

DAEL COMMUNICATIONS

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DAEL uses govDelivery to disseminate program information to State directors through emails and e-newsletters. This forum is also used by State directors to discuss pertinent issues and ask questions about noteworthy practices. New directors are automatically added to govDelivery and receive a confirmation message from the moderator. The govDelivery application does not require any software downloads and subscribers control their own accounts. These discussions may contain privileged information that is still under consideration by OVAE. State directors should not forward copies of information they obtain from it to third parties.

Shop Talks

Shop Talk is a one-hour webinar/conference call among DAEL staff and State directors that generally occurs on the first Thursday of every other month (even numbered months). This call serves as an information pipeline to State directors by providing updates on DAEL projects and awards, national activities, annual reporting, and meetings. State directors are encouraged to submit topics for the agenda prior to the call. Once all topics are submitted for consideration, the director prepares a memo for the call that is sent out to the directors via the Listserv approximately one to two weeks before the call takes place. The memo provides information on the final agenda topics, date and time of the call, and instructions on how to access the webinar/conference call. Each area is assigned a call time and access code and directors may designate proxies to participate in the call if they cannot participate themselves. State directors are encouraged to actively participate in the conversations and to bring concerns, issues, or innovative programs to the group for discussion in this forum.

OVAE Connection

OVAE Connection is a weekly electronic newsletter on issues and developments in OVAE, including vocational and adult education, community college, and research items. It is sent to State directors and others via email on Thursdays and contains articles that highlight various areas of interest for State directors such as English language learning, transition to postsecondary institutions, math and science education, as well as other topics that are important in the field. It is written and produced under the guidance of the Assistant Secretary's office and contains clickable resources in the text. State directors to send articles and items of interest to Diane.McCauley@ed.gov for consideration for future editions of *OVAE Connection*. Contact Peirce.Hammond@ed.gov to request delivery of the newsletter.

LINCS

OVAE has recently relaunched the adult educator information website <http://lincs.ed.gov/>. The enhanced website provides a Resource Collection of quality evidence-based online resources and access to technical assistance delivered through the LINCS Regional Professional Development Centers. Find contacts and events for your region at http://lincs.ed.gov/lincs/regionalresources/regional_centers.html. New to the site is an online community with 16 topics area discussion groups. These virtual communities provide an opportunity for on-demand professional development and networking with peers and subject matter experts. Join and select groups of interest to stay current.