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## Media Workshop Survey

Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education (MCAE) plans to hold an in-depth 1/2 day workshop for ABE programs regarding how local programs and MCAE can more effectively use the media to highlight the positive impact of adult basic education in your local community and statewide. Please take the Media Workshop Survey to help MCAE tailor the workshop to the needs of local programs.

The workshop will be led by Miriam Zoll an author, researcher, teacher and strategic communications consultant with more than 20 years of experience. Ms. Zoll's background as an award-winning journalist enables her to provide local ABE programs and MCAE with insight about how we can cultivate newsworthy stories and public education campaigns that influence decision-makers, the media and, ultimately, public policy. For a client list and more information regarding Miriam Zoll visit [www.miriamzoll.net](http://www.miriamzoll.net).

[Click here](#) for the Media Workshop Survey.

## MassAAL: Student Leadership Conference

MassAAL will hold its 9th Annual Student Leadership Conference on Friday May 14, 2010 at Roxbury Community College from 9:30am to 2:00pm. The conference provides ABE students the opportunity to meet each other, learn about activities being carried out by MassAAL, and share exciting projects carried out through Student Leadership activities across our state.

MassAAL invites student leadership/student health teams to display a poster about their projects at the 2010 Conference. Student leadership/student health teams are also invited to apply as presenters of a 45 minute session for the 2010 Conference. If you are interested in providing a workshop or poster session, please submit the Call for Presenters materials. There is one form for workshops and one for posters. Please return your forms as soon as possible to:

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Please [click here](#) for the Call for Presenters materials and the agenda

for this event.

### **EL/Civics Online: Integrating EL/Civics into Adult ESL Classes**

Do you want to help your students learn about the history and government of the United States, become more involved in their communities, and explore the possibility of gaining citizenship while learning English?

The Adult Learning Resource Center, located in Arlington Heights, IL, has developed a free, self-paced professional development opportunity for teachers and volunteers who wish to incorporate EL/Civics content into their adult ESL classrooms. This series of online courses will assist teachers in creating interesting, effective ESL lessons in U.S. History, U.S. Government, Civic Engagement, and the Naturalization Process. To register or for more information visit [www.elcivicsonline.org](http://www.elcivicsonline.org).

### **The Change Agent: Coming Home from War**

The New England Literacy Resource Center (NELRC) has announced the release of the latest issue of *The Change Agent*, a social justice newspaper that provides cutting edge resources for teaching social issues, powerful student writing that inspires discussion and many ready to use lesson plans.

This issue of *The Change Agent: Coming Home from War* not only gives veterans, refugees, and their family members a chance to voice their concerns, it promotes thinking about how the community can support veterans and refugees transitioning back into civilian society. The idea that each of us can be an advocate for ourselves and our families and communities is always front and center in every issue of *The Change Agent*.

Read [The Change Agent](#) online or [click here](#) to subscribe to the paper copy or call 617-482-9485. NELRC makes classroom sets of 25 available at a reduced price - just a dollar a piece.

### **MCAE ABE Working Conditions Blog - Check it out!**

The MCAE Working Conditions Committee has launched 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](mailto:janjpr02@gmail.com)) or leave a comment on the blog. We're looking forward to hearing from you. [Check it out!](#)

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