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## CAACE December 2016 Newsletter



### CAACE December Board Meeting

The December Board meeting has been moved to Bristol. As always the meeting begins at 9:30 and concludes at 11:30. Participants are welcome to stay and participate in the CAACE Conference Committee meeting immediately following the Board meeting.

For more information visit our CAACE Calendar by going to our newly designed CAACE webpage at [www.caace.org](http://www.caace.org), and click on calendar. Remember anyone involved in Adult Education is invited to attend.

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## Advocacy

As the time is getting near for the start of the state legislature's work in early January, please review a number of new items under the "Advocacy" section of the [CAACE website](#).

First, our government relations consultant Judy Blei maintains a website with up-to-date summaries of proposed education and workforce bills and budgets on her interactive website, [jblei.com](#). On the CAACE website is both a link to Judy's site and also a user manual to show you how to sign on to the site and use the many resources it offers.

Second, CAACE has posted two links to maps that show how bills and budgets will make their way through the legislative process in Connecticut in the next two sessions, which is worth a review because that process differs from how things get done at the federal level.

Another focus of many adult ed programs is the upcoming Program Improvement Project (PIP) grant applications, and the changes in that process required under the rules of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The regional Workforce Development Boards should be offering opportunities for potential applicants to review these changes.

A meeting for the north central region in Hartford on December 8 by CT Workforce Partners noted that all grant applications will be reviewed by the regional boards for three things:

- 1) Does that application take into account the particular job sector needs of the region;
- 2) Does the application target those most in need of services; and
- 3) Is the applicant working to partner with other agencies or programs in order to more efficiently serve their targeted population?

While the State Department of Education determines which applications are awarded funding, the reviews by the workforce boards must be taken into account in the application process. Look for similar informational meetings for your workforce board region in the next few weeks.

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## CAACE CONFERENCE UPDATE

Due to the generous support of our conference attendees who purchased scholarship basket raffle tickets and those that donated baskets, CAACE is pleased to announce that we will be increasing the amount of each student award to \$500!!! Please take a moment to fill out a [nomination package](#) for a deserving student from your program. The conference committee, because of this exciting development, has extended the deadline for award applications to 12/31/16!

Also, please share your expertise and join our exciting group of presenters for the 36th annual [CAACE Conference](#)! [Proposal forms](#) can be found on the website. The deadline is also 12/31/16.

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## CSDE News

All GED Registrars are required to attend an annual training meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2016.

There will be a morning session (9:30-12:00) and an afternoon session (12:30-3:00).

Please indicate by January 3:

- the name of the registrar who will be attending the meeting;
- his/her email address; and
- which session he/she will be attending.

At that time, I will be reviewing the test taker registration process and review the duties of GED registrars.

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Session 1 – January 10 - 9:30-12:00

Session 2 – January 10 - 12:30-3:00

Seating is limited to 40 people so, the sooner you RSVP the more likely it is that you will be able to get into the session of your choice.

RSVP to Gina Hoag at [gina.hoag@ct.gov](mailto:gina.hoag@ct.gov) as soon as possible.

The next Career Pathways forum will be held on Friday, January 6, from 1:00 – 2:30 at CSDE Middletown, in the SERC classroom. Speakers from CT Workforce Investment Boards will be featured.

Please take a moment to complete the survey below where you can provide feedback and also indicate whether you will be attending in January:

[SDE Survey](#)



## CAACE Professional Development

On Friday January 27 in West Hartford CAACE will sponsor a **Grant Writing Workshop**

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We'll also hold a Directors Round Table to discuss our Advocacy Plans and other hot topic issues. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

## Local COABE Mini-Grant Winners!

Congratulations to two of our own! We look forward to hearing from you and learning from your visit to Orlando this spring:

**Pam Andersen, Wallingford Adult Education**

**Joseph Ferraiolo, East Haven Adult Learning Center**

What a great Holiday present!

CAACE Board of Directors

**The CAACE Board of Directors would like to  
wish all of our members a very  
Happy Holiday Season and a  
wonderful New Year**



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