



TO: Adult Education and Literacy Council Directors

FROM: Dr. Shelia Wilkerson, Professional Development Coordinator

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SUBJECT: Professional Development/Training Opportunity

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

Applying TSTM Principles in all Levels of Learning from ESL to ABE (AALRC) March 6, 2025 ■ Session ID: 542546

This training is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 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/. Dana Rockwell, Jane Baldwin, Deanna Bruce, and Anne Bonkofsky, are the presenters.

This Teaching Skills that Matter (TSTM) training will be an introduction for some and a continuation for others. The purpose is to support adult education teachers in all classrooms using standard principles relevant to all levels of adult education. The TSTM in Adult Education project trains teachers to integrate the skills that matter to adult students using approaches that work across critical topics. Using the project's tools and resources (Toolkit Index - divides the resources into appropriate NRS levels), adult education teachers will learn techniques on how to teach the transferable skills students need in these critical contexts.

Adult education funded participants will be reimbursed according to state travel guidelines (refer to Program Memo ADED 24-05 for full Travel Policy Guidelines). Local programs will be reimbursed mileage for one vehicle per four (4) participants and a second vehicle when more than four (4) attend an approved meeting, without advanced written permission from the Director of Adult Education. For 1-day trainings, participants must live or work (whichever is closer) 150 miles or more from meeting location 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.