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TO: Adult Education and Literacy Council Directors
FROM: Dr. Shelia Wilkerson, Professional Development Coordinator
DATE: March 28, 2024
SUBJECT: Professional Development/Training Opportunity

The Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center (AALRC) is pleased to announce the following workshop:

Soft Skills, Metacognitive Skills, and Transition Skills – How They Play a Role in Supporting Students in the Workplace and in Career Development (AALRC)
Session ID: 525645 ■ 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dr. Neil Sturomski, with Sturomski & Associates, is the presenter.

In this training, attendees will learn about Workplace Skills - Soft Skills, Metacognitive Skills, and Transition Skills. Instructors will gain insight on how to imbed these skills into their overall instruction and/or curriculum when teaching subjects such as Reading, Writing, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The goals of the session are to assist adult education instructors in:

- guiding students in understanding the complex world of work and needed skills;
- forging a stronger link between adult education, postsecondary education, and the world of work in support of the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) by assisting students in acquiring challenging academic, technical, and employability skills needed to succeed in postsecondary education and in-demand careers;
- supporting students by having them recognize career interests and goals; and
- identifying and using effective instructional practices and technological supports in teaching students needed soft skills, transition skills, as well as guiding them to use higher-order-thinking or metacognitive skills in the workplace and everyday life.

Adult education funded participants will be reimbursed according to state travel guidelines (refer to Program Memo ADED 23-06 for full Travel Policy Guidelines). Only one car per 4 participants can receive mileage reimbursement unless prior written authorization from Dr. Trenia Miles, Director, Division of Workforce Services, Adult Education Section, has been obtained. For 1-day trainings, participants must live or work (whichever is closer) 150 miles or more from Little Rock in order to receive lodging reimbursement for the night before. Total maximum lodging reimbursement per night is \$107 plus tax. Participants must submit an original signed hotel receipt for reimbursement. Please refer to the AALRC website for a list of nearby hotels and parking instructions – <https://aalrc.org/contact-us/>.

Registration is open! Access registration by clicking this link: http://www.escweb.net/ar_esc.

The Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center ensures equitable access and participation in federally funded Title II programs and meets the requirements of Section 427 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). Participants should contact the AALRC at 1-800-832-6242 or info@aalrc.org regarding any special needs required during training, such as accessibility needs, special equipment needs, learning needs and dietary restrictions. In addition, The AALRC will ensure equitable access and participation in Adult Education activities conducted with federal adult education funds.