 21-22, 2016

Timberlake Lodge Hotel & Event Center  
144 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Rapids, MN 55744



This ABE training opportunity is being offered in conjunction with the MN Department of Education and the ATLAS program at Hamline University. CEUs indicating attendance will be provided.

### AGENDA – THURSDAY

**NOTE:** A light supper will be available from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursday for those attending or presenting at the EBRI Study Circle and/or evening concurrent sessions.

**1-4 pm EBRI Study Circle – Marn Frank, ATLAS and Christine Wytaske, SW Metro ABE** - This session is ONLY for those who are in the study circle which began at Language & Literacy Institute.

**4:30 pm** Light meal – please enjoy your meal in one of the meeting rooms.

#### **5:30-7:00 CONCURRENT SESSION 1 (choose one):**

a) **TECHNOLOGY Got Free Materials? Get Free Materials!** – *Susan Wetenkamp-Brandt, Minnesota Literacy Council* – If you're like most teachers, you're always on the look-out for fresh ideas, activities, and resources to bring back to your classroom. How do you like to find those materials? Are you a teacher who enjoys browsing a wide variety of resources, or do you prefer to have a hand-picked selection of carefully vetted resources? However you like to work, we have something for you in this session! Participants will work in teams to identify high-need topics, then go online to find materials. The first stop will be curated resources from the ATLAS website. On the second stop, we'll sign up for the OER Commons and browse their incredible database of materials. Have you got free materials? Get free materials here!

b) **READING Congratulations: You're Getting Engaged! (With the text!)** – *Patsy Egan Vinogradov, ATLAS* – Getting engaged (with the text!) is a big step. Not only do we need to know if (s)he is right for us (complex text!), we also need to get close and personal (close reading!). And then there is the 3rd degree, the foundation of any great engagement (with the text!). What questions do we ask to extract the semantic meaning and the explicit and inferential information we need? Join us in exploring how to design, structure, and organize questions (text-dependent!) to support and guide strong (textual!) engagement.

#### **7:15-8:45 pm CONCURRENT SESSION 2 (choose one):**

a) **TIF Lens Series: Navigating Systems** – *Kelly Bahen, AEOA* – In this interactive workshop session, participants will learn more about the Navigating Systems category of the Transitions Integration Framework (TIF). We will explore the skills in this category and activities that can be used at a variety of levels to foster student development in this area. We will also think about norms and routines that could be developed to help practice these skills in a classroom and with individual learners.

b) **ACCOMMODATION Beyond Worksheets and Drills: Enhancing the ABE Classroom with Multi-Sensory and Multi-Modal Methods** – *Colleen Crossley, PANDA-MN ABE Disability Specialists* – Participants will leave this collaborative session with new and refreshing ideas for standards-based reading, writing, and math lessons. Understand the importance of using multiple means of delivery and multi-sensory (visual, auditory, and kinesthetic) methods to maximize student success. Improve outcomes for adult students with learning challenges and disabilities. Walk away with enjoyable and practical activities you can adapt to all levels of students.

**8:45 pm – CEUs**

## AGENDA – FRIDAY

**7:45-8:30 Registration & Light Refreshments**

**8:30-8:45 Welcome & Announcements – Patsy Egan Vinogradov and the ATLAS Staff**

**9:00-10:30 CONCURRENT SESSION #1 (choose one):**

- a) **One-Room Schoolhouse Panel** – *Kristin Knudson and Panel (Traci Pederson and Patti Refsland)* – At Summer Institute last year, the session on ‘One Room Schoolhouse Classrooms’ generated a list of challenges and potential solutions unique to this setting. In this session, the panel will present strategies which address some of those challenges based on experiences in their own multi-level and multi-subject classrooms. You will leave with concrete ways to make this complex setting more manageable and effective for yourself and your students.
- b) **ABE Managers Transition Meeting** – *Russell Fraenkel, MDE-ABE* – In this session for managers, we will review the status of 2015-16 NW Region transition strategies and discuss the 2016-17 transition plan.

**10:30 BREAK**

**10:45 -12:15 CONCURRENT SESSION #2 (choose one):**

- a) **CCRS Math: Coherence in the Classroom** – *Abby Roza, Hennepin County ABE* – Coherence is one of the three big instructional shifts that the CCR Standards recommend we implement in our classrooms. What is coherence? What might it look like in ABE math instruction? In this session, we’ll review what coherence means and examine a few classroom strategies with coherence in mind. Instructional strategies will begin with counting; we’ll be starting with basic math and exploring how it connects to later topics. Whether you are new to CCRS trainings or have been to previous trainings, this session is for you. The session will also include a short overview of the CCRS in math.
- b) **Distance Learning Up North!** *Susan Wetenkamp-Brandt, Minnesota Literacy Council and Panel* – Join us for a discussion as colleagues from Northern Minnesota programs share their distance learning successes, challenges, and strategies. Panelists are participants in DL 101, a year-long course on building and implementing an ABE distance learning plan.
- c) **READING Using Vocabulary to Link Reading and Writing** – *Christine Wytaske, SouthWest Metro Educational Cooperative* - After formal vocabulary instruction, learned words can be applied to various writing activities. Try a series of writing activities that reinforce vocabulary. Then consider which activities will work for your literacy classroom.

**12:30-1:30 LUNCH** – Enjoy a lunch buffet; seating available in any of the meeting rooms

**1:30-3:00 CONCURRENT SESSION #3 (choose one):**

- a) **The Balancing Act: Integrating Science and Math Activities for the GED/Adult Diploma Classroom** – *Terri Ferris, AEOA* – Come get a content refresher in science while conquering math concepts at the same time. This session will focus on balancing chemical equations as well as applying statistics and probability to science concepts. Participants will leave with useful teaching techniques, classroom-ready resources and practice with hands-on activities. All of these tools will allow you to help your students work towards passing the GED Science test or demonstrating their competencies for the Adult Diploma. Multi-level class? One-room schoolhouse? Not a problem, there is something for everyone in this session.
- b) **Navigating the Navigator** – *Stacy Mason, Austin Adult Learning* – The presenter will give an overview of how Austin Adult Learning has developed and implemented Navigator services in their program, and will share resources.
- c) **ELL A Crash Course in Teaching English Learners** – *Burgen Young, Minnesota Literacy Council* – Are you new to teaching adult English learners? In this interactive workshop we will focus on a few key classroom strategies to set English learners up for success. We will share ideas for ensuring lessons are relevant and meaningful, brainstorm extra practice activities for a beginning or intermediate lesson, and practice breaking down a challenging task to make it possible for any learner to succeed.

**3:00 CEUs**

### WORKSHOP INFORMATION

**Cost:**

\$10.00 for Thursday only; \$15.00 for Friday only

\$15.00 for Thursday and Friday (*get Thursday for free!*)

### **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Timberlake Lodge Hotel & Event Center, 144 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Rapid, MN 55744; PHONE: (218) 326-2600; WEB: [www.timberlakelodgehotel.com](http://www.timberlakelodgehotel.com); A room block is being held for the **North ABE 2016 Spring Regional** participants and presenters. A discounted rate of **\$109.00 plus tax** is available until **Thursday, April 7, 2016**. *After this date, the rate is not guaranteed.*

### **REGISTRATION**

**Register online at [www.atlasABE.org](http://www.atlasABE.org)** (click on the **purple Calendar of Events** bar at the top; then use the calendar to navigate to the event). **Registration deadline: Friday, April 15**.

### **QUESTIONS**

**Event questions** to Gail Rutan, ATLAS Events Coordinator, [grutan01@hamline.edu](mailto:grutan01@hamline.edu);

**Payment questions** to Marisa Geisler, ATLAS Administrator, [mgeisler02@hamline.edu](mailto:mgeisler02@hamline.edu)

**NOTE: Registrations must  
be received by**

**Friday, April 15, 2016**