

Division of Adult Education Monthly Webinar

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Agenda

- Updates and reminders
- Student support: transportation
- Program performance improvement plans



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Statewide pricing for assessments

- CASAS: \$2.60 per TOPSpro Enhanced Unit
- TABE 13&14: 100+ @ \$3.50 for online subtest administrations
- Contact vendors for specifics



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HiSET test fee increase

- July 1, 2026
- \$3.00 increase per subtest
- Remote testing fee increase to \$23.00



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Adult intake: Barriers to employment

- Wording revised to be more accessible
- New guidance from OCTAE
 - If adult has the characteristic, select Yes
 - Even if adult doesn't indicate they feel it impacts employment opportunities
- Long-term unemployed: revised definition
 - 27+ consecutive wks. OR 27+ non-consecutive wks. within past 12 months
- Some barriers are also automatically "low income"
 - Homeless or runaway youth
 - Youth in foster care



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Addressing students' transportation barriers

- Allowable expense only if specifically to attend program activities
- Policy/procedure to ensure consistent provision of support
- Organize student carpools
- Not allowable
 - Gas cards
 - Unlimited bus/metro/rail etc. passes
 - Monthly parking



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Rideshare voucher programs

- Uber, Lyft, maybe others?
- You can specify date, location, time of use
- Allow for
 - Budgeting
 - Detailed tracking of use
- Contact vendors for more info



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Continuous program improvement

- Guidelines sections 500-501
- Required for all programs
- Program improvement team
- Data-driven
- May address
 - Program policies/procedures/processes
 - Services: instruction, student support



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Types of plans

- PI-PD plan
 - All agencies, incl. subgrantees
 - Program improvement through professional development
- Corrective action plan
 - Address non-compliance
- Program Performance Improvement Plan
 - Address failure to meet enrollment and performance targets/standards



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▶ PPIPs for 2026-27

- Criteria: 3-year trends
 - Final 23-24 & 24-25 enrollment & MSG
 - 25-26 YTD enrollment & MSG (data from 5/18)
- Threshold enrollment
 - 23-24 & 24-25: below 100%
 - 25-26 YTD: below 83%
- Threshold MSG
 - 23-24: below 36.0%
 - 24-25: below 37.0%
 - 25-26 YTD: below 32.0%



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▶ Contact/Mission

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