

Save the Date! Technology and Distance Learning Symposium: March 13-14, 2015 San Leandro Adult School



OTAN and San Leandro Adult School invite you to join us for two days of new information, dynamic presentations, and plenty of hands-on skill development to start or grow your blended/distance programs and enhance technology integration! Registration opens in November for agencies that are a part of the adult education provider network funded through the California Department of Education Adult Education Office. Call for proposals will close on November 15, 2014. New this year, registration is \$25, limited to 200 participants, and will be open from November 15, 2014 to March 3, 2015.

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AB 86: Connecting with Technology

A visitor to the AB86.cccco.edu Website is greeted by the words “collaborating to better serve the educational needs of adults.” Exciting to OTAN is the variety of technology tools that are being so efficiently used. As the 70 Adult Education Regional Consortia across the state are working hard and fast to submit the final reports by March 1, 2015, many are using Google Drive to compile the data and narratives provided by the many stakeholders. Time is of the essence and when using collaborative online writing tools, there is only one version that is accessible to all—the most recent—and with a record of every edit made.




A page on the AB 86 Website offers links to tools for collaboration such as Doodle, a meeting planner. Another part of the Website houses templates shared by the consortia. For a quick reference, anyone can access the Technical Assistance and Informational Webinars—all 30 of them with audio recordings and downloadable presentations. While writing this article, the author is watching the live stream from the state summit on October 6 and 7.

OTAN is housed at the Sacramento County Office of Education and

has been participating, as a partner, in the work of the Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC), which is comprised of 16 members and 21 partners from throughout the Los Rios Community College District geographical boundary. During the first CAERC Literacy Summit on September 11, 2014, smaller groups captured some key points from conversations using an online bulletin wall on Padlet.

The CAERC Website, www.capitaladulthood.org, provides the list of members and partners, minutes, calendar and work products.

Similarly, 21 other consortia have publicized links to their official Websites in an effort to provide clear channels of communication.

The next step will be to establish and maintain a robust social media presence which can be a powerful tool for marketing and affecting political decisions. We hope there will be more consortia following in the footsteps of educators using Twitter, Facebook and other social media to get the word out about the great work adult educators are doing to rethink, redesign and improve an adult education system that will provide learners with the academic and career skills needed to enhance their success. 

Community Model of Online Learning (CMOL) Pilot Project

OTAN issued a Request for Proposals to fund three regional pilot projects for the purpose of increasing the quantity, quality, and effectiveness of online and blended instruction to support adult learners. Congratulations to the following selected projects!

Baldwin Park Adult and Community Education

Led by Dr. John Kerr

This project will focus on three overarching math goals:

- Passing the High School Equivalency math test
- Transitioning students to vocational training
- Preparing students for entry in college math courses for credit

Fairfield-Suisun Adult School

Led by Kay Hartley

The goal of this project is to establish an online learning community in Solano County designed to prepare adults with math, writing, and college readiness/coping skills enabling successful transition into post-secondary education or career technical education.

Torrance Adult School

Led by Dr. Wayne Diulio

Torrance Adult School intends to:

- increase the number of students supported within college-to-adult school outreach programs
- improve student success rates on common placement exams such as Accuplacer and ACT/SAT (e.g. increase the number of students who place directly into college-level math)
- reduce the amount of time students spend in remedial math programs
- accelerate student progress toward math goals

Pilot projects will work with local community college districts and other entities to provide over 300 students with math and transition skills. Any resources created from the CMOL pilot projects will be shared via the OTAN Website. 



OTAN Welcomes OTAC v5 and TIMAC Cohort 11


OTAC and TIMAC are year-long professional development projects supporting efforts by adult education agencies to implement the effective use of technology and online instructional delivery with the goal of improving student learning outcomes.

Online Teaching Academy offers training and support for the initiation and development of online instruction in a variety of delivery models. Specific focus is on learning management systems and effective practices in online teaching and learning. During the project in 2014-15, participants will complete an online course, Teaching Students in Blended Classrooms, facilitated by EdTech Leaders Online.

OTAC v5 participants are from: Cerritos College, Downey Adult School, Fremont Adult & Continuing Education, LAUSD/DACE Harbor Service Center, Mt. San Jacinto

College, Oroville Adult Education, Palo Alto Adult School, Pittsburg Adult Education Center, San Mateo Adult School, and Santa Rosa Junior College.

The Technology Integration Mentor Academy focuses on integrating technology into classroom instruction. Participants create online resources such as Websites, wikis, blogs, and social networks to extend learning beyond the classroom and use interactive devices to increase the effectiveness of instruction.

TIMAC Cohort 11 participants are from: Berkeley Adult School, California Community Opportunities, Corona-Norco Adult School, El Monte Rosemead Adult School, Folsom Cordova Adult School, Learning Quest, Mary Lind Recovery Centers, Mount San Antonio College, North Orange County CCD SCE, Stanislaus Literacy Center, and Vista Adult School. 



OTAN offers free online workshops to meet the demands of busy adult educators. The sessions last from one to two hours. Visit the Website at www.otan.us/training for descriptions, schedules, and registration. If you do not see the professional development workshop you need, contact OTAN at support@otan.us with your request for a customized online workshop.

Social Media, Privacy, and Safety for Adult Education

- Digital Literacy and Citizenship Toolkit
- EL Civics: Digital Literacy & Internet Safety
- Privacy, Practice, Presence, and You
- Social Media for Adult Education

Mobile Technology in Adult Education

- Mobile Devices in Adult Education Part 1
- Mobile Devices in Adult Education Part 2
- Using iPads in Adult Education (*New!*)

Moodle Series

- Moodle v2: Create a Course Website
- Moodle v2: Add a Synchronous Meeting Activity
- Moodle v2: Communication in Your Online Course
- Moodle v2: Creating Rubrics for Criteria-Based Assessment
- Moodle v2: Getting the Most out of the Gradebook
- Moodle v2: Integrate Learn360 Media into Moodle
- Moodle v2: Using the Quiz Activity to Assess Students

Online/Blended Teaching

- Creating a High-Quality Online Course
- Orienting Students to Online Learning
- So You Want to Teach Online?
- Open Educational Resources and AE (*New!*)
- Paper (Tests) to Pixels: Lessons Learned (*New!*)
- Soft Skills for Career Success (*New!*)

Productivity Tools

- Create Quick and Easy PowerPoint Slide Shows for Instruction
- Interactive Whiteboards - Creating Student Activities
- Interactive Quizzing with PowerPoint - Part 1
- Interactive Quizzing with PowerPoint - Part 2
- Data + Mail Merge = Magic!

Online Tools

- An Online Presence for Teachers
- Citizenship Preparation Technology Resources (*New!*)
- Create FREE Online Quizzes
- Creating Websites - Wix and Google Sites
- ePortfolios for Empowered Students and Happy Teachers
- Google Tools and Drive
- Google Voice in Adult Education (*New!*)
- Simple Free Web Tools to Use with Your Students
- Using the Teaching with Technology Search Tool to Enhance Your Lessons
- Tech Skills for the 2014 HSE (GED) Exam

Support for Online Workshops

- Speak Up Online

Online Workshop Requirements

- Hard-wired, high-speed Internet access
- Administrative rights on the computer you are using
- Computer with speaker or headphones
- Microphone (optional, but encouraged)
- Active e-mail account and OTAN login (required for registration)
- Workshops without a minimum of six participants are subject to cancellation
- Preferred browsers are Firefox, Internet Explorer, and Safari (Chrome does not work well with Adobe Connect)



OTAN Face-to-Face Workshops

2014-2015

Outreach and Technical Assistance Network: www.otan.us/training

OTAN offers free face-to-face, hands-on, technology-related workshops. Many of these workshops can be offered in two parts (three hours each) for a more in-depth approach on a topic. To schedule a face-to-face workshop for your school, contact support@otan.us or call 1-800-894-3113. If you do not see the professional development workshop you need, contact OTAN with your request for a customized face-to-face session.

Visit the Website at www.otan.us/training or find the Training tab at the bottom of the OTAN homepage and follow the links for detailed descriptions.

- Advanced PowerPoint 2010 for Adult Education
- Be Productive and Create Classroom Activities Using Word 2010
- Beginning PowerPoint 2010 for Adult Education
- Citizenship Preparation Resources for Adult Education *(New!)*
- Creating Web Pages with Weebly
- Creating Websites with Google
- EL Civics: Digital Literacy & Internet Safety
- Google Tools and Drive I
- Google Tools and Drive II
- Interactive Whiteboards - Creating Student Activities
- Internet Resources for ESL/EL Civics Teachers
- Internet Resources for Adult Ed Teachers
- Mobile Devices in Adult Education
- Moodle: Create a Course Website
- Open Education Resources for Adult Educators *(New!)*
- Social Media for Adult Education
- Using iPads in Adult Education *(New!)*

Face-to-Face Workshop Requirements

- A list of ten registered participants must be provided to OTAN two weeks prior to the workshop
- The lab must have at least one computer for every individual enrolled in the class - including the instructor
- The lab must have high-speed Internet
- All computers must have current Internet browsers (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, or Chrome) and Adobe Acrobat Reader
- All Microsoft Office workshops require the appropriate Microsoft Office version to be installed on all computers
- Some workshops may have other requirements



Adult Education Students Succeed Program

2013-2014 Honorees

The California Adult Education Students Succeed program identifies learners who have reached their goals as a result of their participation in the adult education system. The project disseminates the stories of these former students and the exemplary programs that assisted them. To participate in the project, nominations may be submitted by any California adult education agency at any time. Agencies can access the videos, some of which have accompanying lesson plans, online at the www.adultedlearners.org Website that is maintained by the Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN). Student success stories may be highlighted at conferences throughout California and distributed to local, regional, and state officials.

We would like to congratulate this year's accomplished honorees: Grely Mazariegos and Saul Godinez, both of Tamalpais Adult School. Thank you to Jaemi Naish, Program Coordinator/Counselor, for nominating this year's winners.



Grely Mazariegos Tamalpais Adult School, Class of 2012

Grely Mazariegos is a very hard-working individual who came to the United States from Guatemala. She worked diligently to learn English, first taking classes at the local

community college, College of Marin, until she was fluent in the English language. As a young working mother, she began her studies at Tamalpais Adult School in 2010 to earn a GED certificate of completion. Ms. Mazariegos made significant strides in her language acquisition and academics, passing the GED exam in May 2012. She now attends College of

Marin and intends to transfer to the University of California as a pre-med major. The inspiration to study medicine was gained through her direct experience caretaking for a disabled relative whom she cared about very much.



Saul Godinez Tamalpais Adult School, Class of 2014

Originally from Jalisco, Mexico, Saul Godinez came to California in 1985 after completing his education in technical drafting engineering. Due to economic reasons, he

had to put his studies on hold and begin work. After a variety of jobs, in 2001 he began working as a Family Resource Coordinator at Canal Alliance, a grassroots organization in Marin County. Mr. Godinez works with immigrants in the community who designate learning English and earning a living wage as a primary goal. He is the father of four children, one who graduated from high school in June 2014. Mr. Godinez began GED preparation classes in August of 2013. Completing a GED had been a long-term goal of his for several years. Mr. Godinez was an eager and active participant at Tamalpais Adult School in the GED Program. In addition to teacher-directed instruction, he logged between five and ten hours per week studying online from home throughout the Fall 2013 semester. As a full-time employee, father, and student, being able to study online proved to be a great benefit to him. In December 2013, he passed the GED exam! He credits the GED program offered by Tamalpais Adult School as the reason for his rapid success. Mr. Godinez plans to continue community college classes and is a shining example of the students involved in adult education across California. 🌐

Technology and Distance Learning Plan 2014-15

The new Technology and Distance Learning plan online form is now open for submissions and is due on January 31, 2015. Seven online orientations are scheduled in October and November. Contact OTAN for technical assistance. 🌐

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Upcoming Workshops

OTAN has a variety of free online and face-to-face workshops that cover best practices and technical skills needed to integrate social media, digital literacy, mobile technology, online/blended teaching, productivity and online tools, and more into your teaching. Visit www.otan.us/training for complete workshop descriptions, schedules, and registration information. Workshops are online unless marked as F2F (face-to-face) with a site location.


- **Technology and Distance Learning Plan 2014-15, Orientation**
11/10/2014 12:00 p.m.
- **EL Civics: Digital Literacy and Internet Safety**
11/14/2014 12:00 p.m.
- **Using iPads in Adult Education (F2F – Los Angeles USD)**
11/14/2014 1:00 p.m.
- **Social Media for Adult Education**
11/19/2014 12:00 p.m.
- **Moodle v2: Getting the Most out of the Gradebook**
11/20/2014 2:00 p.m.

From the Executive Director

Many AB 86 regional consortia are reporting a great deal of success in creating new connections and building a spirit of collaboration. As noted in the lead article of this *OTAN Online Connection*, a variety of technology tools are being used to help foster that collaboration and share information more broadly.



Promoting and supporting effective use of distance learning is one of OTAN's continuing objectives. To that end, OTAN is honored to support a Community Model of Online Learning pilot project. Congratulations to Baldwin Park, Fairfield-Suisun and Torrance Adult Schools for submitting winning proposals. We look forward to sharing results from their projects over the coming year.

OTAN is pleased to announce the 2015 Technology and Distance Learning Symposium. Watch the OTAN Website during November for more information. 

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