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Director's Message

*"If you can dream it, you can do it.
Always remember that this whole thing
was started by a mouse."*

– Walt Disney

Hooray! We did it! The Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium was the first consortium to submit a consolidated, consortium-level report to AEBG! For months, CAERC Members worked to complete and check off all the AEBG deliverables for the AEBG Annual Reporting Cycle, including:

- Fund A: 2015–16 Budget Revisions
- 2015–16 Annual Plan Amendments
- Consortium Fiscal Administration Declaration (CFAD)
- Fund A: 2015–16 Annual Expenditure and Progress Reports
- 2015–16 Student and Performance Data Reports
- 2016–17 Annual Plan and Budget

At times, it seemed like we were chasing the elusive "mouse" of AEBG. But Walt Disney was right, *"If you can dream it, you can do it. Always remember that this whole thing was started by a mouse."* Walt Disney never forgot how his dreams of building Disneyland came true, and that it all started with an idea—a cartoon mouse named Mickey.

With one idea, you can scale it up and create an innovative plan for turning that idea into reality. In many ways, what K–12 adult education and community colleges are striving to achieve with AEBG was at one time just an idea.

To help us achieve our dream, we are excited to launch the 2016–17 school year with our renewed commitment to build and foster effective, consortium-wide partnerships that support CAERC's Governance Plan and Annual Plans. Establishing robust collaborative partnerships is key to building a comprehensive regional network of adult education providers to meet the diverse needs of adult learners in the Capital Region. The AEBG path has had its share of curves and roadblocks, yet the journey has been empowering and rewarding. Plus, *"it's kind of fun to do the impossible!"* (Walt Disney).

Connie Lee
CAERC Director



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IN THE WORKS

Read about CAERC's plan for 2016-17!

Year 2: Align and Rethink

Our focus in Year 2 will be on aligning existing and future adult education programs to postsecondary academic and career pathways and enhancing the quality of our region's instructional offerings. We will strengthen existing partnerships and establish new partnerships to increase student access to community resources and support services. CAERC will also continue its Year 1 commitment to expanding adult education programs and services throughout the region.

2016–17 Regional Strategies

- ▶ **Expand** adult education (AE) course offerings in the seven program areas in the region
- ▶ **Develop** Regional Asset Map and Pathways Roadmap
- ▶ **Align** courses and streamline pathways
- ▶ **Provide** professional development to support regional priorities
- ▶ **Coordinate and expand** marketing and outreach efforts
- ▶ **Increase** K–12 AE to postsecondary transition with student outreach events and services
- ▶ **Collaborate** with Los Rios Center of Excellence to host Career Technical Education (CTE) Workforce Seminars
- ▶ **Research** AE teacher credentialing programs and develop resources
- ▶ **Coordinate** Special Projects Request for Proposal (RFP) to address gaps in services and accelerate student progress

IN THE WORKS



The Capital Adult Education Web site is LIVE!

The Capital Adult Education Web site went live in August. This “asset map” connects adults to free and low-cost classes offered by CAERC members and partners across the Capital Region. Adult learners in Yolo, Sacramento, El Dorado, and Amador counties can now find classes and programs near them to:

- ▶ Learn English
- ▶ Prepare for the U.S. Citizenship test
- ▶ Improve their math and reading skills
- ▶ Earn their high school diploma or equivalency (GED® test, HiSET, TASC)
- ▶ Gain job skills and earn industry certifications

CAERC member and partner agencies are encouraged to enter their course information soon and to begin promoting the site in their communities. A marketing flyer is available for download at http://caerc.org/pdf/CAERC_Flyer.pdf.



MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Learn more about programs and services provided by our CAERC Members!

Twin Rivers Adult School



<http://www.tras.edu/>

Programs available:



Adult Basic Education



English as a Second Language



Adult Secondary Education



US Citizenship



Career Technical Education



Pre-apprenticeship

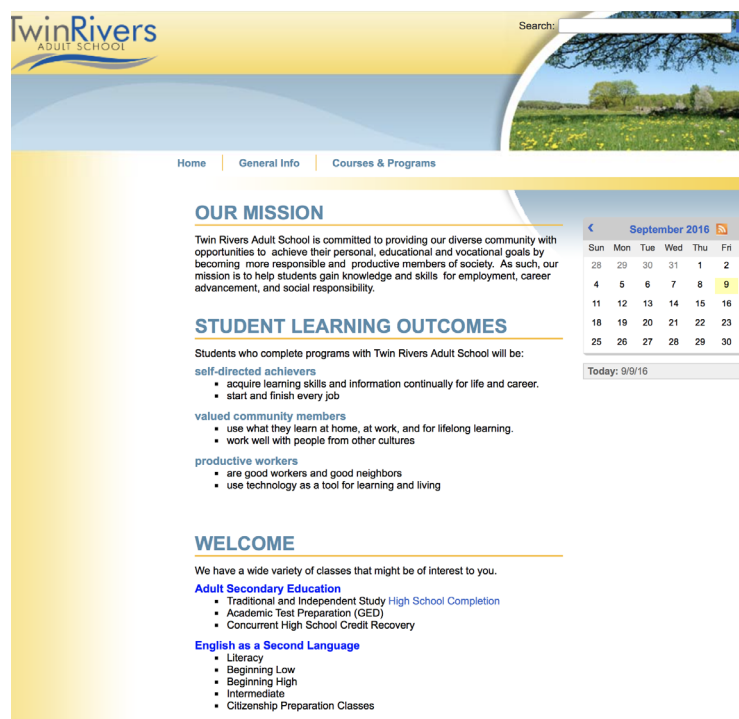
Expanding Programs with Partnerships: Our District and Our Community

Twin Rivers Adult School (TRAS) operates from our main center at 5703 Skvarla Avenue, McClellan, California. Our main center houses a variety of classes including English as a Second Language (ESL), High School Completion, GED, and Computer Literacy. Our courses are offered morning, afternoon,

and evening. Last year we served over 1,800 students.

This year, to better serve our communities we are pleased to be opening seven satellite ESL classes at local schools and community venues. TRAS worked with our Parent and Community Involvement Department and surveyed parents in our community. Our courses are offered twice weekly in libraries, classrooms, and community rooms. These classes partner with parenting classes and other classes through Twin Rivers Parent University.

In Spring 2016, we began partnering with our high schools and continuation schools to provide opportunities for Career Tech Education and Pre-Apprenticeship. At Foothill High School, adult learners can participate with Northern California Construction and Trades (NCCT) after the traditional school day has ended. Students can be certified in OSHA or to drive a forklift and also learn how to build a home from "the ground up." This year we expanded our program to partner with one of our continuation schools. Students in the continuation program participate in one set of classes while adult learners attend at a separate time. Both sites



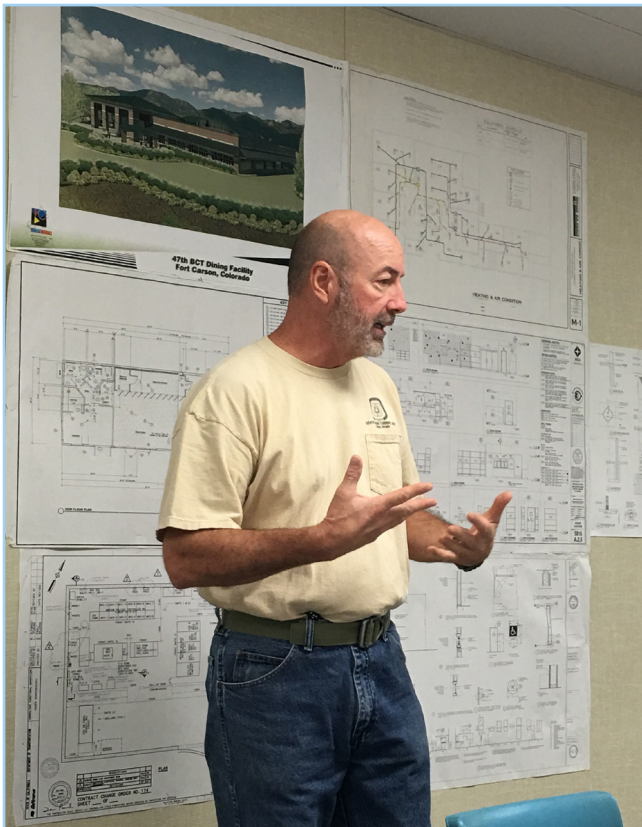
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connect directly with Pre-Apprenticeship; our first student began work at a plumbing company this past summer!

Our goal is to continue to look for opportunities to bring services directly into the community and use spaces that are vacant or underserved. We have a draft plan to add two other Career Tech Ed programs to our community within the year. We have found great success in bringing the ESL programs to the parents of our students; it serves the community and addresses the difficult issue of facilities all in one.

Matthew Kelly, instructor for Northern California Construction and Trades, talks about the program at Foothill High School.



Building partnerships in adult education: Representatives convene from Northern California Construction Training, Twin Rivers USD, Center Joint USD, and Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium.



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Learn more about programs and services provided by our CAERC Partners!

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Alta California Regional Center

www.altaregional.org

Creating Partnerships to Support Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) is a private, non-profit corporation working under contract with the State of California, Department of Developmental Services, to provide services to persons, age three and above, with a developmental disability in one of four areas of eligibility: intellectual disability, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and autism. Other substantially disabling conditions closely related to intellectual disability or which require treatment similar to the

treatment required by persons with intellectual disability may also be eligible for services.

At ACRC, we assist people with developmental disabilities and their families by building a team of supporting physicians, therapists, and other professionals for each of our clients with one common goal: helping each individual live a healthy and productive life in his/her own community.

We provide services throughout a ten-county area of Northern California. Over 75% of our more than 20,000 clients are in Sacramento and Placer counties. However, staff at our eight locations serve clients in Alpine, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties.

Life after high school can be a very exciting, scary, and challenging phase for many of our clients and their families. That is why transition should start early so students can receive the supports that they need to help them make informed decisions as they transition into the next phase of their adult life. ACRC is dedicated to providing the assistance and support to help this transition go as smoothly as possible for the clients and their families.

We vendor with providers throughout varying counties to provide the supports that our



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clients need. Following are some of the services we provide our adult clients.

Day Programs:

1. Community Integration Training Program
2. Community Activities Support Services
3. Activity Center
4. Adult Development Center
5. Behavior Management Program
6. Adult Day Health Center
7. Adult Day Care

Tailored Day Services:

Tailored day programs are available for clients interested in volunteering, post-secondary education, and employment. This program can be used in lieu of a traditional day program.

Supported employment:

1. Work Activity Center
2. Supported Employment, Individual
3. Supported Employment, Group
4. Paid internships

Independent Living Support:

1. Independent Living Services
2. Supported Living Services
3. Personal Assistant

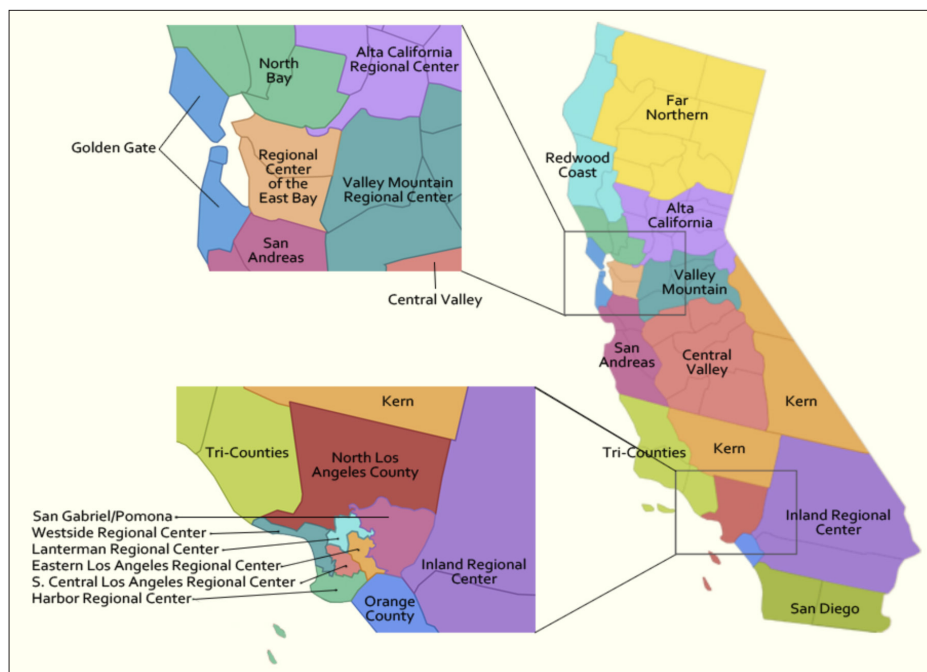
Please contact our office or refer to our Web site for additional information about our services: www.altaregional.org.

Information provided by Katherine Weston and Cindy Le at Alta California Regional Center (ACRC)

<http://arcanet.org/services-supports/regional-centers.html>

Regional Centers Map

The twenty-one regional centers within the State of California provide a coordinated system for diagnosing individuals suspected of or having a developmental disability and helping people with these disabilities to make use of all essential public and private services to meet their special needs (medical and dental, educational, recreational, vocational, social, and emotional).



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Discover how adult education is making a difference in our community!

A Tribute to Teamwork

For months, CAERC Members spent hours collecting and crosschecking their fiscal and student data. It was inspiring to watch our Consortium in full action during the AEBG reporting period. Walt Disney captured this collaboration best, *"Whatever we accomplish belongs to our group, a tribute to our combined effort."*

Thank you to every CAERC Member who helped the Consortium reach its goals and meet the AEBG deadlines. Special cheers to our frontline staff, data managers, CAERC staff, and the CASAS team who went the extra mile to ensure our success! CAERC was the first consortium to submit a consolidated, consortium-level data report to AEBG! #GoCAERCgo



UPCOMING EVENTS

Be a part of the CAERC community by attending an upcoming event.



WEDNESDAY

CAERC Monthly Meetings

Please join us!

Public is welcome to attend!

Join us on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00–3:30 PM!

- ▶ October 5, 2016 - SCOE Board Room
- ▶ November 4, 2016* - SCOE Mather Room
- ▶ December 7, 2016 - SCOE Board Room
- ▶ January 11, 2017** - SCOE Conference Center, Room W
- ▶ February 1, 2017 - Bryte Career & College Training, Bryte Garden Cafe
- ▶ March 1, 2017 - SCOE Mather Room
- ▶ May 10, 2017** - Folsom Adult School
- ▶ June 7, 2017 - SCOE Conference Center, Room X

SCOE Board/Mather Room: 10474 Mather Blvd., Mather, CA 95655

SCOE Conference Center: 3661 Whitehead St., Suite 100, Mather, CA 95655

Bryte Career & College Training: 637 Todhunter Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95605

Folsom Adult School: 10850 Gadsten Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Note: No April meeting due to Spring Break.

* November meeting will take place on Friday

** January and May meetings will take place on 2nd Wednesday of the month

CAERC Regional Summit

The **CAERC Regional Summit** will be held at the Sacramento County Office of Education on Friday, September 30, from 8:30 AM–3:30 PM. This day-long professional development event will feature concurrent sessions on a variety of adult education topics.

2016 AEBG Annual Summit

This year's **AEBG Annual Summit** will be held November 1-2 in Sacramento. The theme for the summit is "Moving the Needle." CAERC would like to thank the following Consortium staff and member leads for attending on behalf of the membership:

- Connie Lee, Director, Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium (CAERC)
- Dr. Tammy Montgomery, Associate Vice President of Instruction and Learning Resources, American River College
- Grace Sauser, Principal, Davis Joint Unified School District
- Karen Malkiewicz, Principal, Elk Grove Unified School District

Additional details can be found on the AEBG Web site at <http://aebg.cccco.edu/Events/2016-AEBG-Annual-Summit>.

If you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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For the latest information, check the Consortium Web site calendar: <http://caerc.org/calendar.html>