A Picture Worth a Thousand Words: Visual Learning
In this session, we will discuss the how and why of using visuals in adult education. We will share research on the use of visuals and provide practical ways to incorporate them in your classroom. Join us to create our own classroom material

A Snapshot of Local Workforce Development Strategies
This panel of Title II representatives to local Workforce Development Boards and coalition members will share their experiences and promising practices at PA CareerLink®, Workforce Development Board, and coalition levels.

Achieving the Flipped ABE Classroom
Participants will learn how to implement the FLIPPED classroom and discuss how it affects learner outcomes. The Flipped classroom requires learners access class instruction using the internet so that class time can be spent on applying learned concepts during class.

Better Together! ScPA Coalition Title I and Title II Summit Presentation
Title I and Title II teams from the South-Central Region participated in a Summit sponsored by the ScPA Coalition. Today's presentation is a synopsis how we have transformed- Together – the services we provide to Title I & II clients throughout South Central Pennsylvania!

Blending Career, Academic, and English Learning Across the Digital Divide: Overcoming Technology Barriers to Innovation
New WIOA curriculum standards include digital literacy, but students' limited Internet access is a technology barrier. The presenter will share Side by Side's new eText technology innovations and describe the need to expand broadband access and bridge the digital divide.

Bridges Out of Poverty
Bridges Out of Poverty brings people from all sectors and economic classes together to improve job retention rates, build resources, improve outcomes and support those who are moving from poverty to self-sufficiency.

Building an Integrated Education and Training (IET) Model in South Central PA
Committing to the design and development of an Integrated Education and Training program is no small endeavor. This presentation will illustrate how two adult education agencies in Central PA collaborated with local work force development boards to implement numerous IETs.

Career Pathways in Adult Education Agencies: Case Studies from Chicago, Houston, and Miami
Learn how six adult education providers in Chicago, Houston, and Miami design and implement career pathways programs. The session will provide program snapshots and highlight findings related to access for lower-level adults, comprehensive support services, and outcome measures.

Collaboration Can Build Your Program
Collaboration can go a long way in building your program. Learn how Titusville Regional Literacy Council grew from one part-time employee and limited family literacy services to a full service agency with nine employees in less than three years.

Creating Authentic Listening and Speaking Opportunities
Do you struggle to find appropriately leveled and relevant listening activities for your adult ESL students? Learn a simple way to create your own audio for listening exercises and turn the same material into a speaking activity.

Developing and Sustaining Leadership
Through anecdotes of lessons learned, PAACE President Ryan Breisch will share his five principles of leadership. Participants will gain reassurance of their leadership style as well as inspiration and challenges to become better leaders.

Dictations!
In this session, we will explore a variety of dictation techniques that can be used to enhance your instruction and involve your ESL students in engaging reading, writing, speaking, listening, and pronunciation activities.

Effective Use of Technology with Adult Learners to Enhance Learning and Promote Digital Literacy
Digital literacy is an essential skill for adult learners. This session will demonstrate how to leverage technology to support adult learning and skill development in various contexts. Presenters will provide examples of how to apply technology to engage adult learners.

Empower Tutors through NEW Online Tutor Training Modules
Eight new online tutor training modules, a collaboration between the Professional Learning Opportunities Project (ProLO) and the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, are available to PDE-funded agencies. Come and learn how to get the most out of these modules in your program.

Empowering Math Skills through Manipulatives
Change your student's attitudes from fear to fun when it comes to math. Empower your students to gain mastery of math through the introduction of manipulatives and games to reinforce critical math concepts and meaningful strategies, all while having fun.

Empowering Visual Explanation: The Beauty of Graphic Literacy
This workshop will empower teachers and ALBSE and CCR learners to utilize visual explanations to extend their graphic literacy. Using traditional and innovative graphics, participants will discover the beauty of information in unlocking math, science, and social studies comprehension.

ETS High School Equivalency Testing (HiSET®) Program Updates
In 2016, the HiSET® exam became an affordable, accessible high school equivalency test option for Pennsylvania. This session will provide an overview on program updates. Participants will also be able to discuss questions regarding the exam with a program manager.

Fun and Effective Literacy Strategies for Informational Texts
This interactive workshop shows teachers how to incorporate research-based Fluency, Comprehension, and Vocabulary strategies into their classrooms. Teachers will learn pre-, during and post-reading strategies that require students to reread a text multiple times in order to understand it deeply.

GED Overview: New Tools and Resources for Educators and Students
This session will take a comprehensive look at the GED program. Participants will learn about the latest outcomes research on GED test-taker performance and also get insights on the latest tools and resources from GED Testing Service.

Goal Setting to Empower Beginning English Learners
How can teachers determine what English learners want to be able to do with English in their lives? This interactive session demonstrates several strategies that give teachers valuable information about learners' goals and ways to empower them to achieve.

Great Expectations: Title I and Title II Collaboration
The IU13's WIOA Youth Program (Title I) has been very successful in meeting outcomes for participants due to the collaboration with Title II programs. This collaboration supports and enhances the experience of each participant and leverages resources to maximize outcomes.

Hidden Data: Mining for Gems
By looking at NRS data in new ways – and collecting and organizing simple student data – you can close the data gap and improve your program's instruction, professional development, and student outcomes.

How We Learn: Growth Mindset and Student Goals
When one instructor observed students in her classes were accumulating hours rather than attempting their goals, she started utilizing Growth Mindset in the classroom. This session explores how the Growth Mindset is now used in Orientation to assist and inform students toward recognizing how they can utilize potential mistakes toward goal attainment rather than as setbacks or roadblocks. Participants will experience the materials as presented to students.

Immigrant Workforce Integration - Lessons Learned from the National Skills Coalition Immigrant Workforce Policy Academy
About one year ago, the National Skills Coalition created the Immigrant Workforce Policy Academy. About 30 practitioners from across the nation met online to explore policies that impact immigrant workers. In October of 2017, the group convened face to face in Nashville to share progress and barriers to effective immigrant integration. This workshop will provide an overview of the project and how to Pennsylvania adult education providers are implementing strategies and tactics to support effective integration.

Implementing Standards for Mathematical Practices
This presentation will provide an overview of the 8 Standards for Mathematical Practice and how to implement them in the adult basic education classroom. This presentation will provide the participants with an easy to understand description of each math practice and simple examples.

Learn about Goodling Family Literacy Resources!
Do you want to learn about family literacy professional development and resources? The Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy's website and online post-baccalaureate certificate provides a wealth of information and resources that can support your work in family literacy.

Lesson Routines: How to create structure and repeated practice in your tutoring sessions
Tutors need guidance in preparing a routine that will create a guideline for structure and repeated practice in their tutoring sessions. We will provide you with several examples that can be tailored by tutors.

Making Sense: Collecting Data that Matters
Join the conversation. Findings from surveys about family literacy funding and challenges are presented. We will also discuss common outcomes for family literacy programming and what data can be collected to measure value to make the case for family literacy.

Male Brains Are Not the Same: Teaching to Gender Differences
This highly entertaining workshop presents differences in male and female brain development that affect behavior and learning.   Teachers will learn that most school practices reinforce how women learn rather than men; consequently, men make up the majority of our failures.

New Tools for HSE Prep and Integrated Education and Training
Learn to use an Integrated Education and Training (IET) model to target the right skills to advance your students' goals. The new Life Essentials suite of software and CTE workbooks make multi-tasking easier for ABE/GED students and teachers, especially with our new professional development courses and updated TABE/GED/HiSET Academy lessons.

Perfect Pairing, Modeling, and Expanding Curriculum Activities in Adult ESL
All teachers want to have the best outcome in their adult ESL classroom. Specific methods for engaging students, directing a class for best results and building your curriculum for optimal understanding are foundations in this workshop.

Perfect Picture Book Picks
What makes a picture book great? Using this question as a jumping off point for an interactive presentation and discussion, this session will offer plenty of concrete book examples and time for family literacy educators to practice.

Personal Finance Workshop
Money makes the world go round! Learn active strategies and resources to engage students in learning about their personal finances.We will begin with establishing their wants and needs and move on to budgeting, spending and ways to improve credit.

Pronunciation in Adult ESL
Being understood is key to adult English language learning success. This highly interactive workshop explores practical ways to bolster pronunciation in adult ESL classes using every-day tools, the Color Vowel™ Chart and Intercambio's Pronunciation Fun with Pictures.

Reaching the Forgotten Learners of WIOA
As a result of the WIOA legislation, many learners no longer fit into federally-funded adult education programs. Many low-proficiency students may not have a desire or ability to focus on furthering their career or education. Learn how the Literacy Council is using volunteers and the research-based English Forward program to meet the needs of low-proficiency ESL learners.

Redesigning Adult Lessons
Participants will leave this session with at least 5 new ideas to enhance their adult HSE lessons. The ideas are motivating and will enhance retention of skills and knowledge.

Research/Evidence-Based Instruction: Can the Research Actually Inform our Teaching and Use of Math Word Problems?
This session will look at existing research to understand why learners find word problems difficult and how teachers can structure instruction to reduce learners' fears and unproductive "solution" responses. We will look at examples of student work to rethink instructional practices.

Routines that Recycle Language in ESL Teaching
Recycling language in meaningful ways is both essential and empowering. This highly interactive session engages participants in practical routines that demonstrate how to balance listening, speaking, reading and writing to support the learning of vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation.

STEM: A 21st Century Literacy It's Dangerous to Ignore
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) literacy is essential for success in the new economy. According to the U. S. Department of Commerce, STEM occupations are growing at 17%, while other occupations are growing at 9.8%. If you consider mid-level STEM occupations such as advanced manufacturing, the percentage is even higher. STEM degree holders have a higher income even in non-STEM careers. The world has fundamentally changed and unless adult education programs change their approach to literacy, family-sustaining employment may continue to elude adult learners.

Success, Literacy, and Learning: Experiences of Adult Education Students
This session explores six adult education students' ideas of success. Participants will consider ways students' views could inform their teaching and administrative practices and how students' perspectives compare to current discourse of the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS).

The PI/PD Experience: Not a Lonely Road
Do you sometimes wonder how and what other agencies are doing with their Program Improvement/ Professional Development activities? This panel-style workshop will give you the opportunity to hear about a variety of topics and approaches, and to learn about the successes and challenges of their PLCs. Get inspired and share your story too!

The Teaching-Learning Process of Student to Practitioner Transition: Ability-Based Assessment of Professional Behaviors
This session will guide healthcare faculty through a process of supporting students in becoming mindful practitioners using a 10-point ability-based assessment scale over the course of 3 semesters; although it can be adapted to across any length of time.

Tutor Coordinator Networking
This session will be for Tutor Coordinators

Understanding Learning Difficulties in Adult Education: A Teacher Perspectives
The need to understand the learning difficulties of adult learners has become a core aspects of research in adult education. Hence, this study will help Adult Education facilitators to understand the psycho-socio factors affecting adult learning and proffer solutions.

Understanding Your Learners' Data Flow
Participants will create a diagram to illustrate their program's data flow. This will give participants an opportunity to look at their procedures related to data collection and entry, and to highlight areas where they can improve their data flow.

Using Communicative Learning Objectives to Accelerate Job Related Skills
Using the Department of Labor Statistics work skills database as a reference, this research based session will explore how to target desired language proficiency against the knowledge, skills and abilities related to a job for accelerated career pathways success.

Using Digital Storytelling to Assess Speaking with ESL Learners
This presentation/workshop is designed for ESL instructors. Participants will learn how to integrate video and audio recording technology by using smartphone devices in lessons to create formative assessment opportunities. Participants will have the opportunity to do sample assessments.

Using Google Apps for Volunteer Management and in the Classroom
Learn about Google's free suite of apps and how these tools can make engaging with volunteers and students easier and more effective! We'll discuss ideas for use for tutors and teachers as well as for coordinators and program staff. Total beginners to Google Apps are welcome.

Using instructional design to develop a successful IET Program
The District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund will discuss how they used a systematic instructional design process to develop their ESL Home Health Aide IET program and will share the method to help you get started on your own.

Using Results from the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC) 2012/2014 to Build Partnerships and Improve Outcomes
PIAAC is a large-scale assessment of adults' cognitive and workplace skills. Using PIAAC data on low-skilled adults to explore relationships between foundation skills, educational attainment, and workforce outcomes, our presentation will inform how adult educators approach their work.

Using the TI-30XS Calculator
I can't do fractions but I passed my GED! The presentation will demonstrate how to use the TI-30XS calculator efficiently and effectively to pass the GED Math section. (It is recommended, participants bring a TI-30XS calculator)

Utilizing NewseumED for Standards Based Instruction
Looking for engaging, standards-based ELA lessons addressing First Amendment topics? Bring a laptop or tablet for a virtual introduction to NewseumED, a free resource, delivered by Newseum Museum staff! Come and explore what's available here to build student interest.

What Every Immigrant Needs to Know and Ways to Share this Important Information
Moving the United States can be an overwhelming experience to newcomers. This workshop aims to equip teachers and administrators to anticipate topics that can cause culture stress and ways to create a welcoming space in their classroom, program and community.

Writing on the GED Test: Understanding Evidence-based Writing
Perhaps the hardest aspect of the GED test is the long essay on the RLA test. This session will discuss strategies for approaching the extended response and look at actual student essays to better understand the expectations on this task.

Your Program + Your Local Post-Secondary Ed Institution... Achieve the Extraordinary Together!
Looking for program support and tutors? Have you explored your local post-secondary education institution? Come join us as we explore the possibility... leave feeling empowered with ideas and a plan!