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Early Educators' Union A Model for Adult Education?

Early childhood educators in Massachusetts are organizing a new kind of union. The Massachusetts Early Childhood Educators Union (MECEU) would bargain directly with the Commonwealth, rather than with each individual employer. Teachers and program administrators would be in the same bargaining unit, negotiating with the Commonwealth over compensation tied to PD/credentials, benefits, and other issues that affect the quality of early childhood education. Given the state's similar interest in high quality adult education, we'd like to explore the potential for this model to work in our field. So let's talk about it!

Does the model work for adult education?
 What issues would we want to bargain?
 How would we get started?

Come to a meeting on Friday, April 20 at 10am at the Jamaica Plain Public Library, 12 Sedgewick St., Jamaica Plain, MA (in the basement). If you can't attend the meeting but would like to be added to the updates list, please RSVP to Jennifer McAllister at jmcallister@mcae.net.

NEW Working Conditions Blog

Check out the new blog post Early Educators' Union a Model for Adult Ed? 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) or leave a comment on the blog. We're looking forward to hearing from you. [Check it out!](#)

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