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Adult Learning

Mobile Learning

Is mobile learning becoming a viable option? Mobile learning or m-learning is learning enhanced with mobile tools and mobile communication (e.g., laptops and tablet PC technologies mobile telephones, Personal Digital Assistants). The benefits of m-learning include:

- It is easier to accommodate smaller, mobile devices in the classroom.
- Learning can be more interactive with other participants and the instructor.
- All necessary material can be stored on a mobile device reducing the need for books and heavy book bags.
- Handwriting with a stylus pen is more intuitive than a keyboard or mouse.
- Being mobile allows learning to take place anytime, anywhere.
- Devices are engaging.
- Mobile learning is less expensive than traditional alternatives.

Given that the future of the Internet and web sites will most likely become more mobile, m-learning has captivated a great deal of interest: E-learning goes mobile. For more information access the following:

- *Mobile Technologies and Learning*
www.futurelab.org.uk/resources/publications-reports-articles/literature-reviews/Literature-Review203
- Various Articles from the International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning
www.irrodl.org/index.php/irrodl/issue/view/29
- Publications from MobileEd
http://mobiled.uiah.fi/?page_id=82

Tuition Free Promise Zones

The State of Michigan will create 10 Promise Zones in school districts or communities where students will be eligible for full or partial tuition paid through private funds and property taxes. Private funds will be used to cover at least two years of community college for graduating students. After two years, a small portion of property taxes in the zone could be used to fund tuition. For more information, access www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-23442_21974-206719--,00.html.

Applicable to Multiple Audiences

Statewide Health Information Exchange

The State of Kentucky has announced a plan to create a statewide health information exchange. The plan includes a master patient index, a record locator service, clinical decision support and disease management tools, single sign-on and authentication, and support for e-prescribing. Government officials are hopeful this e-health delivery strategy will help relieve the growing cost of Medicaid. For more information, access: <http://migration.kentucky.gov/Newsroom/governor/20090115health.htm>.

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Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Calendar of Events

- 2009 Nonprofit Congress
New Orleans, LA
May 14-16, 2009
www.nonprofitcongress.org/meeting

Capital Compassion Fund

Those interested in receiving funding from the Capital Compassion Fund (CCF) may want to reference the web page dedicated to the CCF by the U.S. Department of Health and Human (USHHS) Services at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ccf.

Topics include:

- Assistance for potential grantees;
- Information on existing grantees;
- Guidance, policies, and procedures;
- Publications and reports; and
- Resources (e.g., National Resource Center, including access to the monthly newsletter, *Grassroots*, *Toolkit for Faith-Based and Community Organizations*, and access to the USHHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Services).

The *Toolkit for Faith-Based and Community Organizations* contains capacity building guidebooks, studies and tools, and resources and can be accessed at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ccf/resources/toolkit.html.

New National Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

President Obama signed an Executive Order on February 5, 2009 establishing the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The Office will focus on four key priorities to be carried out by working closely with the President's Cabinet Secretaries and each of the eleven agency offices for faith-based and neighborhood partnerships, according to the press release found at www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/ObamaAnnouncesWhiteHouseOfficeofFaith-basedandNeighborhoodPartnerships.

- The Office's top priority will be making community groups an integral part of our economic recovery and poverty a burden fewer have to bear when recovery is complete.
- It will be one voice among several in the Administration that will look at how we support women and children, address teenage pregnancy, and reduce the need for abortion.
- The Office will strive to support fathers who stand by their families, which involves working to get young men off the streets and into well-paying jobs, and encouraging responsible fatherhood.
- Finally, beyond American shores this Office will work with the National Security Council to foster interfaith dialogue with leaders and scholars around the world.

New Resources for Faith-Based and Community Organizations

- *Grassroot Organizations Partnering With the One-Stop Career System: Lessons Learned from Grantees*
This resource highlights examples of effective partnerships that grantee organizations and One-Stop Career Centers built together to better serve customers. This report is a guide for grassroots FBCOs that seek to establish partnerships with the Workforce Development System.
Part I: For Grassroots Faith-Based and Community Initiatives
www.dol.gov/cfbci/20090115.pdf
Part II: For Workforce Development Professionals
www.dol.gov/cfbci/20090115b.pdf
- *DOL Guidance Clarifying the Effect of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act on Faith-Based Organizations*
This resource provides the most recent guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act: "RFRA, as interpreted by Department of Justice and as implemented by this guidance, ensures that faith-based organizations are able to participate as partners in federal programs to help meet the needs of America's communities and retain the freedom to make employment decisions necessary to preserve their religious identity."
HTML: www.dol.gov/oasam/grants/RFRA-Guidance.htm
PDF: www.dol.gov/oasam/grants/FRRRA-of-1993-Guidance.pdf
- *Partnerships in Action*
This resource explores employer relationships with faith-based and community organizations. Overviews of specific relationships and contact information are provided.
www.dol.gov/cfbci/partnership.pdf

Online Training Available from the Corporation for National and Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service is offering a variety of courses, including the following, online at www.nationalserviceresources.org/courses-desc#key-cash. Sign-up for these free courses at <http://my.nationalservice.org/learning/servlet/PortalMain>.

- **Build Fundraising Volunteer Champions**
Learn the best ways to raise unrestricted funds by building fundraising volunteer champions.
- **Engaging College Students as Volunteer Leaders**
Approximately 3.3 million college students volunteered in 2005. Learn how to leverage a volunteer leader program that recruits and supports students, builds teams, connects service with learning, and provides opportunities for meaningful service and skill development.

- **Working with Diverse Volunteers**

Learn how to enhance communications with persons of diverse backgrounds and strengthen the foundation critical for community building (e.g., how to sensitively discuss with volunteers social and cultural issues and apply principles of diversity to improve innovation, creativity, and teamwork in your program; and how to recruit diverse volunteers).

Welfare/TANF Initiatives

SAMHSA Webcasts

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration have announced their upcoming schedule for webcasts. For more information, access www.recoverymonth.gov/2009/multimedia/default.aspx.

- *Treatment 101: Recovery Today*, Premiers: April 1, 2009
- *Providing a Continuum of Care: Improving Collaboration Among Services*, Premiers: May 6, 2009
- *Recovery and the Health Care/Insurance Systems: Improving Treatment and Increasing Access*, Premiers: June 3, 2009
- *Treatment and the Justice System: Preventing Problems and Ensuring Recovery*, Premiers: July 1, 2009
- *The Social Services System: Supporting Treatment and Recovery for Individuals and Families*, Premiers: August 5, 2009
- *Recovery in the Workplace: Treatment Benefits Both Employees and Employers*, Premiers: September 2, 2009
- *The Road to Recovery 2009: A Showcase of Events*, Premiers: November 4, 2009

Workforce Development

Health Workforce Information Center

The new Health Workforce Information Center at www.healthworkforceinfo.org is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Topics of information on the site include:

- health workforce programs and funding sources;
- workforce data, research, and policy;
- educational opportunities and models;
- best practices; and
- related news and events, also available through email updates.

In addition, users will be able to call or email information specialists for customized assistance to locate statistics, create data-based maps, develop lists of possible funding sources, supply publications, and connect users to the right organizations or federal programs, according to the press release (<http://newsroom.hrsa.gov/releases/2009/hwiconline.htm>).

Keeping the 'Boomers' Booming

Baby boomers interested in keeping their neurons booming and healthy on the job may want to try some 'mind games' available on the Internet. Some memory loss and general decline in cognitive ability may be delayed by keeping the brain active with specific activities. The boomers are not the only ones that may benefit from these 'mind games.' Research indicates that one's cognitive ability may start to erode while in their 20's. Check out these sites for job seekers who want to maintain or increase their cognitive health.

- HappyNeuron.com
Every game is designed by a team of Neurologists and Neuroscientists.
www.happy-neuron.com
- CogniFit
Software is designed to enhance cognitive abilities by *sharpening the memory, improving eye-hand coordination, and requiring multi-tasking abilities.*
www.cognifit.com
- Positscience.com
Activities increase the quality and quantity of the information one's brain absorbs from their ears.
<http://positscience.com>
- FitBrains.com
Games target five functions of the brain: Language, memory, executive functions, visual and spatial skills, and concentration.
www.fitbrains.com/index.php

New Resources

- *Creating Communities of Hope, Innovation, Productivity, and Prosperity: Lessons Learned*
This resource shares how WIBs have worked effectively with FBCOs to transform the performance and capacity of the workforce system, communities, and regional economies. It includes a summary of lessons learned, a variety of resources, and access to peers who can answer your questions and provide additional information.
www.dol.gov/cfbci/communities.pdf
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Training Funds at Ten Year Low

According to a report by research firm Bersin & Associates, the money businesses allocated to training dropped to a ten year low in 2008 and according to Expertus and research provider Training Industry, that decline will continue in 2009. It may be necessary for more workers to pay for their own training in order to remain competitive. Those entering the workplace may not be able to access workplace learning opportunities that would have led to higher job retention and career advancement. To read more access the article: *Training is Taking a Beating in Recession: Studies Find* by Workforce Management at www.workforce.com/section/00/article/26/12/95.php.

Waivers to the Workforce Investment Act

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's web site: "The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) authorizes the U.S. Department of Labor to waive certain state and local provisions in the law and regulations. This waiver authority provides increased flexibility to states and local areas, and waivers can be an effective tool for organizing services in ways that best meet the needs of the state, regional, and local economies."

Over 500 waivers have been awarded to date that allow state and local areas flexibility in the use of WIA funds, the delivery of services, and other key aspects of effective workforce strategies. To learn more about what WIA waivers are available and how they can assist in economic recovery efforts and serving workers and employers impacted by the economic downturn, check out the recent webinar recording on this issue at www.workforce3one.org/view/3000901939369295684. For more information access www.workforce3one.org.

Workforce Development Needed to Support Military Bases

Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, and Washington are predicted to have a substantial need for new workers to fill civilian jobs at military installations and in the broader community and in a very short timeframe. To learn of the innovative workforce strategies that are allowing these communities to take full advantage of the economic development that accompanies the growth of military bases access, *State Workforce Activities to Support Mission Growth* by the National Governor's Association at www.nga.org/Files/pdf/0902MISSIONGROWTH.PDF.