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TO: Adult Education and Literacy Council Directors
FROM: Dr. Shelia Wilkerson, Professional Development Coordinator
DATE: November 4, 2024
SUBJECT: Professional Development/Training Opportunity

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

**Overcoming Reading Barriers of Adult Learners (AALRC)
November 21, 2024 ■ Session ID: 542970**

This training is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., at the AALRC. Attendees may valet park in the building parking deck and the AALRC will validate. For directions to the AALRC and a listing of nearby hotels, click here: <https://aalrc.org/contact-us/>. Latanza Atkins, Dyslexia Specialist with Southeast Arkansas Educational Service Cooperative, is the presenter.

This training is designed to equip adult education teachers with the knowledge and strategies needed to help adult learners overcome common reading barriers. The course will cover various challenges such as dyslexia, attention difficulties, limited vocabulary, learned helplessness, and low self-esteem. Teachers will learn practical techniques to support their students in improving reading comprehension and overall literacy skills. By the end of this course, teachers will be able to:

- Identify and understand various reading barriers
- Implement effective strategies to support adult learners
- Foster a positive and inclusive learning environment
- Enhance learners' reading comprehension and literacy skills

Who Should Attend: This course is ideal for all adult education teachers, literacy tutors, and educators working with adult learners who face reading challenges.

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, Arkansas Workforce Connections, Adult Education Office, 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 \$110 plus tax. Participants must submit an original signed hotel receipt for reimbursement. **Registration is open! Click here to register: 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.