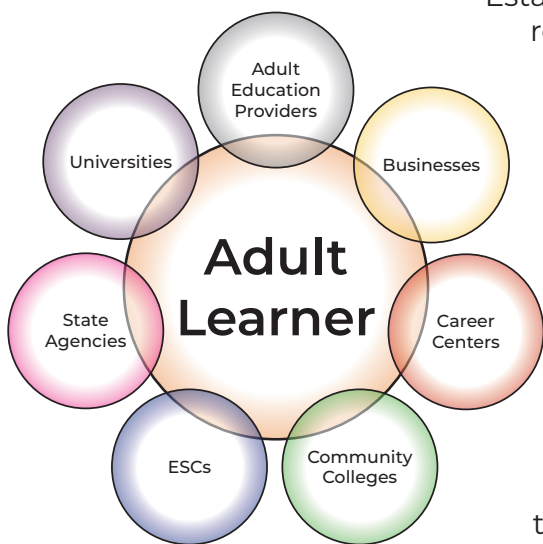


## Announcing the Northeast Ohio Adult Education Providers Network

On November 17, 2023, adult education providers from more than 20 organizations met to establish the Northeast Ohio Adult Education Providers Network. Panelists Terry Echols (Cuyahoga County Public Library), Terrina Crow (Cuyahoga Valley Career Center), and John Martin (Seeds of Literacy) discussed the benefits of network membership and the value of a systemic approach to support the work of adult education. Participants shared their ideas for the Network's priorities, such as shared communications, collaboration, and professional development.

The Educational Service Center (ESC) of Northeast Ohio, in association with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, identified and convened a broad spectrum of adult education providers across our region to explore and establish closer linkages across programs that serve adults engaged in adult education and workforce development.



Establishment of the Network results from a year of fact finding and meetings with myriad adult education providers in our region who are engaging adults (14+ years) in acquiring those skills necessary for jobs and life success in programs that range from basic literacy and numeracy to GED, certificate programs, employment training, or to associate, bachelor, and advanced degrees.

Members of the NEO Adult Education Providers Network meet to collaborate around topics of communication, marketing, and sharing promising practices to move toward providing a continuum of education-to-workforce opportunities for adults. Our goal is to move from a collection of independent programs for adult learners to a regional systemic approach that is collaborative and transparent. It is anticipated that such an adult education-to-workforce system, providing for educational and training opportunities at multiple entry levels, will offer a more clear, concise and easily navigable system for adult learners.



### "ADULT EDUCATION"

— refers to —

Any education beyond high school regardless of where training occurs and basic skills, certificates and degrees are obtained.



**The goal of the NEO Adult Education Providers Network is to assist adults to navigate the adult education programs to their greatest advantage.**

# Learn more about the NEO Adult Education Providers Network:

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### ***Making Sense of Northeast Ohio's Adult Education Assets: Moving from Programs to System***

<http://tinyurl.com/NEO-Adult-Ed-Executive-Summary>

## *Join the Network*



### **NEO Adult Education Providers Network Member Agreement**

<http://tinyurl.com/NEO-Adult-Ed-Member-Agreement>

*Members' contact information will be added to the NEO Adult Education Provider Directory.*



### **NEO Adult Education Providers Directory Information Document**

<http://tinyurl.com/Adult-Ed-Directory-Info>

## *Upcoming Event*

### **NEO Adult Education Providers Network Meeting**

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1:00-2:30 p.m.

ESC of Northeast Ohio  
6393 Oak Tree Blvd.  
Independence, OH 44131

Register for the meeting:

<https://forms.gle/VQZGMYQubZ4U193ZA>

### **The Network is guided by an Advisory Council. Members include:**

- Terri Lynn Brosseau, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center
- David Burke, College Now Greater Cleveland
- Laura Conley, University of Akron
- Terrina Crow, Polaris Career Center
- Terry Echols, Cuyahoga County Public Library
- John Martin, Seeds of Literacy
- Karen Reed, Lakeland Community College
- Ron Scott, Towards Employment

### **Grant Opportunity: Adult Basic Literacy**

The [Dollar General Literacy Foundation](#) provides grants up to \$10,000 to non-profit organizations providing direct services to adults for

- Adult Basic Education
- GED or high school equivalency preparation
- English Language Acquisition

Check the website for proposal deadlines and additional information.



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