

Good Day MAACCE Members,

MAACCE is grateful for the passage of WIOA and the attention it brings to the need for adult education to enable sustainable employment among our citizens. The MAACCE board discussed WIOA and the information available about it at the board retreat. Below are some links and opportunities for MAACCE members to learn more about the law. MAACCE plans to continue to follow and share information on WIOA and how it will be implemented in Maryland.

Initially, while MAACCE, as with other educational entities, is pleased to have a new law for adult education, there are some issues worth watching. First, it is not clear how desperately-needed additional funding is going to be provided for adult education programs to meet the needs of over 37 million adults who lack a high school diploma and the basic academic skills needed for 21st century jobs. With current funding levels, adult education programs struggle to serve 3 million of those adults. Second, with no performance measures stated in WIOA for the lowest literacy levels, there is concern about whether these adults will receive the support needed to participate more fully, economically and otherwise, in our society.

Please join in the discussion and the journey of learning about this topic by clicking one of the links below. We look forward to continue to share with the members the information we hear about and look forward to hearing from the members any thoughts you have.

Sincerely,
The MAACCE Board
<http://www.maaccemd.org/advocacy/>

U.S. Department of Ed Webinar

Join a webinar, The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA): An Overview of Adult Education and Literacy, hosted by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE). This webinar will provide a broad overview of the legislation (<https://beta.congress.gov/113/bills/hr803/BILLS-113hr803enr.pdf>), key dates for implementation, and useful information on resources and materials for adult education and literacy partners and stakeholders. The event will also feature a panel of representatives from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Labor.

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014

Time: 2:30pm – 4:00pm ET

The webinar will stream live from this link on the EdStream (<http://edstream.ed.gov/webcast/Play/f52405337cd84a8b91afece538e5bb451d>) site and will be recorded. No registration or call-in phone number is necessary.

Please distribute this opportunity broadly with your program staff, and representatives of local education agencies, researchers, business and industry, and other stakeholders.

Send questions in advance about WIOA implementation to AskAEFLA@ed.gov.

For other WIOA updates and resources, please visit OCTAE's resource page at www.ed.gov/aepla

U.S. Department of Education Blog

Please see the blog inviting comments on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act: <http://www.ed.gov/edblogs/ovae/2014/08/12/invitation-to-comment-on-implementation-of-title-ii-and-title-iv-of-the-workforce-innovation-and-opportunity-act/>. Comments will be accepted until **Friday, August 29, 2014**.

We welcome your comments and recommendations. Please broadly distribute this input opportunity to program staff, and representatives of local education agencies, researchers, business and industry and other stakeholders.

Specific questions about WIOA implementation should be sent to AskAEFLA@ed.gov and remember to check the www.ed.gov/AEFLA resource page for updates.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) and Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE).