

Invitation to AAACE First Annual Consultation on Transitions and Lifelong Learning

The American Association for Adult Continuing Education (AAACE) would like to invite you to the first annual consultation or think tank on policies regarding work transitions related to adult learning and adult education. The outcomes of each consultation will include: an online course that cooperating partners could offer their members, policy white papers, and plans for cooperative activities.

This consultation will take place on June 15, 2007 at the University of Maryland, University College campus. The cost for the meeting, including breakfast, lunch, breaks, parking, technological support, and room rental will be \$90. Please go to the AAACE website at www.aaace.org for more information about the meeting and to access the registration form.

This first consultation will begin a collaborative process among interested people from the various organizations represented at this meeting. All of the associations and organizations that will be involved in this one day consultation are working to improve policy support and collaboration regarding the connections between education and work for adults. This cooperation reflects their shared dedication to opportunities for all adults at all points in occupational transitions and to commitment to educational institutions, enterprises, and associations that provide these opportunities. These transitions include entry, career change and retirement issues. By working together, a broad range of

practitioners, scholars, and policy makers can address trends and issues that help and/or hinder occupational development and performance. People from any organization that is involved in an aspect of these issues are invited to attend this meeting.

We encourage you to forward this information to anyone who might be interested and to contact us at the e-mail address below so that we may be extend a formal invitation. We especially welcome participation by policy makers.

Preparation for this consultation meeting has included work on selecting working papers and other materials for review by participants and the development of an agenda for the day that allows for sufficient contact among all of those attending in order to promote future cooperation. A desirable result of the day will be agreement on one or more specific work and education policy issues on which participants can collaborate during the subsequent year or more.

Participants will have an opportunity to break into specific strands to allow experts to explore possible policy outcomes. The strands include transitions from traditional high school and GED programs to work and postsecondary education, transitions between military and civilian life, job and career transitions, and retirement and volunteerism.

The cooperating associations have discussed preparation of white papers for use with association websites and national and regional conferences and the development of a professional development course for association members. Collaboration regarding education and work issues by people from

various segments of the broad adult and continuing education field can lead to future cooperation on other issues in the future.

Meeting Sponsors

American Association for Adult and Continuing Education
Commission on Adult Basic Education
Excelsior College
National Council of State Directors of Adult Education
School of Continuing Studies at Indiana University

Potential participating organizations:

Conversations are underway with people from the following organizations, who have thus far indicated their interest in participating in the consultation:

- American Society for Training and Development (ASTD)
- Association for Continuing Higher Education (ACHE)
- Commission on Military Education and Training (CMET)
- Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE)
- Council for College and Military Educators (CCME)
- Greater Hartford Senior Leadership Program
- League for Innovation
- National Council of State Directors of Adult Education
- National Institute for Literacy
- National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium, Inc (NAEPDC)
- National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA)/American Association of Retired Persons (AARP): *Educator Community*
- National Youth Employment Coalition
- New England Transitions Project
- Northern Kentucky University
- Office of Vocational and Adult Ed. Division of Adult Ed, USDOE
- Prepare America, Inc.
- Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, Educ. Dept.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dr. Amy D. Rose at arose@niu.edu . If you know of others who might be interested, please forward this form to them or send their contact information to Amy Rose.

We look forward to seeing you June 15.

If you need overnight accommodations you may arrange to stay at the UMUC Marriott. The contact information for the conference center is:

The Inn & Conference Center University of Maryland, University College

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Adelphi, Maryland 20783 USA

Phone: 1-301-985-7300

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Room reservations: 800-228-9290

Plan for Day

Thursday evening: Meeting with any AAACE affiliates who want to come.

Friday

9:00 – 9:45 Introductory panel representing each strand

9:45- 10 Break

10:00-11:30 Meeting of strands facilitated by committee members

Purpose: Identify central issues and concerns

11:30 -12: 15 Report back

12:15- 1:30 Working lunch while meeting in strands

1:30 – 3:00 Continue Meeting in four strands

Purpose: Develop strategies for dealing with these chief concerns

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 5:00 Report back; Decide on future course of action

5:00 Adjourn