Institute Updates

The Goodling Institute Develops a Community of Practice for Family Literacy

Join the Goodling Institute’s free Community of Practice for Family Literacy. We meet on Zoom 2 to 3 pm EST the last Friday of each month to discuss and share best practices. Our next meeting is October 28, and the theme will be Integrating Family Literacy Components: Focus on Interactive Literacy Activities. Other topics such as recruiting families, building partnerships, securing funding, infusing cultural relevance and equity into programming, using remote modalities, serving diverse age groups of children, and promoting leadership will be covered. Please use this QR code or this link to register. Feel free to share with your colleagues. Hope to see you there!!!!

Klinger Presents at 76th Annual Correctional Education Association International Conference

Chrissie Klinger (Workforce Development Specialist, Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy) presented at the Correctional Education Association International Conference and Training Event in Tampa, FL in August.

Chrissie presented Collaborative Career Coaching. The session helped participants explore how correctional education and community organization staff can work together to provide career coaching to individuals behind and

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beyond the walls. Examples of collaborative career-related reentry service approaches were shared, including Integrated Education and Training ideas. Participants received materials and resources that could be used to help individuals affected by the justice system explore, enter, and progress along career pathways that align with their skills, interests, and abilities.

Ideas shared at sessions will be incorporated into a Career Exploration Fair Toolkit that is being developed by the Workforce Development System Liaison project. More information about the toolkit will be released later this year.

Mariana Marchesi Joins Our Team as an Education Specialist for Career and Family Pathways

Mariana Marchesi recently joined our team as an Education Specialist for Career and Family Pathways. Mariana was raised in Charlotte, NC, and is the daughter of immigrants from Italy and Poland who settled in Pittsburgh, PA. Mariana attended Lock Haven University and earned a BA in French, a BA in Spanish, and a teacher certification and received her master’s degree in education from Penn State University. She taught middle and high school in Keystone Central School District for 21 years, taught adult education at IU10, an educational service agency in Phillipsburg, PA, and worked many summers at Lock Haven University, teaching ESL and being a host family for students.

Mariana has been to 10 countries including organizing and leading a relief trip to Haiti after the earthquake in 2010. She has a great love for the Maya and their language and culture and spent a lot of time in the Yucatan Peninsula visiting Maya sites in Mexico and Guatemala.

Mariana has three children; Adam, Noah, and Hannah; a son in-law, Adriano; a four-year-old grandson, Apolo; a dog, Rigby; and a cat, Osiris. She loves nature, animals, CATS, football (Philadelphia Eagles, Penn State, Clemson), soccer, kayaking, hiking, camping, biking, jogging, yoga, meditation, cooking, music, reading and gardening.

The Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy (ISAL) and the Goodling Institute Announce a New Adult Education Scholarship

The Institute for the Study of Adult Literacy (ISAL) and the Goodling Institute are excited to announce a new scholarship – the Hart Van Horn Adult Education Scholarship. The $1,200 per year scholarship will be awarded to an individual in the field of adult basic education and literacy and who is taking one or more of the Goodling Institute’s adult education or family literacy certificate courses on Penn State’s World Campus. To learn more about the scholarship and the application process, please visit the ISAL website.
Course registration now open for the Family Literacy and Adult Basic Education Certificates for Spring 2023

Goodling and ISAL collaborate with Penn State World Campus to provide the Family Literacy Certificate and the Adult Basic Education (ABE) Certificate. Credits can also be used toward master’s degree programs and other certificates while learning high-quality, research-based knowledge about family literacy and ABE. Goodling also offers scholarships for those working toward their Family Literacy Certificate or their Adult Basic Education certificate! Applications can be found on either the Goodling or ISAL websites.

Click Here for more information on the classes offered for Spring 2023!