KYAE launches new website

Kentucky Adult Education launched its new website (www.kyae.ky.gov) on January 14, 2017. Toni Quire, associate for system support, led the website redesign efforts for KYAE. “The new site’s design is much cleaner and the navigation is much more intuitive,” Toni says. “We hope that visitors find it to be helpful and easy to use.”

The site, which has been in development for a couple of years, was designed in conjunction with the Council on Postsecondary Education’s new site (www.cpe.ky.gov); they feature similar designs and functionalities.

The KYAE site offers each of its three core audiences – students (current, past and potential future), educators and employers – quick, clean and clear access to the most-often-sought information.

Toni says, “We are really proud of our new website, and we are looking forward to continuing to develop it so that it is an even more valuable resource.”

If you would like to share feedback on the new site – or if you find any issues that need to be addressed (such as broken links), please contact Toni at toni.quire@ky.gov or (502) 892-3056.

New, improved KYAE Lesson Bank launching soon

The new and improved online KYAE Lesson Bank will be launched soon. This new lesson bank allows you to search for and download lessons, as well as create an account and save lessons in your own folder. The lesson bank contains nearly 100 lessons, including these two, which you may want to use with your students:

- **RLA – Author’s Point of View**, Lesson #4 from the seven-lesson unit, Mining for Truth with Point of View, by Sarah Simpson, Martin County Instructor
- **Mathematics – Volume of Prisms and Pyramids**, Lesson #1 from the five-lesson unit, Volume and Surface Area by Ashley Gootee, Muhlenberg County Instructor
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KYAE will follow this announcement up with additional information and technical assistance on the conditions mentioned above in an effort to fully inform programs and their fiscal agents as to (legal and programmatic) expectations for FY17-18 extended contracts.

Program directors participate in three days of KYAE-hosted sessions

On January 25-27, 2017, Kentucky Adult Education program directors spent three days in Lexington, where they participated in the professional development team-led Program Director Institute: Getting Better Together and the administrative leadership team-led Directors’ Meeting: Unpacking WIOA. During the one-day Program Director Institute Session, led by Lori Looney, directors learned about promising practices, explored andragogy and the snowball-to-avalanche student questioning strategy, and analyzed a contextualized adult education lesson. Lori is the director of the Morehead State University-based Adult Education Academy. During the two-day Directors’ Meeting, hosted by the KYAE administrative leadership team and led by Dr. Cody Davidson, directors worked to develop a deeper understanding of key elements of WIOA through listening to presentations from members of the KYAE administrative leadership team and participating in table talks and question-and-answer sessions. Cody is the director of administrative leadership for KYAE.

KYAE RFP process delayed until spring 2018

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Dollar General Adult Literacy Grant deadline is February 23

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation, through its Adult Literacy Grants, awards funding to nonprofit organizations that provide direct service to adults in need of literacy assistance. Organizations must provide help in one of the following instructional areas:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- GED® or high school equivalency preparation
- English Language Acquisition

The deadline to apply for a 2017 Adult Literacy Grant is February 23, 2017 (11:00 p.m. CST). To apply, click here. Family Literacy Grants are also available through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation; click here to apply. To view recipients of the 2016 Adult Literacy Grant, click here.
The Accelerating Opportunity Kentucky (AOKY) team in Jefferson County was presented with the Office for the Blind (OFB) Community Partnership Award on December 7, 2016. Pictured here at the awards ceremony are: Helga Gilbert, vocational rehabilitation administrator, OFB; Beth Kuhn, commissioner of workforce investment, Kentucky Education & Workforce Development Cabinet; John Greenwell, transitions coordinator, JCPS Adult Education; and Gina Embry, AOKY program director, Jefferson Community & Technical College.

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The Auditor of Public Accounts will be auditing 30 county programs. The program directors and authorizing agents of the selected programs will soon be notified.