

# LCJVS Board of Education Report

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## Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE)

### Collaborative Plan Grant:

Bev Moffat, ABLE Coordinator, is currently working on an ABLE Collaborative Plan Grant available through the State of Ohio ABLE Program. The State of Ohio has asked Lorain County to develop a collaborative plan for Lorain County that involves all three ABLE grant holders: Elyria City Schools, LCCC, and the JVS.

### Annual Program Report:

ABLE submitted their annual program report for 2007-2008 FY Goals:

- Increased enrollment from 181 to 232
- Met minimum performance measures for learning progress
  - Beginning ABE Literacy – Goal 53%/Achieved at 60%
  - Beginning ABE – Goal 53%/Achieved at 62.2%
  - Low Intermediate ABE – Goal 56%/Achieved at 59.1%
  - High Intermediate ABE – Goal 54%/Achieved at 59.2%
  - Low ASE – Goal 60%/Achieved at 64%
  - High ASE – Goal 67%/Achieved at 71.4%
- Met minimum performance measures for learner goals
  - Placement in post-secondary education or training – Goal 85%/Achieved at 87.5%
  - Placement in unsubsidized employment – Goal 82%/Achieved at 93.1%
  - Retained employment – Goal 75%/Achieved at 100%
  - Receipt of GED – Goal 75%/Achieved at 85.1%

### New Program at CBCF:

The Lorain County JVS ABLE/GED program is partnering with the Lorain-Medina Community Based Correctional Facility to offer GED preparation classes to their residents. The Lorain-Medina CBCF is located on Infirmary Road in Elyria. Beverly Moffatt, ABLE/GED Coordinator indicated that this is a new partnership between the JVS ABLE/GED program and the Lorain-Medina CBCF. She said, "We are excited to have this opportunity to help CBCF residents prepare for the GED test. We are already serving 25 students the first month of classes."

Frank Prihoda teaches GED preparation to the male students Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Claudia Ward teaches GED preparation to the female students Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. When students are ready to test, Beverly Moffat will administer the official GED test through the Norwalk GED Testing Center.

## **Business Connection Lorain County**

Ralph Bentley, Program Developer, is representing the JVS in the Lorain County Business Connection, sponsored by the Growth Partnership. Other partners include: Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Commissioners, Team Lorain County and LCCC.

The goal of the Business Connection is to conduct in-depth interviews with Lorain County businesses to assess individual needs of the companies with the focus on business retention and expansion. All information gathered will be put in a comprehensive database; which will enable groups to proactively be able to address both red flags and growth opportunities. Eighty percent of new jobs and capital investment comes from existing businesses.

## **Advisory Meeting**

The Adult Career Center participated in the building-wide Fall Business Industry Advisory meetings on Friday, November 7. Career Development staff hosted their business partners to discuss industry trends, program curriculum, industry credentials and lab/equipment needs. The Adult Career Center Spring meeting will be held in May 2009.

## **Economic Development**

### **Lind Advertising**

Russ Beach, Program Developer, coordinated and instructed a two-hour Basic Rigging and Crane Safety class at Lind Advertising in Mansfield. Topics included: Rigging Safety & Precautions, Synthetic Webbing Slings, Sling Storage and Care, Crane Setup, Use and Safety. Six students were issued a certificate of successful completion.



### **United Initiators**

Diana Gott, Program Developer, contracted training with United Initiators, Inc., Elyria, to instruct a two-hour workshop in Adobe Acrobat 8.0. Lisa Wyman, an instructor for the Adult Career Center, delivered the workshop to inside and outside salesmen of the company. Employees were taught how to create and file a document in a specific format.

### **Oberlin College**

Diana Gott coordinated training for one of the Adult Career Center's established customers, Oberlin College. Computer instructor, Elizabeth Becher, taught Excel to the support staff at the college. Topics included: creating a spreadsheet, applying formulas and enhancements using format functions.

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