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#### **November 2016 Newsletter**



### **Advocacy**

As you read this we have a new President and several new members of Congress, not to mention locally elected officials. As advocates for our Adult Learners it is now our responsibility to inform these newly elected officials regarding our student's needs and our concerns. In order to help facilitate that CAACE is planning a couple of professional development sessions to help educate our members on how to best educate and inform our elected representatives on all of the great work we do. On Friday December 2 CAACE will present some ideas and time on creating the one page information pieces on individual programs that were developed by COABE. We hope that everyone will walk away with at least an outline of what can be included in their individual program information sheets.

In January we will also be coordinating efforts with our Lobbyist Judy Blei regarding outreach. Judy will help us organize a "Day on the Hill" in Hartford in an effort to reach out to our representatives and enlighten them regarding all of the great work we do.

Stay tuned for more information and dates.

#### And So It Begins.....

Here is the latest on CT state budget news from the CT Mirror. The last link at the end of the article contains state agency budget options that were submitted to the Governor this month:

http://ctmirror.org/2016/11/04/what-cuts-in-the-next-state-budget-could-look-like/

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Remember, this is the first shot in what will be a long and arduous battle of the budgets.

# **CAACE November Board Meeting**

Friday, November 18
9:30 AM
EdAdvance
355 Goshen Road, Litchfield

For more information visit our newly designed CAACE webpage at <a href="https://www.caace.org">www.caace.org</a>. Remember anyone involved in Adult Education is invited to attend.

# **CAACE Professional Development**

Friday, December 2 8:45 AM - 2:30 PM ERACE - Branford High School 185 East Main Street, Branford

Join us for renowned experts Laura DiGalbo on "How Retention Starts at Registration: A Conversation with Laura DiGalbo", and Susan Pierson on "WIOA: Impacts for Adult Ed Programs".

CAACE will also be sponsoring a Lunch and Learn on Advocacy and Outreach. For additional information or to register visit our new website at <a href="https://www.caace.org">www.caace.org</a>

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Preparations are under-way for the 36th CAACE Conference on **March 30th** and 31st at the Mystic Marriott Resort and Spa. It is shaping up to be another great conference!

As you know, we take time each day during the luncheon to honor our students, teachers, faculty members and leaders. Please take a few minutes to head to our website and fill out a nomination package for someone from your program. The link for the nomination page can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.">here.</a>

Click Here to Nominate Your Award Winner

#### **CSDE Workforce and Career Pathways Forum**

Friday, November 18
2:00 - 3:30 PM
SDE Office Middletown
25 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT

On November 18, the CSDE welcomes adult education directors and career specialists to a forum that will provide a brief overview of the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Workforce and Career Pathways. The panel discussion will feature representatives from the CSDE, Career Pathways Taskforce, and David Doukas from the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services and Mark Polzella from the Department of Labor. In addition to information about WIOA requirements, attendees will hear effective ways to contextualize learning that will increase relevance for adult learners. There will be a discussion following the panel presentations.

Please RSVP to Gina Hoag by November 14 to reserve a seat gina.hoag@ct.gov or 860-807-2117

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# CT State Budget What is it? What can you do about it?

The Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs (CABHN) invites you to its free annual Legislative Education Forum. Join legislators, legislative staff, advocates, and lobbyists to learn how the budget process works, points in the process where you can have an impact, and the current state of CT's budget. CABHN's Legislative Education Series fills up fast so reserve your spot today! The forum is free and open to all.

When: Friday, November 18, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave., Room 2E, Hartford

#### Stay Informed!

Check out the CAACE Master Calendar which lists events and activities relavent to all adult educators in the state of Connecticut. If your Program has an event you'd like to see listed, please email CAACE at <a href="mailto:info@caace.org">info@caace.org</a>.

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