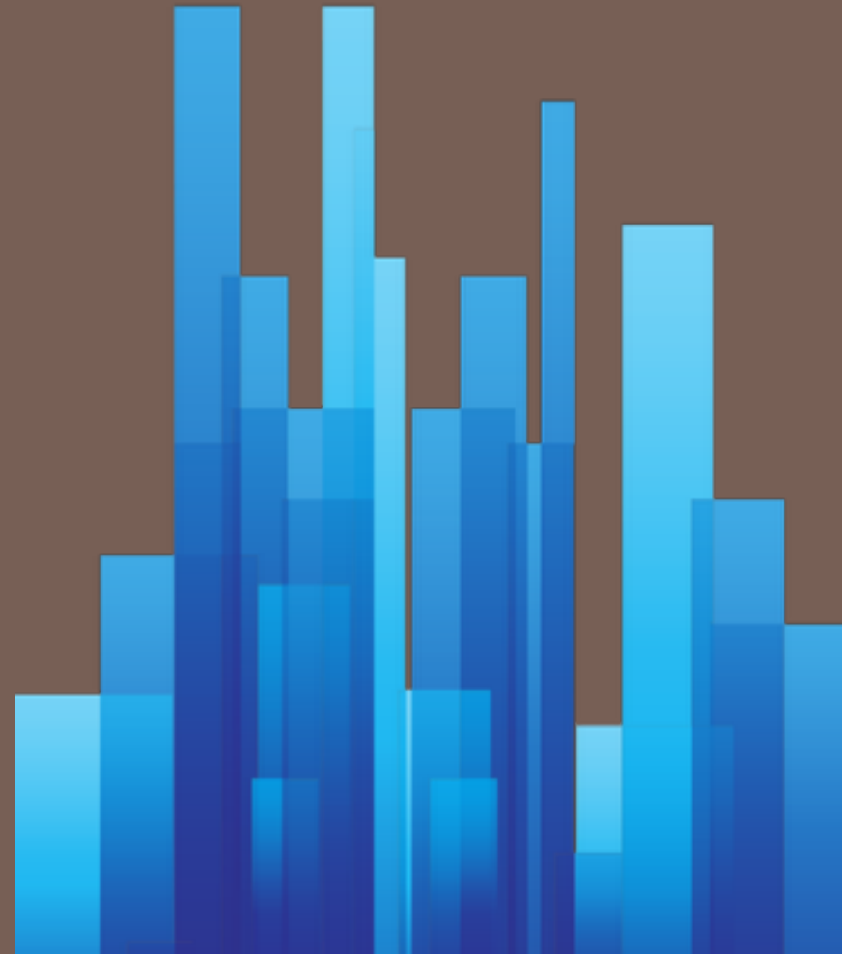




LITERACY ACTION NETWORK

# ABE FOUNDATIONS PART 4



Professional Development and Supplemental Services

# Objectives

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- Answer questions
- Examine who Supplemental Service Providers *are* and what they *do*
- Explore Supplemental Service Providers websites
- Look at upcoming professional development events
- Make your own professional development plan

# Questions/Concerns from previous webinars...

- Licensure questions – how does licensure apply to ABE? What licenses are accepted? Who offers ABE licenses in MN? What is an ABE certificate and how does that differ from an ABE license? Which do I need?
- How do consortia work? Program part of bigger consortium – When do they work together and on what?

# ABE Jargon

Quiz on Acronyms?

# Thinking back on this year...



- Reflect on what you know/struggled with
- Consider where you might want more knowledge/help/information

# Supplemental Services



# Supplemental Services

- By law, 3% of state ABE appropriation is used to support supplemental services through grants from the MDE-ABE offices.
- The purpose of these grants is to provide assistance to all approved ABE programs in a variety of areas.

# ABE Supplemental Services

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# ATLAS

Who

What

Where

Why

When

- ABE Teaching and Learning Advancement System (ATLAS)
- In conjunction with MDE, leads PD initiatives and activities statewide
- Based on standards, grounded in research, shaped by evaluation
- Part of Hamline University School of Education in St. Paul
- Look to ATLAS as a great starting place for any PD needs, anytime

# ATLAS Website

- [PD Initiatives](#)
  - [Resources](#)
  - [Calendar](#)
  - [Staff](#)
- [atlasabe.org](https://atlasabe.org)



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Support



# LAN

Who

What

Where

Why

When

- Literacy Action Network (LAN)
- Statewide professional membership nonprofit organization
  - ▣ facilitates statewide PD
  - ▣ hosts annual ABE Summer Institute (over 500 participants attend each year)
  - ▣ key in adult diploma development

Additional work (funded by membership fees and not through supplemental services grants):

- ▣ advocates/lobbies for ABE
  - championed an 11.4% ABE funding increase

# LAN Website

- [Join](#)
- [History](#)
- [ABE Foundations](#)
- [Summer Institute](#)
- [Web Chat with MNAB](#)
- [literacyactionnetwork.org](http://literacyactionnetwork.org)



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# The MLC

Who

What

Where

Why

When

- The Minnesota Literacy Council (MLC)
- provides educational services
  - ▣ six adult learning centers
- strengthens literacy programs across MN
  - ▣ ABE curricula and lesson plans
  - ▣ volunteer tutor training
  - ▣ online courses for ABE practitioners and volunteers
- engages MN in the cause
  - ▣ volunteer recruitment
  - ▣ Americorp Volunteers in Service (VISTA) programs + change in VISTA policy
  - ▣ works to increase ABE funding in MN

# The MLC Website

- [Volunteer info](#)
- [Curricula/Lessons](#) (under Educators)
- [Journeys books](#) (student stories)
- Courses
  - training for educators
  - courses for adult learners
  - discussion board
  - MN Partnership for Collaborative Curriculum

- [mnliteracy.org](http://mnliteracy.org)



- [online.themlc.org](http://online.themlc.org)



# MNABE DL website

- [Northstar Digital Literacy Project](#)
    - assessments
    - standards
  - [Approved DL platforms](#)
  - [Digital literacy](#)
  - [Resources](#)
  - [PD through online courses](#)
  - [FAQs](#)
- [mn-distancelearning.org](http://mn-distancelearning.org)



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# PANDA

Who

What

Where

Why

When

- Physical and Neurological Disabilities Assistance – (PANDA)
- MN ABE disability support, assistive technology, instructional strategies and resources
  - ▣ Learner intervention
  - ▣ MN disabilities website
  - ▣ Professional development
    - Courses available for CEUs [online.themlc.org](http://online.themlc.org)

# PANDA Website

- [Mission](#)
- [Services](#)
- [PD](#)
- [Mental health problems likely to affect ABE learners](#)
- [PANDA staff and contact info](#)
- [mn.abedisabilities.org](http://mn.abedisabilities.org)



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# SW ABE

Who

What

Where

Why

When

- Southwest ABE
- Assessment training
  - ▣ CASAS
  - ▣ TABE
- Support staff PD
- Support Professional Advisory Resource Committee (SPARC)
- Support staff conference

# SW ABE Website and others...

- Trains ABE professionals in ABE testing
  - [CASAS info](#)
  - [TABE info](#)
  - [TABE test prep](#)
  - [Contact for ABE assessment training](#)
  - [Support staff PPTs](#)
- [mnabeassessment.com](http://mnabeassessment.com)



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# The MWCA [mwca-mn.org](http://mwca-mn.org)

Who

What

Where

Why

When

- Minnesota Workforce Council Association (MWCA)
- transitions program support
- represents 16 WFCs around state
- provides leadership/direction tailored to individual community needs
- works w/ABE pgms to provide career planning, job placement to ABE learners
- trains at-risk, low-income youth
- collaborates with employers

# Which Supplemental Services Provider?

- ATLAS
- LAN
- MLC
- MWCA
- PANDA
- SW ABE



# Now....where does that leave *you*?



# Upcoming PD Events

Mark your  
calendars!

- March 23 – Metro Regional (St. Paul)
- April 13 – South Regional (Mankato)
- April 17 – Observing ESL Teachers through Videos
- April 19-20 – North Regional (Grand Rapids)
- May 4-5 – Math conference (Duluth)
- May 9 – MN ABE Web Chat
- May 17 – ESL Conversation Circles workshop
- May 23 – Teaching Multi-level ESL workshop

# Summer/ Fall PD Events

Summer Institute	August 14-17, 2018
Fall North Regional	October 25-26, 2018
MLC Fall Tutoring Kick off	October 27, 2018
Fall South Regional	November 2, 2018
Support Services Conference	November 8-9, 2018
Volunteer Management Conference	November 30, 2018

# Planning Your Own PD Adventure



# Thinking back on this year...

- Reflect
- Consider where you might want more knowledge/help/information
- Look at the Reflection and Planning worksheet
- Then we'll go back to the list of providers and the PD opportunities and see what might be a good match for future action

**Next Steps**

What **key challenges** will I face or have I faced in my work this year?

What do I want to **learn more** about in ABE?

I need the following **support**...

**Resources**

What **supplemental services or people** could help me?

What **online or other resources** could help me?

Which **conferences or workshops** could help me?



# Your adventure begins...

