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WIA Reauthorization Testimony

Adult Basic Education in Massachusetts currently receives about \$10 million from the Workforce Investment Act. (WIA) Title II. WIA is due to be reauthorized this year. The US Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) is soliciting testimony to inform the reauthorization process. In the testimony that MCAE submitted, we emphasized that Title II is an educational program, best administered through US Department of Education. We also wanted the reauthorization to continue to allow the diversity of providers that we currently have in Massachusetts. We are also recommending that the Title II appropriation be \$850 million, an increase of nearly \$300 million from current levels. To view the testimony that MCAE has submitted to the US DOE, OVAE, [click here](#). If you want to submit testimony to OVAE, email it to WIAconversations@ed.gov by January 23, 2010.

MassBudget Report Highlights ABE

MassBudget released a budget report this week called "An Unstable Ladder: How the Fiscal Crisis is Threatening Education and Work Support Programs for Many Women". This report examines state support of higher education, adult basic education, employment training and childcare - describing how these programs work, why they are important to the participation of women in the workforce and the strain the economic crisis has placed on them.

According to the report, cuts to the ABE system affect women in Massachusetts looking to improve their career opportunities. Women make up 61 percent of ABE enrollment. In the FY2001 budget the state appropriated \$30.2 million for ABE programs. In FY2010, ABE programs are being funded at \$28.1 million. When adjusted for inflation, however, ABE funding has actually decreased by 25 percent over the past decade. To read the full report please [click here](#).

MCAE/MIRA Media Strategies for ABE Practitioners Workshop to be held in Holyoke on February 3, 2010

MCAE together with Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) will offer a workshop on media strategies for ABE practitioners working with immigrant communities and/or adult learners.

We will discuss both responding to media inquiries and proactively seeking media attention to shape public opinion on issues that affect these students and give a voice to often disadvantaged and misrepresented communities.

West Region Media Strategies for ABE Practitioners
Wednesday February 3, 2010, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, MA

Please RSVP to Jennifer McAllister:
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Boston Region Advocacy Meeting: 2/5/10

Join MCAE to discuss Fiscal Year 2011 advocacy efforts. This year's efforts will be focused on maintaining funding for ABE in line item 7035-0002 of the state budget during these difficult fiscal times and seeking increased federal funding of ABE in Title II of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), which is expected to be reauthorized by Congress in the spring of 2010.

The public policy meeting is open to anyone interested in ABE advocacy efforts, and Program Point People are strongly encouraged to attend. The meeting will be facilitated by Robert Hibbard from El Centro Del Cardinal, and Jennifer McAllister, MCAE Public Policy Field Organizer.

Boston Region Advocacy Meeting
Friday, February 5, 2010, 10:00-11:30
Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education
101 Tremont Street, BroSte. 812, Boston, MA

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