

NEWSLETTER September 2020

Welcome from CAACE President

I hope this message finds you and your families healthy and staying well during these unusually challenging times. This summer has seen the most significant evolution in education since who knows when. As we begin to welcome our Adult Learners back to school, whether in-person or online we are excited to start another school year. CAACE wishes you a safe and healthy year and we look forward to seeing everyone in-person for our 40th Anniversary Conference.

CAACE Conference 2021
40 Years of Advocacy and Support for Adult Education

Save the Dates:
March 11-12, 2021
Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa in Groton
We hope to see everyone!

Online Resources

CAACE, in partnership with the SDE, is working on organizing resources for Distance Learning. Please watch the SDE's Adult Education website for links to various information on Distance Learning resources as well as other important updates.

2020 Professional Learning

CAACE is working hard to develop innovative and informative opportunities for Professional Learning. As of now we have three dates reserved:

October 23, 2020 November 13, 2020 February 12, 2021

CAACE Board Meeting Dates

For the foreseeable future all CAACE Board meetings will be held via Zoom

We will meet the third Friday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon.

CAACE Advocacy

CAACE is working with COABE to tell our adult ed story to our national and local legislators during Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, September 20 - 26. This is a critical year for funding and an opportunity to show the value of our work as the nation's economy tries to recover during this pandemic year.

We need CAACE members who can (with COABE's help!):

- Make a virtual appointment with a Senator or Representative to discuss their program, perhaps with a student who can tell their story of how adult ed has helped them achieve their learning goals;
- 2. Contact their state legislator or mayor to help them understand the need in their area and how their program is serving the community;
- 3. Write an email to a legislator telling about their adult ed program and the need for continued state, local and federal support;
- 4. Contribute a short video about a program/student accomplishment to send to COABE for their national promotions:
- 5. Participate in a "tweetstorm" of messages touting the value of adult education.

Connections that describe these advocacy activities and their helpful resources can be found here and here.

To volunteer for one of the activities above, and for questions and further information, please contact Program Manager Dave Downes at downesd@caace.org.

Thanks for your help!

