

The Adult Education Research and Technical Assistance Center (AERTAC) at the American Institutes for Research (AIR) conducts research and provides technical assistance to states and local programs to improve the adult education system. AIR promotes quality instruction and support services through better professional development and evaluation, and by strengthening accountability and increasing the use of promising practices, such as using technology in instruction.

State-Specific Technical Assistance

California

Since 2001, AIR has administered the California Adult Literacy Professional Development Project (CALPRO) on behalf of the California Department of Education. CALPRO fosters continuous program improvement through a comprehensive, statewide approach to high-quality professional development.

Nevada

Nevada implemented an Adult Basic Education (ABE) system that addresses the needs of its adult learners. To support the education programs that serve adult learners, the Nevada Department of Education enlisted AIR in 2017 to manage and run its statewide system of adult education professional development.

Texas

AIR provides the Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy and Learning with statewide training for participants nominated to the Administrator Leadership Excellence Academy and to the Instructional Leadership Excellence Academy.

Leadership Excellence and Development (LEAD) Institute for Adult Educators

AIR and the National Association of State Directors of Adult Education have partnered to offer the LEAD Institute to states. This high-quality, evidence-based leadership training seeks to develop dynamic, proactive leaders for the 21st century adult education system.

Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS)

LINCS is a national leadership initiative of the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education that seeks to expand evidence-based practices in the field of adult education. AIR leads several activities that help deliver high-quality, evidence-based resources and on-demand educational opportunities to practitioners of adult education.

Visit our booth to learn more about our expertise and how we can support your goals.

Integrated Education and Training (IET)

AIR provides comprehensive, evidence-based technical assistance to state leaders, programs, and instructors seeking to design, implement, and scale IET programs.

For more information about AIR's adult learning resources, visit www.air.org/AERTAC.

Standards

AIR facilitated the identification of *English Language Proficiency Standards for Adult Education* and developed modules to help teachers implement these standards.

National Projects

Teaching Skills That Matter in Adult Education

AIR uses proven approaches to train teachers in and provide them with technical assistance around skills that matter for adult basic education classes. Topics covered include civic education, digital literacy, financial literacy, health literacy, and workforce preparation.

National Study of the Implementation of Adult Education Under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

AIR is conducting the first study under the national assessment of adult education required by the reauthorized Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA; Title II of WIOA). Findings on how states and programs provide AEFLA services under WIOA will be invaluable to inform and guide future technical assistance priorities and research studies conducted under WIOA.

National Reporting System (NRS)

To demonstrate the effectiveness and impact of ABE services, the U.S. Department of Education has contracted with AIR for the past 20 years to develop and support NRS, which is the national accountability system for adult education.

Session/Presenter(s)	Date/Time/Location
A Spotlight on the LINCS Community of Practice Presenters: Beth Brinly and Michelle Perry	March 22, 8–9:15 a.m.
The LINCS Training Catalog: A Wealth of Opportunities Presenters: Jennifer Jirous-Rapp and Marcela Movit	March 22, 8–9:15 a.m.
LINCS 101: Community, Courses, and Resources for Adult Education Presenter: Cherise Moore	March 22, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.
Putting the Teaching the Skills That Matter Video Series to Work for You! Presenter: Katie Neginskiy	March 22, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.
Teaching the Skills That Matter: A View From the Classroom Presenters: Amy Dalsimer and Susan Finn-Miller	March 22, 2–3:15 p.m.
LINCS Learner Center Revamp! Presenters: Marcela Movit, Michelle Perry, and Gina Wells	March 22, 3:45–5 p.m.
Designing IET Programs: The Single Set of Learning Objectives Presenters: Gina Wells, KayLynn Hamilton, and Blaire Willson-Toso	March 23, 8–9:15 a.m.
Using the TSTM Toolkit to Teach the Skills That Matter Presenter: Marcela Movit	March 23, 8–9:15 a.m.
Career Tech Ed and Reentry Support—A Win-Win Presenters: Marian Thacher, Mary Kay Dugan, Michael Bush, Tim Cunningham, Danielle Carkin, Leah Harrington, Matthew Marrano, and Amy Canela	March 23, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m.
Updates From the Evidence-Based Adult Education System (E-BAES): Moving to Distance Education in the Pandemic Presenters: Stephanie Cronen and Margaret Patterson	March 23, 2–3:15 p.m.
LINCS Technical Assistance Presenters: Jennifer Jirous-Rapp and Mariann Fedele-McLeod	March 23, 2–3:15 p.m.

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Implementing Integrated Education and Training (IET) Programs Presenters: Michelle Carson and Amanda Ahlstrand	March 23, 3:45–5 p.m.
The NASDAE LEAD Institute: A Professional Development Opportunity for Adult Education Leaders in Your State Presenters: Amy Dalsimer, Pat Tyler, and Sheryl Hart	March 23, 3:45–5 p.m.
A LINCS Training Catalog Experience: Models and Resource for Preparing Adult ELL for the Workforce Presenter: Jennifer Jirous-Rapp	March 24, 8–9:15 a.m.
LINCS and Federal Initiatives From OCTAE Presenter: Marcela Movit	March 24, 9:30–10:45 a.m.
LINCS ESL Pro: Rigor, Digital Literacy, and Career Pathways Presenters: Jennifer Jirous-Rapp and Susan Finn-Miller	March 24, 9:30–10:45 a.m.
How Can the U.S. PIAAC State and County Literacy and Numeracy Results Be Used? Presenters: Katie Herz and Michele Diecuch	March 24, 9:30–10:45 a.m.
LINCS: Reboot Your Digital Strategy Presenters: Jennifer Jirous-Rapp and Mary Gaston	March 24, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Instructional Coaching in Teaching Skills That Matter: A Relationship That Promotes Learning Presenters: Lisa Soricone (Jobs for the Future) and Susan Finn-Miller	March 24, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
LINCS: Field-Driven Professional Development Presenters: Marcela Movit, Beth Brinly, and Cherise Moore	March 24, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Equity in Adult Education: The importance of Cultural Competence and Inclusion Presenters: Studie Whalen and Marian Thacher	March 24, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
LINCS Online Courses for Teachers—Fast and Free! Presenters: Marian Thacher, Beth Ponder, and Studie Whalen	March 24, 1:30–2:45 p.m.

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