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FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

United Way of Greater Houston: 50 Waugh Drive, Houston, TX 77007

SCHEDULE OUTLINE

- 8:30 AM **Check-in** begins for pre-registered attendees
Symposium opens
Greetings, welcome, introductions
- 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Breakout Session 1 (90 min)**
Choose from 3 sessions – details on following pages
- 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Breakout Session 2 (90 min)**
Choose from 3 sessions – details on following pages
- 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM **Working Lunch & General Session**
- 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM **Breakout Session 3 (90 min)**
Choose from 3 sessions – details on following pages
- 3:00 PM **Wrap-Up, farewell**



Find more details about the sessions on the Literacy Texas website.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

8:30 AM

CHECK-IN OPENS FOR PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES

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Gloria Taylor-Spruce – Adult Education Center
Dr. Jenny McCormack Walker – Literacy Texas

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Breakout Session 1 (90 min)

iSmart Teaching: Leveraging AI Across Literacies

Jacqueline Aguilera, Mayor's Office of Adult Literacy - Houston

Calling all adventurous adult educators! Dive into the magical world of AI integration for Adult Education! Unleash AI-powered reading wizardry. Embark on a quest with AI companions to conquer GED challenges. Blast off to the ESL Galaxy, where AI translators bridge language gaps faster than a rocket. Mix AI-generated health tips and tools for enriched minds, bodies, and workforce options. Turn budgeting woes into gold with the wave of a fin-tech wand! Decode alien scripts, decipher cryptic messages, and explore parallel universes—all while sipping cosmic coffee!

Transitions for ABE/ASE – Part 1 of 2

Wayne Crandall, Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy & Learning

Come take a look at the concept of “transition” as both a process and a moment. Incorporate adult learning theory as you learn how to scaffold adult learners in areas such as effective communication in private and group conversations, teamwork, learning strategies, critical thinking, and recognizing and adjusting for bias. Additionally, take a look at the Transitions Integration Framework and specific activities to include in the classroom to help students develop the skills they will need beyond the GED, whether for further training and education or the workplace.

ESL Strategies Using Digital Literacy

Lindsay Kelley, Adult Education Center

In today's digital age, integrating technology into English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction is crucial for enhancing student engagement and improving language proficiency. This session, “ESL Strategies Using Digital Literacy,” is designed to equip educators with innovative tools and techniques to effectively incorporate digital literacy into your ESL programs.



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10:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Breakout Session 2 (90 min)**

The Importance of HI (Human Interaction)

Fran-Victoria Stephens, Story Square

Explore the critical role of human interaction in adult education. This session will highlight the importance of fostering meaningful connections and creating supportive learning environments to enhance student engagement and success.

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Why Your Program Needs to Offer Citizenship Classes, and the Resources to Get Started

Luis Garcia Alvarez, USA Hello

Join us for an insightful session on the critical importance of offering citizenship classes in your adult education program. Discover the transformative impact these classes can have on your community and learn about the essential resources and best practices for getting started.

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM **WORKING LUNCH & GENERAL SESSION**

Transformative Literacy: Incorporating Workforce Certification into Your Program – and How Workforce Solutions Can Help!

Danielle Knotts, H-GAC/Workforce Solutions

Unlock the power of transformative literacy by integrating workforce certification programs into your educational offerings. This session will guide you through the benefits of workforce certifications and demonstrate how partnering with Workforce Solutions can enhance your program’s impact.



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1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Breakout Session 3 (90 min)

A Teacher's Dozen

Elinore Ramos; Ana Maria Aparicio Jovel, BurlingtonEnglish

Dive into “A Teacher’s Dozen” by BurlingtonEnglish, a powerful toolkit designed to elevate your ESL teaching practices. This session will introduce you to twelve essential strategies and resources that can transform your classroom experience and boost student outcomes.

Structured Literacy for All: Reading Instruction That Works for All Learners

Lara Speights, Neuhaus Education Center

Explore the transformative approach of structured literacy, designed to meet the diverse needs of all learners. This session will provide an in-depth look at how structured literacy methods can enhance reading instruction, ensuring that every student has the tools to succeed.

Transform your ABE/HSE Classroom with New Readers Press Online Learning

Rachel Budde, ProLiteracy

New Readers Press Online Learning is a focused digital curriculum intended for learners who need foundational, intermediate, or advanced skills focused on the ultimate goal of achieving high school equivalency. Find out how these digital courses, designed for adult learners, can increase student success on TABE/CASAS and HiSET/GED exams while providing you with valuable data to guide your instruction – all using built-in assessments along the way!

3:00 PM

WRAP-UP & FAREWELL