

Breakout Session G 9:50 AM – 10:50 AM

Volunteers as Customers: Love 'Em or Lose 'Em

Vicki Clark, Building the Capacity of Organizations

Building a mission-driven, dynamic team of volunteers is essential to the success of your organization. Now more than ever, attracting and engaging volunteers requires considering their needs and never taking them for granted. This session will help you think strategically about your organization's relationship with volunteers, including trends in volunteering, what motivates volunteers, and how a bit of "customer service" can help you keep them engaged.

TABE 11/12 and TASC Updates and Previews

Mike Johnson, Data Recognition Corporation

This session provides an overview of the new TABE 11/12 tests. This overview describes the new subtest structure and length, testing time, item types and alignment to NRS EFLs and adult education standards, relevance to high school equivalency tests, and improved Locator. Participants will also learn about online and offline computer-based testing options for TABE and TASC, as well as new scanning options for TABE 11/12. Finally, we will provide an update on the new TASC J, K & L test forms and provide an update on the most frequently missed areas of the TASC test.

Make Your Point — Translating Data into Impact

Hailey Law & Kathryn Kiser, Midland Need to Read

A beginner's guide to creating dynamic visuals with your organization's data. Learn to utilize Microsoft Excel for more than math.

Independent Learners

Pranjali Mardhekar Davidson

Learn practical ideas you can use in the classroom to train and encourage learners to become autonomous and take responsibility of their own learning by giving them agency/choice and making classroom activities more relevant to their daily lives.

Immigrants Today and their Contributions

Denzil Mohammed, The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

Develop an asset-based perspective on immigrants in the U.S. with the latest facts and learn how policy changes threaten all Americans.

Written Expression Disabilities

AnneMarie Molinari-Sanders & Beth Ponder, TRAIN PD @ TCALL

This presentation focuses on learning disabilities (LD) affecting written expression. Two types of written expression disabilities and their associated characteristics will be discussed, and appropriate accommodations identified.

PIACC: Implications for AEL Practice in a Workplace Context

Federico Salas-Isnardi, Literacy Texas & Karl Haigler, Haigler Enterprises International, Inc.

This session will introduce participants to the PIAAC assessment framework and explore the implications of the 2013 results for the competitiveness of the U.S. workforce. The focus will be on what can be learned from the assessment as it relates to a more contextualized, functional method for teaching reading and numeracy.

Pronunciation Tool Box for your Adult ESL class

Marcie Smith, Intercambio Uniting Communities

Help your student be understood in this engaging workshop. Participants will receive tools and learn specific ways to teach pronunciation.