

LCJVS Board of Education Report
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Adult Basic Literacy Education (ABLE) Update

The Lorain County JVS ABLE/GED program currently offers a total of seven classes at two different sites. A morning class is held at the JVS Monday through Thursday each week from 9:00-11:30 a.m. There are also two evening classes that are held simultaneously each week, Monday through Thursday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. We also serve the population of the Lorain-Medina Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) with two men's classes and one women's class that each meet three times each week. The previously mentioned classes serve a majority of our ABLE students toward their goal of earning a GED; however, we do have one additional class at CBCF that serve residents who have already earned their high school diploma or GED, and are dedicated to continuing their education in college or a trade school after being released from CBCF.

The LCJVS ABLE program is pleased to report that we have already assisted many students in earning a GED this school year. These GED graduates have expressed plans to move on to college, the LCJVS Adult Career Center, or a higher-paying job now that they have the proper qualifications. The program has a combined total of about 70 students currently being served in all of the GED classes. We anticipate approximately 30 more students to enter through rolling admission throughout the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year.

The LCJVS ABLE program, as well as other ABLE programs statewide, are busy preparing our students for the new 2014 GED test which will be released on January 2, 2014. The new assessment will continue to provide adults the opportunity to earn a high school credential, but it goes further by measuring career and college readiness skills. The test will include multiple overall changes including cost, content, and format, which is why it's important that our staff and students begin to prepare for the changes at this juncture. Anyone interested in taking the current 2002 version of the GED test will need to register by August 2013 in order to be allowed the opportunity.

Community Events

Lorain County Educational Service Center

Rick Schau, Student Services and Diana Gott, Assessment Coordinator presented JVS program offerings and financial aid advice at an information session for The Lorain County Educational Service Center. Attending the presentation were the parents of students with disabilities. A representative from both LCCC and Ohio Business College also presented to the group.

2013 Career Fair

Rick Schau is working with LCCC and the Employment network staff on the upcoming annual career fair. On Wednesday, April 3 from noon to 3, the career development students will have an opportunity to meet with companies who are hiring today.

Cosmetology Updates

- Cosmetology students and staff participated in the Columbia High School Health Fair performing hand massages and nail painting.
- The second weekend in March five students from the cosmetology and esthetician programs are traveling to the Chicago Midwest Beauty Show for additional education. They will be exposed to advanced education in hair design and esthetics.
- On March 16, cosmetology students will be painting nails at the Oberlin Public Library to benefit the Oberlin Food Bank. The donations will be used for Easter baskets of food for those in need.

Customized Training

Crane Aerospace in Elyria received a state grant for training. They contacted the Adult Career Center to discuss training needs. Ralph Bentley and Russ Beach arranged 150 hours of training for approximately 15 employees in the maintenance and machine inspection departments to begin in March. Training includes classes on: NEC Codes, Basic CNC, Gage Reading, GD&T, Machine Trouble Shooting, MIG and TIG Welding, Basic Soldering and Basic Shop Math.

Norlake Engineered Transformer Solutions, Elyria contracted with Ralph Bentley, Program Developer, for 8 hours of welding training. Eleven employees from the welding department will receive training to prepare for the basic structural welding certification.

Elyria Spring, Elyria has contracted with Ralph Bentley for CAD training. Beginning in April, Stormy Rush, High School instructor, will begin 12 hours of training for employees in the Die Repair Shop. Training includes: Basic knowledge of Solid works 2010 software.