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## ABE Legislative Briefing: February 15, 2011

Mark your calendar and join MCAE at the State House on February 15th at 10am to educate legislators on the importance of ABE in Massachusetts and to kickoff this year's advocacy efforts. More details will be available next week. Stay tuned!

## Save the Date: MCAE Regional Meetings FY2012 Budget Strategies

Join MCAE to discuss Fiscal Year 2012 budget 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.

These meetings are open to anyone interested in ABE advocacy efforts, and local Program Point People are strongly encouraged to attend. The meeting will be facilitated by MCAE's regional coordinators, and Jennifer McAllister, MCAE Public Policy Field Organizer.

### West Region:

Wednesday, March 2, 2011, 12:00pm - 1:30pm  
Picknelly Education Center, Holyoke, MA

### Southeast Region:

Friday, March 4, 2011, 10:00am - 11:30am  
Borckton Adult Learning Center, Brockton, MA

### Boston Region:

Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 10:00am - 11:30am  
MCAE, 101 Tremont Street, Suite 812, Boston, MA

### Northeast Region:

Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 12:30pm - 2pm  
Woburn YMCA, Woburn, MA

### Central Region:

Thursday, March 10, 2011, 10am - 11:30am  
Clinton Adult Learning Center, Clinton, MA

For more information or to RSVP please contact Jennifer McAllister at [jmcallister@mcae.net](mailto:jmcallister@mcae.net) or (508) 208-0130.

## New Northeast Region Public Policy Coordinator: Elaine Dougherty

MCAE is pleased to announce that Elaine Dougherty, Director of the ABE program at the Woburn YMCA will serve as the volunteer public policy coordinator in the Northeast Region. She will help MCAE to encourage, support and organize local program's advocacy efforts for ABE in Massachusetts.

Each SABES region has an MCAE volunteer public policy coordinator:

Robert Hibbard, El Centro Del Cardinal, Boston Region  
Christine Cordio, Clinton Adult Learning Center, Central Region  
Suzanne Martin, Brockton Adult Learning Center, Southeast Region  
George Kohout, SABES, West Region

## Working Conditions Blog!

Join the conversation at "[Making a Living \(?\) in Adult Education](#)" and post your comments! Let's continue the conversation about our ABE working conditions! Poor working conditions not only impact ABE practitioners, they impact ABE students!

If you would like to submit your thoughts, send articles or posts to Working Conditions committee blogmaster Jana Pickard-Richardson ([janapr02@gmail.com](mailto:janapr02@gmail.com)) or leave a comment on the blog. We're looking forward to hearing from you. [Check it out!](#)

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