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scheduled
for
Tuesday
April 13,
2010 at
3:30pm.

Join MIRA on April 6, 2010 for Immigrant's Day at the State House

On Tuesday April 6, 2010 MIRA will hold Immigrant's Day at the State House, Grand Staircase from 10am to 12pm

Join MIRA for this annual day of legislative advocacy and coalition building -- the single biggest day of advocacy on MIRA's calendar. In this season of constrained revenues, MIRA needs your participation to protect ABE/ESOL funding, access to health care, and much more.

Please RSVP to Marcony Almeida, MIRA, Organizing Director
malmeida@miracoalition.org or 617-350-5480 ext. 205

MCAE Announces New ABE Working Conditions Blog

The MCAE Working Conditions Committee is pleased to announce the launch of the MCAE Working Conditions Blog, Making a Living(?) in Adult Education. We hope the blog will help provoke discussion and conversation about conditions in the field of Adult Basic Education. Please feel free to share your experiences, thoughts, ideas, and responses about ABE working conditions. This new blog is for the entire field, and we want you to participate. If you would like to submit your thoughts, send articles or posts to Working Conditions committee blogmaster Jana Pickard-Richardson (janjpr02@gmail.com) or leave a comment on the blog. We're looking forward to hearing from you . [Check it out!](#)

Adult Literacy Awareness Day



State Representative Daniel Bosley (D-North Adams), State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz (D- Boston), Teha Woodrow, MassAAL and WAITT House Student Leader, Frandy Boyer, Haitian Multi-Service Center Student Leader, Vinny Silva, Crittenton Women's Union Student Leader, and Roberta Soolman, MCAE Public Policy Co-Chair.

On March 18th more than 800 adult learners and educators from across the state gathered at the State House for Adult Literacy Awareness Day. This annual event, organized by the Massachusetts Alliance for Adult Literacy (MassAAL) and the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education (MCAE), draws participants in General Educational Development (GED), Adult Basic Education (ABE), and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes to tell their stories and urge their local representatives to continue support for these programs. Adult learners and educators filled the Gardner Auditorium at the State House and went to legislative offices to advocate for funding for ABE in the budget.

West Region Advocacy Conference Call - April 13, 2010 at 3:30

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 conference call is open to anyone interested in ABE advocacy efforts, and West region Program Point People are strongly encouraged to participate. The call will be facilitated by Jennifer McAllister, MCAE Public Policy Field Organizer.

Date & Time:
Tuesday April 13th at 3:30pm

Please RSVP to Jennifer McAllister and call-in information will be sent to you :
jmcallister@mcae.net or (508) 208-0130

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