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Central Region
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Meeting
scheduled for
Friday
March 5, 2010
at 10:30 am.

Adult Literacy Awareness Day - March 18, 2010

Adult Literacy Awareness Day will be celebrated at the Massachusetts State House in the Gardner Auditorium at 11am on Thursday March 18, 2010. At the rally, speakers will include current students and graduates of adult basic education programs as well as elected officials.

Attending the rally is important but it is even more important to have students visit with their legislators to tell them why ABE is important to them. Before and after the rally we encourage you to plan to visit with legislators that represent adult learners from your program. If you have any questions regarding meeting with legislators or would like assistance setting up appointments please contact Jennifer McAllister, MCAE's Public Policy Field Organizer at jmcallister@mcae.net or 508-208-0130.

To register for Adult Literacy Awareness Day please [click here](#) for the registration form and send it to Teha Woodrow, MassAAL Associate, by fax at (617) 445-5989 or by email teha.woodrow@yahoo.com.

MassAAL/MCAE Student Leadership Trainings Additional Dates Added - March 2 & 9, 2010

Additional MassAAL/MCAE Student Leadership Trainings will be held on Tuesday March 2nd and Tuesday March 9th. All trainings are from 9:30 am to 1pm and will be held in the MCAE office located at 101 Tremont Street, Suite 812, Boston, MA.

MassAAL/MCAE Student Leadership Trainings will focus on advocacy and media skill development for adult learners and will also highlight information on student leadership. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. The training will conclude with a trip to the State House to visit legislative offices. Adult learner leaders and accompanying practitioners are encouraged to notify local legislators of your visit on that day. [Click here](#) for the registration form. Please send the registration form to: Teha Woodrow, MassAAL Associate, at 117 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Roxbury, MA 02119, Fax # (617) 445-5989 or email teha.woodrow@yahoo.com.

Snow cancellation policy: if Boston Public Schools are closed the Student Leadership Trainings will be cancelled.



ABE Students from Lawrence Adult Learning Center meet with Senator Sue Tucker during a Student Leadership Training on February 11, 2010.

Central Region Advocacy Meeting - March 5, 2010

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 Central region Program Point People are strongly encouraged to attend. The meeting will be facilitated by Christine Cordio from Clinton Adult Learning Center, and Jennifer McAllister, MCAE Public Policy Field Organizer.

Central Region Advocacy Meeting
Friday, March 5, 2010, 10:30-12:00
Clinton Adult Learning Center
150 School Street
Clinton, MA 01510

Please RSVP to Jennifer McAllister or Christine Cordio:
jmcallister@mcae.net or (508) 208-0130
cordioc@clinton.k12.ma.us or (978) 365-4226

Rosie's Place Open House - March 5, 2010

Rosie's Place opened the doors to its new Women's Education Center on January 25, 2010. This new center for poor and homeless women gives Rosie's Place the opportunity to offer its unique services to a greater number of students and offer a wider variety of class times.

Rosie's Place invites you to visit their new facility at their Open House
Friday March 5, 2010 1:00-5:00 PM

[Click Here](#) for more information

WE LEARN Conference March 5-6 Cranston, RI

WE LEARN, Women Expanding Literacy Education Action Resource Network will be holding its 7th annual gathering and conference on March 5-6, 2010 in Cranston, RI.

For more information [Click Here](#)

Methuen Educator Shirley Callan Dies February 1, 2010

Our friend and colleague Shirley Callan, founder of the Methuen Adult Learning Center, passed away on February 1, 2010 at the age of 73. Shirley did a great job building the Methuen Adult Learning Center into a highly respected Adult Basic Education program. We will miss her.

[Click Here](#) for her obituary

[Click Here](#) for a followup story from the *Lawrence Eagle Tribune*

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