

Activities in Conjunction with ABE and Workforce Development System for Adult Basic Education Support (SABES)

SABES ABE Workforce Development Priority Initiative

- Started by ACLS in 2004
- Six regional coordinators, one statewide coordinator
- Professional development activities in each region
- Fostered relationships between ABE programs and WIB's, career centers, skills training programs
- Joint meetings in each region of ABE program and career center staff to share information, identify gaps, build working relationships, expedite processes
- "Integrating Career Awareness into the ABE/ESOL Classroom" mini-course for ABE practitioners: Has been piloted, publicized, and developed into training for ABE teachers and programs
- SABES staff providing hands on technical assistance, helping programs with student goal-setting
- Western MA SABES co-developed training on LMI (Labor Market Index) with FutureWorks and CareerPoint (One-Stop Centers) and delivered to 25 Career Center and ABE staff.
- "Integrating Job Readiness into the ABE/ESOL Classroom" Martha Oesch for SABES with follow-up TA by SABES WFD Coordinators
- Dec. 13 ACLS Conference on Workforce Development (150 people attended)
- "Introduction to Workforce Development" workshop (co-presented with Career Center staff)
- "Next Steps for ABE Learners" workshop
- "How to Contextualize the ABE/ESOL Curriculum for Workplace Setting and Others"
- "Marketing ABE Services to Employers"—for DOE and non-DOE funded partnerships
- Worker Rights curriculum adapted by U. Mass. Labor Resource Center for ABE classrooms
- Workshops presented annually by Mass. Worker Education Roundtable for workplace education programs: "Developing Partnerships with Employers and Unions," "Workplace Needs Analysis," "Planning and Evaluation Teams"
- "Next Steps for Funding Workplace Education Programs" workshop
- Sharing groups in WFD/ABE integration
- Statewide Sharing Groups via Videoconference for workplace educators
- ABE/workforce Development Task Force with City of Boston/ Jobs and Community Services (DOE's ACLS is also a partner)
 - Two events in 2006
 - Planning event with funders, fall 2007
 - White papers identifying system gaps, barriers