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LEARNING SERVICES

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Subject: Message #36: Training for English Learner assessment

Date: March 30, 2016

To: adecurriculum@lists.state.ar.us

From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders:

Under the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title I requires the inclusion of an English proficiency indicator in the school accountability system beginning in 2017-18. This indicator will be related to English Learner student performance on the ELPA21, which is an assessment of how students are progressing in meeting the standards outlined in Arkansas' English Language Proficiency Standards. (<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/curriculum-and-instruction/curriculum-framework-documents/english-language-proficiency>)

This summer, ADE is providing six regional training sites for a three-day ELP Standards workshop. This is a train-the-trainer type model that will equip participants to understand and apply the ELP standards to their own class/school/district as well as prepare them to replicate this training in their own school/district with other educators. Participants in this summer's trainings will have access to training materials and support from the presenters via an online portal for two years following the summer training. This online portal will be a valuable tool to collaborate across the state in training all educators who serve English Learners in their classrooms in understanding, applying and utilizing the ELP Standards to inform and support their instruction of English Learners.

ADE is partnering with Education Northwest out of Oregon. Oregon is the lead state in the ELPA21 Consortium. Education Northwest has worked with the state of Oregon in training classroom teachers, English Language Development/ESOL teachers, academic facilitators, administrators and other educators in the implementation and application of the new ELP Standards in classrooms serving English Learners.

Registration is now officially open on ESC Works for all six sites of the Regional ELP Standards Workshops. Participants may attend at any site. See the list below for information about each training session:

June 14-16, 2016
Crowley's Ridge ESC Room FF
1606 Pine Grove Lane, Harrisburg, AR
(870)578-5426
ESC Works course number 280296

Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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Seats available: 40

Lunch provided

Recommended hotels: Hilton Garden Inn (Jonesboro), Holiday Inn Express (Jonesboro)

June 27-29, 2016

Norwest ESC Room 14

4 North Double Springs Rd., Farmington, AR

(479) 267-7450

ESC Works course number 280343

Seats available: 125

Lunch provided (for a fee)

Recommended hotel: Hampton Inn (Fayetteville)

July 6-8

Wilbur Mills ESC PDC, Room 3

110 East Illinois, Beebe, AR

(501)882-5467 ext. 3221

ESC Works course number 280299

Seats available: 42

Lunch not provided

Recommended hotel: Days Inn (Cabot)

July 12-14

Guy Fenter ESC

Training held at County Line auditorium

12092 West State Hwy 22, Branch, AR

(479)965-2191 (Guy Fenter ESC)

(479)635-2222 (County Line)

ESC Works course numbers 281159, 281165, and 281169

Seats available: 40

Lunch provided for PDC schools

Recommended hotel: Hampton Inn (Clarksville)

July 18-20

DeQueen/Mena ESC

Training held at DeQueen High School cafeteria

1803 W. Coulter Dr., DeQueen, AR

(870)582-2692

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ESC Works course number 280265
Seats available: 100
Lunch not provided
Recommended hotel: Hilton Garden Inn (Texarkana)

July 26-28
Southeast ESC, Conference Rm. C
1022 Scogin Drive, Monticello, AR
(870)367-6848

ESC Works course number 281278

Seats available: 80

Lunch not provided

Recommended hotel: Holiday Inn (Monticello)

Please see the Commissioner's Memo for more information:

<http://adecm.arkansas.gov/ViewApprovedMemo.aspx?Id=1852>

ADE will be recruiting 5-10 people from this summer's participants to form a cadre of ELP Standards trainers to replicate this training in the future across the state. This cadre will be above and beyond training others in your own school/district. Details about this cadre of trainers will be coming later.

For more information, please contact Tricia Kerr via e-mail at tricia.kerr@arkansas.gov or by telephone at 479-267-7450.

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