

2011-2012 MEFLI Family Literacy Academy Schedule

Date/Time/ Location/ Cost	MEFLI Academy	Description	Presenters
<p>Friday, August 19, 2011 9-12</p> <p>Auburn Hall (Auburn City Hall) 60 Court Street Auburn, Me. 04210</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>Morning Break provided</p>	<p>Getting Started with Recruitment (MEFLI Grantees only)</p>	<p>Now that you have the grant, how do you begin to recruit families? Come learn some simple recruitment strategies that have worked for previously funded programs and share some of your more creative ideas. We will discuss marketing strategies, recruitment through community organizations, the use of incentives, and the use of social networking.</p>	<p>Becky Dyer, Director of the Maine Family Literacy Initiative and Phoebe Monteith, Family Literacy Coordinator at Crooked River Adult Education in Casco</p>
<p>Friday, September 30, 2011</p> <p>9 a.m.-2 p.m.</p> <p>Spectacular Events, Bangor</p> <p>\$25 per person</p> <p>Lunch provided</p>	<p>RSU # 3 Virtual Learning Center</p>	<p>The RSU#3 Adult & Community Education Program opened the new virtual learning center on January 31, 2011. As Maine moves toward the Common Core Standards, Adult Education Programs must also move in that direction. Currently, we are using the Moodle Platform for classes, and PLATO to create/monitor these in-world classes. All students must master 80% of the standards in these classes before credit is awarded, no matter how long it takes.</p> <p>This center will be open to all students with the correct hardware and software installed in the Fall 2011.</p> <p>To visit the center, please go to:</p> <p>http://media.msad3.org/video/Adult-Education-Virtual-World-Demonstration-HD-1080/3c726bbdeaa0366c904db7a3914e42fb</p> <p>Come learn to use the center in a hands-on demonstration. We will also cover our level of service agreement with the programs throughout Maine and beyond.</p>	<p>Pat Hughes, Director of SPICE Family Literacy and RSU # 3 Adult Education,</p> <p>IT Staff, family literacy Staff and students</p>

2011-2012 MEFLI Family Literacy Academy Schedule

<p>Friday, October 14, 2011</p> <p>10-2</p> <p>\$25 per person</p> <p>Freeport Community Center</p>	<p>Addressing the Childcare Barrier: Options for Family Literacy Programs in Maine.</p>	<p>When parents want to pursue education or career goals, finding childcare often becomes a barrier – especially affordable, quality childcare that promotes early learning and literacy development. Family literacy programs have developed a wide variety of strategies to address this issue.</p> <p>Learn about what other programs do in Maine, from utilizing volunteers to partnering with other organizations - or even establishing a state-licensed childcare center in an adult education facility.</p> <p>Then brainstorm with others to discover more specific options that could work in your unique community. Develop an action plan to address the childcare barrier in your program so families can persist and achieve their goals.</p> <p>After a break for lunch, learn about the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) – A federal block-grant program administered by the Office of Child Care and Head Start to fund child care subsidies for children under age 13, quality-building, system-building, and resource and referral activities.</p>	<p>Phoebe Monteith and Kristia Merriam, FL Coordinators from Casco</p> <p>Angie Bellefleur, DHHS</p>
<p>Friday, November 18, 2011</p> <p>9-12</p> <p>\$25 per person</p> <p>Winter Harbor Room Wyndham Hotel So. Portland</p>	<p>Let's Play!</p>	<p>Play is the language of children, and we often forget how to speak that language. The national known Life is good Playmakers, are providing trainings to help us re-learn the language by teaching games, yoga, and storytelling. During this workshop we will play some of these games. We will do some yoga. We will tell stories. Please dress in comfortable, stretchy clothing and be prepared to step outside your comfort zone in a safe and friendly environment.</p>	<p>Jessica Regis Trained Playmaker with the Life is Good Playmakers. Jess is the Director of First Steps Child Care of Sanford Community Adult Education.</p>

2011-2012 MEFLI Family Literacy Academy Schedule

<p>Friday February 10, 2012 9-12</p> <p>\$25 per person</p> <p>Educare, Waterville</p> <p>Morning Break included</p>	<p>Continuous Program Improvement: It's Not Just About External Evaluations</p>	<p>In this session, participants will be introduced to three major starting points for initiating a continuous improvement loop in their Family Literacy programs. The three tines of the Trident model for program improvement -- stakeholder assessments, data, and research/professional wisdom will be discussed and demonstrated. Participants will learn to engage program staff in accessing findings, reviewing results, clarifying and prioritizing needs, selecting promising practices, making necessary adjustments, identifying professional development needs, and setting goals for program improvement on an on-going basis.</p>	<p>Peter Caron, Director of MSAD #27 Adult Education and the CHIPPY Family Literacy Program</p> <p>Pat Hughes, Director of RSU # 3 Adult Education and the SPICE Family Literacy Program.</p>
<p>Friday, February 24, 2012 9-12</p> <p>\$25 per person</p> <p>Maple Hill Farms, Hallowell</p> <p>Morning Break included</p>	<p>Lessons Learned in the Home That are Applicable in the Classroom</p>	<p>The workshop will offer effective strategies for family literacy success throughout the "adolescence lifespan" of teen parents. The workshop will present strategies learned from Passages, a program an 18 year old home-based high school degree program for teen parents. Through roundtable discussions participants will explore ways to connect the strategies to their own experiences in promoting family literacy success for ALL families. Participants will leave with ideas for incorporating family literacy strategies utilizing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Reflective, critical thinking strategies · Assessing student learning strengths and needs · Connecting learning to students' strengths · Real-life learning opportunities – creative problem solving for the individual student and their child. Ways to build in agility and adaptability to meet student needs · Curiosity and imagination is built on personal connections. Finding ways to tap into those connections 	<p>Martha Kempe Director of the Passages Program of the Community School</p>

2011-2012 MEFLI Family Literacy Academy Schedule

<p>Thursday, March 22, 2012</p> <p>10-2</p> <p>Maple Hill Farms, Hallowell</p> <p>\$25 per person</p> <p>Lunch included</p>	<p>Family Literacy and Career Pathways: Two Effective Approaches; One Effective Program</p>	<p>This session will focus on the interconnectedness between the aims of Career Pathways endeavors and the goals of Family Literacy programs, especially as relates to the linkage between Adult Literacy gains, the developmental advancement of children, and long-term self and family sufficiency. Participants will have the opportunity to consider and reflect upon the key elements inherent to successful Career Pathways and Family Literacy initiatives and the attendant opportunities to achieve momentum points and tipping points presented to lower-skilled, under-employed/unemployed adult caregivers and their children.</p>	<p>Peter Caron, Director of MSAD #27 Adult Education and the CHIPPY Family Literacy Program</p>
<p>Friday, April 6, 2012</p> <p>9-12</p> <p>\$25 per person</p> <p>Maple Hill Farms, Hallowell</p> <p>Morning Break included</p>	<p>Music Together</p>	<p>Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners, and the adults who love them. Music learning supports all early childhood learning including language development and cognitive, emotional, social and physical growth. Music learning includes singing and learning songs, language acquisition, vocabulary building, rhyming ability, listening and self-expression.</p> <p>This workshop will be hands-on and participants will leave with a broader knowledge of music making ideas for families and young children.</p>	<p>Jessica Day from Midcoast Music Together.</p>