

*WIA I/EL CIVICS
NETWORK MEETING*

April 2009

Data Portal

- Now available on the CASAS website
- Go to www.casas.org/dataPortal/
- See how user friendly it is!
 - Sort by your agency
 - Generate and compare your agency's data for 07-08 and 06-07
 - Print/save your results in excel
 - Compare your agency with your county
 - Compare your agency with other agencies of the same size

What other comparisons can you make?

Did you know?

- **Question 1: Can you trace a student across years with TOPSpro?**
 - **Answer:** Yes, you can if you don't close out at the end of each year. Set the date range beyond the year or date and call up student's longitudinal data.
- **Question 2: Can we enter the CSIS ID into TOPSpro?**
 - **Answer:** Yes, there is a place in TOPSpro for the CSIS ID (the universal tracking number in K-12). It's not on the entry record but it can be entered into the data base in the student record. CASAS is required to report CSIS numbers in TOPSpro.

Networking Discussion

- How could your agency more consistently facilitate transition of students to ABE, ASE, Post-secondary education or training?
- How can you use the data portal and other TOPSpro reports and data to set local goals and improve data collection at your agency?
- What are the benefits and cost savings your agency has experienced with the use of e-test.
- Is your agency using Distance Learning or other technology to deliver Adult Education? Does this lower costs? What other benefits does it have?

Data Submission Deadline

- **April 30, 2009**
 - Second Quarter Core Performance Follow-up Survey
 - Third Quarter Data
 - WIA II Program Implementation Survey
 - Last opportunity to add, edit or delete COAAPS
 - Third Quarter Data Integrity Report

WIA II Program Implementation Survey

- 2008-09 Survey of WIA/AEFLA Title II 225/231 and EL Civics programs in California is now online
- Only one person per agency may access and complete the survey, but that person should gather input from key staff members
- Access the survey at www.casas.org
 - click the survey link under the "What's New"
 - or click the "Survey of WIA Title II" on the right-side menu.
- Due Thursday, April 30, 2009

Got CASAS eTests?

- Whether you "Just Heard About It" – or – "Can't Live Without It!" – reserve your virtual time with Dawn Montgomery
 - Mondays at 11:00 am for a Web Conference to learn how CASAS eTests can be tailored to your organization's specific needs.
 - Contact Dawn at dmontgomery@casas.org for more information and to sign up.

Adult Education Budget Forum

- Provides adult schools with latest budget information
 - Post questions
 - Receive answers
 - Share the implications of the budget on your program in the comments section
 - View what other programs around the state are doing in these unique and challenging times
- Go to OTAN web page at:
<http://www.otan.us/adulted/>

Right Skills, Right Now!

WIA – Title I



Bridge the Opportunity



WIA – Title II

“One-Stop” Approach

Workforce Investment Systems

- Direct services to job seekers and employers
- Preliminary assessment of skill levels, aptitudes, abilities, and support service needs
- Evaluate eligibility for vocational training services and student financial aid
- Referrals for local education literacy programs
- Help file claims for unemployment insurance
- Career counseling
- Information about local, regional and national employment trends
- Access to up-to-date labor market information
- Job search and placement assistance



CASAS provides:

- ✓ Curriculum management
- ✓ Standardized Assessment Systems
- ✓ Evaluation systems
- ✓ Data Collection Materials
- ✓ Technical Assistance
- ✓ TOPSpro – Tracking of Programs & Students software database management system
- ✓ CASAS eTests – computer-adaptive tests (CAT) and computer-based tests (CBT) in reading, math, and listening

Adult & Alternative Education

Adult Education and Literacy

- Direct services to adults or youth with literacy deficits
- No-cost literacy classes
- Services for adults or youth who do not speak, read, or write English
- Educational assessments
- Place learners into appropriate education and employment training programs
- Help learners acquire the literacy skills they need for employment
- Services to obtain a high school diploma or pass the GED
- Literacy services to transition into employment or change jobs
- Monitor progress and certify attainment of employment related competencies

If your agency is closing early.....

- After all classes have ended, submit your end of year data at least 2 weeks before your agency's office closes.
- This will ensure that CASAS will be able to check your submission and verify it is all in order.

EL Civics COAAP Submission

- April 30, 2009 is the last day to add, edit or delete COAAPs
- Download your COAAP selections into TOPSpro well before the April 30, 2009 deadline to be sure everything is in order while you can still add, edit or delete COAAPs

EL Civics COAAPS

- COAAPS are now being reviewed and prepared for 2009-2010
 - Only clerical revisions are expected
- 2009-10 COAAPS will be available for viewing beginning May 15, 2009.
- All 2009-10 COAAPS will be posted and ready to select on July 1, 2009

EL Civics Summer School

How do I select COAAPs for summer school 2009-10?

Answer: Option 1: Pre-approved COAAPs

- For summer school programs which will complete 30 hours of instruction and post-test on or before June 30, 2009:
 - use the 2008-09 pre-approved COAAPs and select them before the April 30, 2009 deadline
- For summer school programs which will begin instruction before or after July 1, 2009 and will complete 30 hours of instruction and post-test in July or August of 2009:
 - use new 2009-10 pre-approved COAAPs and select them on or after July 1, 2009.

Summer School continued

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- Option 2 and Option 3 COAAPs
 - Agencies may use any 2008-09 Approved COAAP (Option 2 and Option 3) they selected in 2008-09 for summer school 2009-10

May I use CASAS post-tests administered in 2008-09 as pretests for summer school 2009-10?

- Answer: CASAS standardized post-tests administered between May 12 and June 30, 2009, may be rolled over into the 2009-10 program year to be used as the pre-test. Please consult the Help Menu for Proxy Wizard in your TOPSpro software for more information.

Spring 2009 Regional Training Dates

- April 7-8 – Sacramento COE
- April 23-24 – San Bernardino Adult School
- Go to www.casas.org for details

Upcoming Conferences

- CATESOL State Conference
 - Pasadena April 16 – 19, 2009
- CCAE State Conference
 - Pasadena May 1 – 2, 2009
- CASAS Summer Institute
 - San Diego, June 23-25, 2009

CIT Certifications

- **New Certification:**
 - Last day to complete is April 30th.
 - Certification can be completed by self-study without training.