

NEW CALPRO CONTRACTS FOR
2004-07

CALPRO has contracted with 10 agencies for 2004-07 to operate Professional Development Centers (PDCs) throughout California. Formerly known as Regional Resource Centers, the work of the PDCs will be much the same as before—to offer professional development opportunities and serve as an information dissemination center to adult education providers within a specified geographic area. The Sacramento PDC will be serving the counties of Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba.

The additional 14 northern counties previously served by Sacramento will now be the responsibility of the new Northern California PDC which will operate out of Eureka Adult School. The other new agencies contracted for PDCs are Stockton Adult Education, Bakersfield Adult Education, and Los Angeles USD. You can visit the CALPRO website to locate which counties are served by each PDC.

ONLINE NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

Thanks to all of you who took the time to complete the online CALPRO Needs Assessment this past Spring. The information was very useful to CDE and the PDCs in planning our schedule of workshops for 2004-05. We are currently working on confirming dates, places, and presenters for the following CDE Priority Workshops:

- Designing Programs for Adults with Learning Disabilities: 1—Awareness 2—Instructional Strategies
- Teaching Critical Thinking and Metacognition
- Differentiating Instruction (ABE/GED level)
- Managing the Multi-level ESL Class
- Organizing and Monitoring Instruction to Improve Learning Gains (ESL)
- Just-in-Time Leadership (New Administrators)
1—Fiscal Management 2—Personnel/Legal Issues
- Using Questioning Strategies to Improve Instruction
- Managed Enrollment (Administrators)

The following workshops are in the development stage and should be ready by late Spring 2005.

Coming next Spring:

- Planning Effective Lessons
- Setting Instructional Goals with Adult Learners
- Retaining Learners in Adult Education Programs
- Algebra

In another month we will have most of these workshops on our online calendars so you can see what fits with your schedules and needs. Remember—you can register online or call us for more information at any time.



FALL REGIONAL TRAININGS
IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SITE	DATES
West Contra Costa AE Alvarado Campus Richmond, CA	August 5 & 6
New Haven Adult School Union City, CA	August 25 & 26
Old Marshall Adult Education Ctr. Sacramento, CA	September 29 & 30

Register online at www.casas.org and find out the exact times and topic areas to be covered.

PDC ONLINE CALENDARS

Remember to check the online calendars for all the latest information regarding workshops network meetings, and conferences. You can print out workshop flyers to distribute to other staff members and even register for workshops online!

www.calpro-online.org

REVISED CDE WEBSITE

The CDE Website looks different these days, but there is great information for all of us. If you are having a problem locating specific sites, we can send or email you a Revised CDE Website Guide. Just give us a call or email Trish.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

While you are thinking about ways to expand your knowledge of teaching strategies and adult education issues, don't forget to consider the following:

◆ **Network Meetings**

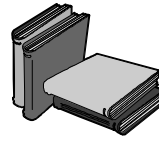


These meetings bring together a group of people with similar interests and/or job responsibilities to discuss and solve problems by tapping into each other's experience and resources. We currently offer Network Meetings in the Sacramento area for the Coordinators of ABE/ASE (second Wednesdays each month) and ESL/CBET/EL Civics programs (third Wednesdays each month), as well as for TOPSpro Users (last Tuesdays of each month). The informal setting of a network meeting can oftentimes be just as valuable as a structured workshop. You have the opportunity to ask specific questions of interest to you and find out the strategies used by other agencies in solving similar problems.

◆ **Online Training**



If you are interested in Family Literacy or SCANS materials, you can take an online course by clicking on Tutor Training Online on the CALPRO homepage www.calpro-online.org. Print out handouts and other useful materials while you proceed through a sequence of activities to assist you in developing an understanding of these content areas. In addition to these courses, CALPRO is currently in the process of putting other workshops online through the use of Blackboard. A Facilitator will be available to guide you through each course and create an effective learning environment for you and the other online participants



What can you do if it's not possible to attend a workshop? What if your topic of interest is not addressed? Don't forget the PDC libraries. You can always check out a video tape or other materials on a wide variety of topics. The ESL Techniques videos and accompanying materials are excellent resources to increase the variety of strategies you use in presenting materials to your classes. EL Civics materials created by agencies throughout California are also available for preview. If you find something you'd like to use at your agency, you can then order it from OTAN for a very nominal fee. Materials can be mailed to you at any time, with your only expense being the return postage of those materials.

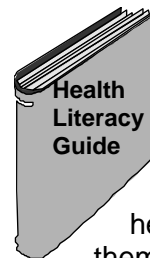
◆ **Online Guides**



To a new English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher in an adult education program, the task of teaching English can seem overwhelming. This **ESL New Teacher Resource Guide**, developed by the California Adult Literacy Professional Development Project (CALPRO), is designed to introduce you to the most immediate and important aspects of teaching adult ESL in California.



Instruction in English as Second Language (ESL) and Adult Basic Education (ABE) frequently addresses health literacy because of its importance to low-literate adult learners. CALPRO developed this **Online Health Literacy Reference Guide** to help teachers locate and use a wide array of currently available health literacy materials and to guide them in incorporating health literacy information into instruction.



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◆ **Regional Resource Center Library**