



### OTAN Moodle Sunsetting in December 2022

OTAN has partnered with CAEP-TAP to form the California Distance Learning Cooperative (CDLC) to offer the Canvas Learning Management System via Instructure to all adult education agencies within California. More information regarding the CDLC can be found [on this flyer](#) and in our Page 2 article.

With this partnership, OTAN will move away from our Moodle [adultedcourses.org](#) website. Our goal is to have all Moodle users migrate to Canvas at their earliest convenience but before the end of December 2022. This should provide sufficient time for course migration and teacher training.

OTAN Developed and Shared Courses are being migrated and should be available for use on Canvas by December 2022.

For questions or more information, please email [AECanvas@scoe.net](mailto:AECanvas@scoe.net)



### Inside This Issue:

- ★ Working in Partnership
- ★ Change is Constant for Support
- ★ Students Succeed Nominations

## TDLS 2022 Coming Soon!

Mark your calendar for another FREE Virtual Technology and Distance Learning Symposium! #TDLS22 from March 2 to 4 will bring EdTech minds together to share our best practices, innovative teaching strategies, and engaging content, with examples you can immediately put into practice in your online, hybrid, hyflex, and in-person classrooms and programs! TDLS is one of the main ways that OTAN has supported the adult education field for many years, whether in-person or virtually like this year and last.

We are extremely excited to announce Leslie Fisher as our keynote speaker! Leslie specializes in K–12 EdTech conference and event presentation services, as well as on-site and online professional development. She previously worked for Apple as a K–12 Senior Systems Engineer, working closely with K–12 educators as well as Apple corporate on product information and direction. Leslie now owns her own company, Fisher Technologies Inc. To learn more about Leslie Fisher, visit her website at [leslifisher.com](http://leslifisher.com).



Leslie Fisher

Leslie is a popular name in education technology. She will capture your attention, show you amazing EdTech tools, and feed your passion for technology! She is fun, energetic, funny, and motivational. Leslie's speeches and presentations leave you believing in the power of EdTech and what it can do for you and your students.

It is no secret that adult educators, coordinators, support staff, and administrators throughout the state are looking for ways to manage teaching and working in blended, online, and face-to-face settings. OTAN is always

looking for ways to best serve our colleagues in the field, and TDLS will include sessions, discussions, and workshops that address a variety of topics. The TDLS three-day lineup is designed to meet the needs of adult educator schedules with sessions offered in the morning and afternoon. Registration opens in January. Please visit [tdls.otan.us](http://tdls.otan.us) to register and for information regarding TDLS attendance, an at-a-glance schedule, and archived presentations. 🌐

# Working in Partnership to Provide Support

Over the last year or so, OTAN has worked with CDE and its fellow state leadership projects to develop new tools designed to support the adult education field. We detail three below:

## The Continuous Improvement Plan

The Continuous Improvement Plan (or CIP) was developed under the direction of the CDE to assist agencies with program monitoring and development. The CIP asks agencies to consider current relevant data, write specific performance goals, and identify strategies for achieving continuous improvement and learner success. The 2022 CIP will allow for the review of data from prior years and will now include the review of previous goals.

The CIP portal will open on February 1. To support the field, training will be offered from February through April via OTAN's TDLS and other scheduled sessions. Training will address strategies to help support the writing of SMART goals and approaches to reviewing data and making the process useful for adult education programs. If you have questions about the plan and its content, please reach out to your CDE Regional Consultant via email. The CIP is due April 30.



license fees. Using Canvas can help those learners transitioning from adult education into California state colleges and universities. The offer is extended to K–12 adult education agencies, county offices of education, and community-based organizations that receive state or federal adult education funding. (Community college programs, however, are exempt.)

Canvas is well known as a powerful LMS and is used worldwide.

To learn about the advantages of the CDLC, please check out the [Benefits Flyer](#). For additional information, or to sign up to join the Cooperative, contact [AECanvas@scoe.net](mailto:AECanvas@scoe.net).

## The California EL Civics Exchange

OTAN and CASAS joined together to create the California EL Civics Exchange, a repository for original EL Civics instructional materials created by California WIOA agencies. These materials can be used to teach EL Civics content to English language learners as part of the 30 hours of instruction required in California before administering an EL Civics Assessment (COAAP).



## The California Distance Learning Cooperative

OTAN is partnering with CAEP-TAP through the California Distance Learning Cooperative (CDLC) to offer access to the Canvas Learning Management System by Instructure. Currently, this partnership offers all California adult education agencies their own instances of Canvas to use with adult learners. Benefits include lower costs, enhanced 24/7/365 support for both teachers and learners, access to Canvas Studio (a terrific multimedia tool), and incredibly low

Materials submitted on this site are licensed under Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial Share Alike (CC-BY-NC-SA) use, which allows agencies to share with appropriate credit to the authoring agency. In addition, these materials are accessible according to the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act (amended in 1998) and Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 recommendations. To learn more about the Exchange, visit [elcivics.otan.us](http://elcivics.otan.us)

# Change is Constant - Even for Support!

Several changes have happened to OTAN support this new year. OTAN Office Hours and the COVID-19 Field Support webpage have been retired - but resources are still available to meet the ongoing need for support.

OTAN Office Hours (OOH), launched in March 2020 in the wake of COVID-19 closing schools, has provided targeted support with apps, online setups, and troubleshooting issues adult educators experienced with technology. During 2021, OOH attendance waned as adult education programs began providing their own coaching sessions. Realizing that technical assistance is still needed, however, OTAN decided to replace OOH with individualized support. The same type of support will be given on an individual basis once OTAN receives a request. OTAN staff will create a virtual meeting

for one to three adult education staff, up to 30 minutes, to discuss and troubleshoot issues with technology.



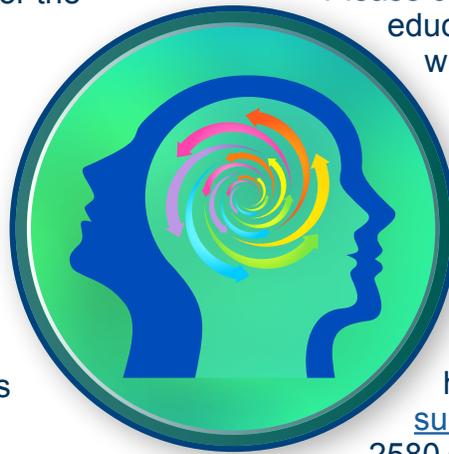
The other change is the retirement of the COVID-19 Field Support page on the OTAN website. Created in response to adult education programs going virtual overnight, the Field Support page contained resources and quick links to other helpful sites. The videos and presentations that were housed on the Field Support page can still be found, now housed in the [Video Presentations](#)

section of the OTAN website.

If you cannot find a resource, would like to schedule an individualized support meeting, or need another type of support, email us at [support@otan.us](mailto:support@otan.us) or use the Contact Us feature on the OTAN home page.

# Students Succeed Nominations Are Open!

Nominations are being accepted for the 2022 California Adult Education Students Succeed program! We are looking for outstanding students who are adults with significant life responsibilities, who have made positive contributions to the community, established and met life goals by attending an adult education program, improved the life situations of self and others, and overcome difficult circumstances in order to pursue adult learning experiences.



Please consider nominating a deserving adult education learner. The top four nominees will be honored at the CAEP Summit in October and ACSA's Leadership Summit in November. This is also a wonderful opportunity to highlight the great work going on at your adult education agency! The Nomination Form is online at [adulthoodlearners.org](http://adulthoodlearners.org). The deadline to submit is Friday, April 15. If you have any questions, please contact [support@otan.us](mailto:support@otan.us) or call us at 916-228-2580.



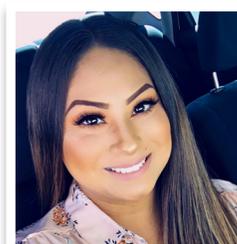
America Moreno  
2021

Students Succeed Winner



Miami Abdula  
2021

Students Succeed Winner



Crystal Espinoza  
2020

Students Succeed Winner



Logan Hindle  
2020

Students Succeed Winner

## Techie's Tech Tip

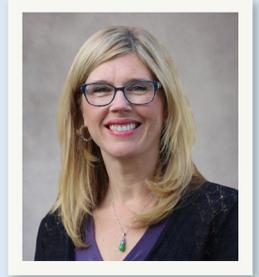
We've been washing our hands constantly for almost two years now after touching door handles, handrails, or pumping gas, but some of us don't think twice about washing our hands after touching our mobile devices! With that reminder, here are some tips to clean your device the correct way and not damage it.



- Power down your phone and remove it from its case; clean both the phone and its case.
- Use a formula made specifically for electronic devices. Using a formula with too much rubbing alcohol, for example, may strip the special coatings that keep oil and water from damaging the touchscreen technology on your device display.
- Use lint-free wipes. Paper towels or other cloths can be abrasive and may end up leaving scratches on your screen. ❌

## From the Adult Education Director

There is an exciting project underway! OTAN has teamed with a renowned expert in the field to develop guidance on effective research-based digital learning strategies and best practices for adult educators and their students. Along with OTAN, its sister state leadership projects and the California Department of Education, and content-area experts, the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) will establish digital learning guidance with an expected release date of June 2022. This guidance will acknowledge the practical examples learned from the pandemic while focusing on incorporating instructional design and effective andragogy using technology, assessing student achievement in online learning, and fostering healthy, equitable, and inclusive digital communities.



OTAN will invite advisory and stakeholder input from members with content expertise, educators, students, and advocacy groups around topics such as equity and access, preparing teachers for online learning, adopting flexible instructional design models, and designing meaningful online and blended learning experiences. If you would like to get involved, I encourage you to connect with OTAN or with me directly.

As always, please consider OTAN as a partner in your upcoming professional learning plans! Check out our [OTAN website](#) and the [California Adult Education Professional Development Calendar](#) for the latest opportunities and resources! 🌐

*Renee Collins*  
Adult Education Director



Scan these QR codes to learn more about these exciting OTAN resources!



The beginning of the year is a great time to update your OTAN membership. Review your account to make sure your contact information is up to date!

Visit the OTAN Technology and Distance Learning Symposium website to learn more about TDLS and to register for this year's conference!

OTAN activities are funded by contract CN200091 from the Adult Education Office, in the Career & College Transition Division, California Department of Education, with funds provided through Federal P.L., 105-220, Section 223. However, OTAN content does not necessarily reflect the position of that department or the U.S. Department of Education.