

Adult Education AmeriCorps Program

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Adult Learning Network

The Adult Learning Network is a quarterly publication of the AALRC.

The Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center provides equal access to all programs and activities.

In 2019, more than 600 AmeriCorps members met pressing local needs across Arkansas. They made a lasting impact in communities while gaining valuable skills and experience to advance their careers. While Arkansas Adult Learning Alliance (ALA) has had an AmeriCorps program for over 17 years, we are excited to add this program to Arkansas Adult Education.



Shannon Lemly,
ATU Ozark

The Adult Education Section received a planning grant for AmeriCorps from EngageAR during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. This provided a year for Adult Education Section and AALRC staff to work with consultants to plan the program. The grant was refunded in 2020. September 1, 2020 began the first year to have members. ATU Ozark, Black River Technical College, Phillips County Community College, Pulaski Technical College UA, UACCM, South AR Community College, UA Cossatot, and UAM College of Technology McGehee were the eight programs chosen as AmeriCorps Sites. Each site will have one half-time (900 hour) member.

At this time, three members are currently serving. Members will serve adult education students as a Life Coach. The members are tasked with providing services to 530 adult learners, with 80 securing employment and 50 enrolling in post-secondary education or technical education. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage five volunteers who will be engaged in providing financial literacy, pre-registration for post-secondary education, and facilitating job-readiness training.

This is an exciting opportunity for adult education programs and students. AmeriCorps members continue to make a large impact on the programs they serve in Arkansas.

If you know someone interested in becoming a member, please have them complete the following application:



Matt Woodson,
Black River
Technical College

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=98139>

Adult Learning Alliance Update



We are in the middle of a pandemic, and only 12% of U.S. adults are proficient in health literacy. 35% are at basic or below basic. The implications of inadequate health literacy include unnecessary ER visits, medication errors, skipped screenings and shots, all resulting in high health-care costs.



The Arkansas Reads (Adult Learning Alliance) 2020-2021 AmeriCorps members participated in training on December 7-8, 2020. In addition to learning about AmeriCorps, the focus of their training was on health literacy. In addition to tutoring in ABE and ESL, members are required to tutor adult learners in health literacy. Resources they will be using include the Florida Literacy Coalition's *Staying Healthy* curriculum, New Reader's Press *Heath Stories* and the UAMS Center for Health Literacy *How to Talk to Your Doctor, How to Talk to Your Child's Doctor*, and *How to M.O.V.E toward Emotional Wellness* brochures. The timing for focusing on health literacy could not be more appropriate for these members. They are masked up and ready to serve!

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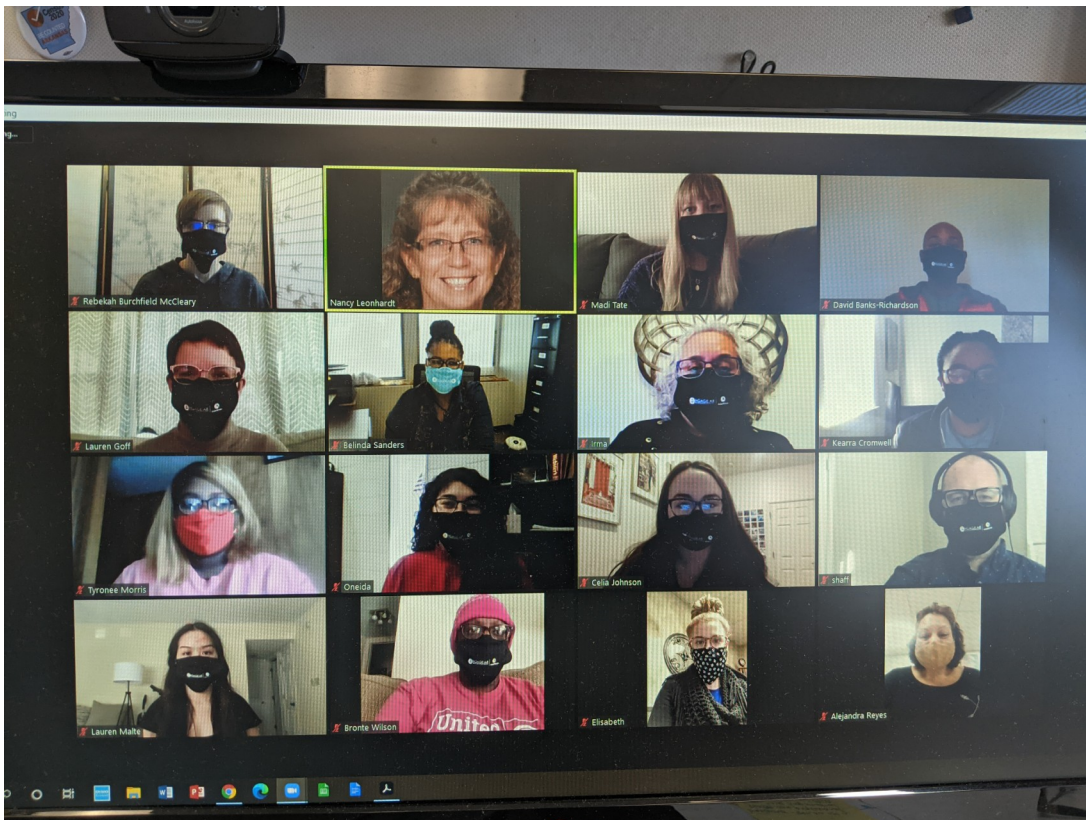
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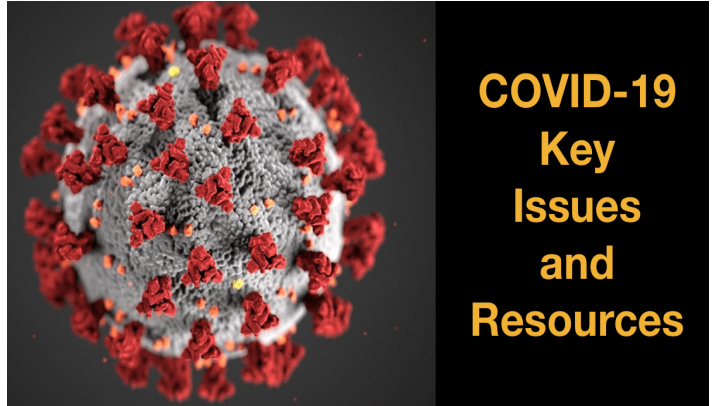
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Date	Event	Session ID
January		
1/6/2021	Science of Reading Parts 5-7	434373
1/7/2021	LD: Comprehensive	433805
1/12/2021	New Directors' Training Day 1	428345
1/12/2021	Canvas Basics 9am-12pm	422290
1/12/2021	Canvas Basics 1pm-4pm	422291
1/13/2021	New Directors Training Day 2	428345
1/13/2021	DL & Technology in the Classroom 9am-12pm	422294
1/13/2021	DL & Technology in the Classroom 1pm-4pm	422296
1/14/2021	Teacher Competencies & Evaluations: What Teachers Need to Know	418556
1/15/2021	ALA Board Meeting 11:30am-1:30pm	
1/20/2021	LACES Data Entry Webinar 9am-12pm	418483
1/20/2021	LACES Data Entry Webinar 1pm-4pm	418484
1/21/2021	Implementing Health Literacy Standards	418565
1/21/2021	LACES 101 9am-12pm	418492
1/21/2021	LACES 101 1pm-4pm	418493
1/27/2021	LACES For Teachers	418552
1/27/2021	Transition Planning Webinar 9am-11am	418512
1/28/2021	Teaching Math When you are NOT a "Math-y" Person	418562
1/29/2021	LD: Virtual & Digital Tools for Learning Barriers Webinar 9am-11am	418529
February		
2/3/2021	LD: Applications Webinar 9am-11am	418504
2/5/2021	Science of Reading Parts 8-11	434374
2/11/2021	LACES For Directors	418548
2/18/2021	Creating an Effective Ad. Ed. Workforce Preparation & Development Training Prog. Day 3	422287
March		
3/2/2021	Science of Reading Part 12-14	434377
3/3/2021	LD: Applications Webinar 9am-11am	418505
3/10/2021	Transition Planning Webinar 9am-11am	418513
3/11/2021	Show & Tell: How Resourceful are You?	418625
3/12/2021	LD: Virtual & Digital Tools for Learning Barriers Webinar 9am-11am	418532
3/17/2021	Success with Re-Entry	418509

Register and check for updates at: http://www.escweb.net/ar_esc

The COVID-19 and Resources for Persons with Disabilities

As we continue to fight the impacts of this pandemic, the effects of its existence is rearing faces in many aspects across the world. From loss of jobs, money, and homes to the additional loss of lives, the impact has caused widespread negative effects. We can look at our own lives, and compare them with the lives of others in our own neighborhoods, and find that now, more than ever, we have something in common. So as we think about all of the impacts of COVID-19, imagine dealing with the impacts while also having a disability. Even further, what if your level of independence was directly related to the dependence of other persons, in a time of encouraging social distancing?



With this being said, it is important to understand what resources are available for persons with disabilities. The good thing about Arkansas is that we have organizations that have been ahead of the curve on collecting and providing resources for persons with disabilities. This article will highlight a few.

Partners for Inclusive Communities
(<https://uofapartners.uark.edu/>)

Partners for Inclusive Communities is Located within the University of Arkansas College of Education and Health Professions, it's focus is on providing practical support, research, training and advocacy help and resources to the disability community and advocates.

A few COVID-19 resources Include:

- Digital Accessibility During COVID
- Summaries of CARES Act provisions that relate to disabilities
- COVID-19 in plain language (provided in over 20 languages)

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services
Stay at Work/Return to Work Program
(<https://bit.ly/37SL1AN>)

The Stay at Work/Return to Work Program is designed to help employers assist individuals who become ill or injured and desire to return to work. This program is especially important now with persons becoming ill with COVID-19. The impacts of the virus can vary for both healthy individuals and those impacted by pre-existing conditions. This program provides specialized assessments to bridge the gap between a person's needs and employment responsibilities.

AACAE Conference 2020 Deemed a Success!

COVID-19 has turned the world upside down, but Adult Educators will continue to serve their mission and persevere! In planning the 2020 conference, there was much deliberation whether to cancel the conference or to attempt to conduct it virtually. The committee was unsure of their abilities to “pull it off,” but decided in the end that it was important to our community as a whole to bring our membership together in order to share resources, network, and support one another during this difficult time. Conference post-surveys indicate that the team did a great job. Many were very appreciative of the conference, and some even noted that they liked the virtual conference “better”. Nevertheless, the 2021 AACAE committee hopes to conduct an in-person conference at the Little Rock DoubleTree next fall, September 29th – October 1st.

A recap of the highlights:

2021 AACAE Board Elected:

Carol Birth, President
Dorissa Kaufman, Vice-President
Scott Sikora, Secretary
LaCarol Clement, Treasurer
Anne Bonkofsky, Parliamentarian
Regina Olson, Past President

Paraprofessional of the Year:
Michelle Horton,
UACCM Adult Education



Teacher of the Year:
Christy McCollough,
ATU-Ozark Adult Education



*AALRC
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*Bridget Criner
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*Nancy
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*Dr. Trenia Miles
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*Jan Robertson.
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WAGE Committee
Chair*

*Dr. Shelia
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PD Coordinator*

**Adult Education
Supporter of the Year:
Krish Patel, Crawford County
Adult Education**



**Administrator of the Year:
Ben Aldama,
NWACC Adult Education**



AALRC Staff

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Marsha Taylor*

*Disabilities and
Online Learning
Coordinator
Wendy Bryant*

*Media
Coordinator
Klaus Neu*

*Administrative
Assistant II
Toccarra Pearson*

2020 Retirees Recognized:

Nancy Loftis, AALRC, served 16 years as the Professional Development Coordinator

Carole Harmon, ATU-Ozark, 51 years in education, 20 in adult education

Shirley Freeman, ATU-Ozark, 27 years



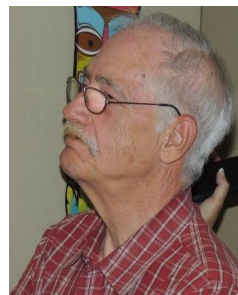
2020 Memorials Recognized:



James H. Smith, Jr.,
past Deputy Director
of Adult Education



Suzanne Ames,
Russelville
Adult Education



Charles L. Brown,
Department
of Education

*Information
Technology
Specialist
Rob Pollan*

*Administrative
Assistant I
Michaela Robinson*

Next Year's Nominating Committee Volunteers:

- Northwest: Nancy Wood
- Southeast: Tamera Lambert
- Northeast: Kendall Morrison
- Central: Kathryn Rasure
- Southwest: Denise Johnson



*Professional
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Coordinator
Shelia P. Wilkerson,
Ed.D.*

On behalf of the AACAE Committee, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Stay Safe!

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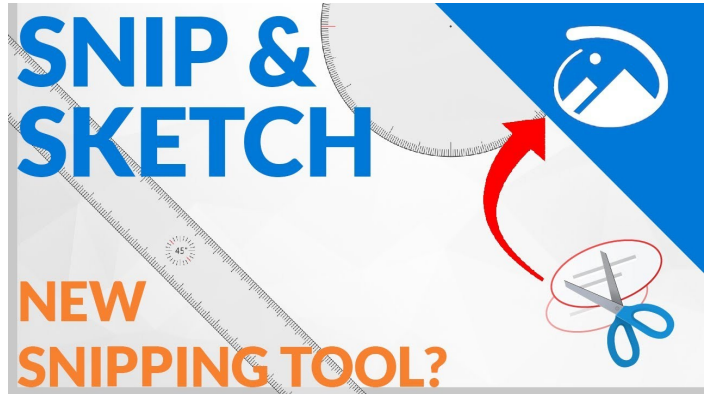


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Note: To link to any web address (URL) in this newsletter, go to the AALRC's home page at <http://aalrc.org>, look up this newsletter, and then just click on the appropriate link.

Snip & Sketch

A picture is worth a thousand words, so by using Snip & Sketch to post your thoughts you can say what you need very quickly and precisely. You can add your screenshots to emails, Word and Excel Files, social media sites, and just about any other Windows program that you need. You can show a coworker how to create reports, create instructions for your students on how to use learning websites, and get needed technical help.



When you have computer errors, this program is particularly useful. Instead of saying, “a program keeps crashing,” you can capture the exact error you are receiving thus alleviating much of the guess work to the underlying issue. In the example below, a teacher needs me to invalidate a couple of test scores in DRC/TABE and sends me this picture with the exact tests that need to be invalidated. This eliminates possible interpretation errors and problems.

Edit Student

[Instructions](#)

* Indicates required fields

Last Name * First Name * Middle Initial Student ID

Student Detail | Accommodations | Demographics | Student Groups | Testing Codes | Test Sessions

District	School	Session Name	Assessment	Status	Begin Date	End Date	Action
SE ARKANSAS ED SERVICE CO-OP		11 Reading M	Reading 11 - Part 1	Completed	05/30/2019 10:36 AM CDT	05/30/2019 10:38 AM CDT	[Icons]
SE ARKANSAS ED SERVICE CO-OP		11 Reading M	Reading 11 - Part 2	Completed	05/30/2019 10:38 AM CDT	05/30/2019 10:46 AM CDT	[Icons]
SE ARKANSAS ED SERVICE CO-OP		11 Reading M	Reading 11 - Practice Test	Not Started			[Icons]
SE ARKANSAS ED SERVICE CO-OP		12 Math E Language E	Language 12	Completed	01/28/2019 09:19 AM CST	01/28/2019 09:31 AM CST	[Icons]
SE ARKANSAS ED SERVICE CO-OP		12 Math E Language E	Language 12 - Practice Test	Not Started			[Icons]
SE ARKANSAS ED SERVICE CO-OP		12 Math E Language E	Mathematics 12	Completed	01/28/2019 09:31 AM CST	01/28/2019 09:46 AM CST	[Icons]

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How to use Snip&Sketch in Windows 10



Using Snip & Sketch - the best and easiest way to use Snip & Sketch is to press the



Windows logo key + shift + s. This will open the Snip & Sketch program, darken the screen and bring up a screen reticle that you can move into position and then press the left mouse button to draw the size and shape of your screen capture.

Then paste the image into any program or webpage that you need. If you need to mark up the screenshot with a highlighter or marker, click the little “mark up and share window” on the right after you make the screenshot, or just open your Snip & Sketch program by clicking on the Search box (next to the Start button in the bottom-left of your screen) and typing snip, then click on Snip & Sketch. The Snipping Tool is the old version of this program and is the one available in Windows 7.

Snipping Tool



Admin. Assistant I Position Filled at AALRC

My name is Michaela Robinson. I am from San Diego, CA and moved here to Arkansas in 2017 after my husband got out of the Army.

I am currently working on my BA in history. I have, so far, attended three different colleges: National Park Community College, University of Texas at El Paso, and University of Central Arkansas. I aspire to be a high school history teacher and then a college professor down the road.

In my free time I enjoy reading, writing, playing video games, and spending time with my husband.

My previous work experience has mostly been in retail management for various companies. I am very excited to now be a part of the AALRC team and look forward to working with you all to help better our community.



Microsoft Teams Offers All-Day Free Video Calling

Zoom and other video chatting apps have felt essential in 2020, when communicating virtually became the norm under COVID lockdowns and restrictions.

Microsoft Teams is offering [free all-day video calling](#) to help you stay connected in the coming months, so you will be able to meet for 24 hours with up to 300 participants until further specified .

