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**WELCOME! FALL WORKSHOP.
LEARN TODAY-USE TOMORROW!**

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Welcome to another great year with ESL! It has been a wonderful summer and I hope that all of you had a chance to regenerate and are inspired to start a new year. As we enter the 2017-18 school year, the Michigan ESL Professional Advisory Committee reflected on what we accomplished this past year. Not only did we host two workshops, but we also wrote the College Career Readiness Standards for ESL, completed a chart for civics integration, teacher evaluations, were represented at conferences and presented at a national conference. While it seemed that we completed a lot of tasks on our strategic plan, we still have a lot to do to help us look at our pro-

grams and to reinvent and revitalize ourselves, our classrooms and our curriculum. Looking at the feedback, we decided that many teachers and tutors wanted to have sessions where they have take-a-ways and learn new ideas that they can readily use the next day. We listened and decided to name our Fall Conference, **Learn Today-Use Tomorrow**. Our conference has some great sessions that include lesson planning, 5 effective teaching practices, civics integration, free community resources and transitioning ESL to GED. We also have an immigration lawyer and USCIS presenting.

I want to thank our committee who have pulled this together year after year and the vendors. We cannot have a conference without USCIS-

Frank Castria, our wonderful friends from SERRV, and Doris from the International Book Centre. Please check out the vendors!

A special thanks to Patrick Brown, he has been so instrumental in helping plan the conference. He has a new job and will be moving on. Please take time to wish him well in his new endeavors!

We are always looking for new members. We have had a strategic planning meeting and have some critical goals. If you are interested in joining our committee, we meet each month here in East Lansing on the first Friday of the month. Please stop by to check us out! Karyn Goven

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YOUR MICHIGAN ESL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Michigan Department of Education Office of Adult Extended Services in 1994. It continues to work with the Adult Education office as a 501c3.

The ESL Professional Advisory Committee's mission is to provide ESL adult educators with the greater sense of cohesiveness through a

The ESL Professional Advisory Committee was created to work as an Advisory

forum for discussion, and to increase the awareness of ESL adult educators as well as the larger community and issues relating to ESL. The committee provides a resource for sharing of ideas, information and state requirements.

We also provide educational opportunities for professional development.

Since 2000, we have provided 2 workshops a year for ESL educators throughout the state.

Our strategic planning this year

was exciting as we created several goals and looked at our assets. Goals include: CCRS implementation, Teacher Evaluations, Expanding our outreach, Professional Development, Integrated EL Civics and sustainability.

You can find more information at our website:

www.eslpac.weebly.com

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL TALENT SOLUTIONS & THE ESL PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



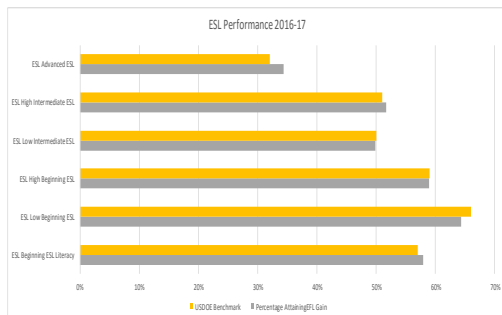
In Michigan employers are experiencing a pronounced shortage of workers in high-demand fields. In 2016, for each unemployed worker there were 19 STEM job openings posted online in Michigan. Immigrants in Michigan are often highly skilled, coming from backgrounds in engineering, IT, and business and have the capacity to lessen the STEM gap. However, these skilled job seekers often struggle

to return to their profession because they lack a professional network and familiarity with the professional job search process in the U.S. In order to connect these job seekers to Michigan employers, Michigan's Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Michigan Office for New Americans created the Michigan International Talent Solutions (MITS) Program.

Michigan International Talent Solutions (MITS) program is a free job search training and coaching program designed to support highly skilled immigrants and refugees in Michigan return to their professional field. Eligible MITS participants who complete the skills training portion of the program advance to one-on-one job coaching. In this program, job seekers will undergo training on how to adapt their resume and cover letter to a US format, interview in the US, build a professional network, complete job applications and more. The MITS program supports active job seekers from application through salary negotiation and actively seeks to connect skilled immigrant talent with employers across Michigan.

State Data Facts 16-17

In 2016-2017 adult education providers in Michigan serviced 31,887 participants. Students in ESL account for 30% with 9717 students. There were 50% more male than female registered. 51% were between the ages of 25-44.



With over 14,700 children whose parents are registered in adult education, we know that adult education services impact children. Adult Education helps our students to be able to speak English, earn their HSE or HSD and gain employment.

SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM: TROY CONTINUING EDUCATION



Troy Continuing Education Excels with ESL Students!

Troy Continuing Education has been successfully offering ESL classes for over 30 years. In the past few years, the need for ESL education in Troy has grown dramatically. They offer both onsite and satellite

classes to reach as many students as possible with the grant funding allotted, mornings and evenings. They even offer a class to elementary parents in the cafeteria of their child's school! Troy now fills up all 300 available seats at their Niles center location in one day of registration! Students start lining up at 5 a.m.! Students are being referred to Troy's program before they even leave their home countries. Troy offers both a traditional in-seat classroom as well as a virtual option for those that cannot attend regularly. Last year Troy piloted an ESL Connections event to bring students and community services together – it was a huge

success! Standing room only! Troy also has a wonderful Thanksgiving luncheon each year in which students bring their favorite dishes while we provide the traditional Thanksgiving dinner menu. Troy is building not only better English learners, but strong community members!



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