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Central/Southeast E-News

Dr. Bertice Berry to Speak at 2008 Kickoff

Our Keynote Speaker is Dr. Bertice Berry www.berticeberry.com. Here is some background information >

"No one defies stereotypes, generalizations or clichés more than Dr. Bertice Berry. Growing up poor in Wilmington, Delaware, the sixth of seven children, Bertice was told by a high school teacher that she was "not college mate-

rial". Bertice not only graduated magna cum laude from Jacksonville where she was awarded the President's Cup for leadership, she subsequently earned a Ph.D. in Sociology from Kent State University at the age of 26. Dr. Berry taught sociology and statistics at Kent, and demonstrated that she knew a few things about humor, as well. She be-

came one of the most popular teachers at the university; so popular, in fact, larger lecture halls had to be found to accommodate the ever-increasing number of students."

DON'T MISS IT!



7th Annual Literacy Kickoff— Session Sampler

- PD: Rewards for Research - **MB Totten**
- Color in the Classroom—**Judy Cheek**
- Getting Ahead in a Just Getting' By World—**Katrina Seymour**
- The New Eureka! Online Adult Literacy Resources—**Dianna Baycich**
- Universal Design for Learning—**Fran Holthaus**
- Multisensory Language Instruction for At-Risk Students—**Dr. Susan Nolan**
- Fun with Graphing—**Linda Josephczyk**
- Lesson Planning Meets the Wild, Wild West—**Judy Franks**
- Teaching Writing to Reluctant Writers—**Dr. Richard Cooper**
- Teaching Appalachian Cultural Identity—**Jim Addington**
- Team Building Activities for Orientation—**Sharon Reynolds**
- Mind Over Matter: Effective Learning in the Classroom—**Jeff Fantine**
- Philosophy—Who Needs It? - **MB Totten**
- "I Can't Do Fractions!" "Sure you Can." - **Dr. Richard Cooper**
- Public Libraries as Partners in Lifelong Learning—**Mercede Robinson**
- The Irlen Method—**Elaine Gutowitz**

Student Success Calendar—Deadline!

Don't forget: the deadline for nominating an extraordinary student for recognition in the 2008

Central/Southeast ABLE Resource Center Stu-

dent Success Calendar is Friday, July 27, 2007!

The Nomination Form is attached to this email. If there is someone special

you'd like to nominate, please fill out the form and fax it back to us at **(740)593-2834**.

Student Scholarships and Grants

Dollar General and Suave Scholarship Contest.

It might be just the thing for some of the students we serve. It definitely takes into consideration the GED graduate.

<http://www.suaveessaycontest.com/w1244/entry..cfm>

"Grants to Address Students with Special Needs & Engage Parents and Community"

US Airways Education Foundation is accepting applications for its 2007 Community Education Grant Program.

Grants will be awarded to educational programs that respond to the special needs of disadvantaged or disabled individuals; teach or enhance social responsibility; facilitate parental and/or community involvement; and enhance academic achievement. Maximum

Award: \$5,000. Eligibility: 501(c)3 organizations located in the markets served by the airline. **Deadline: August 1, 2007.**

<http://tinyurl.com/333qh6>

"Grants Reward Community Colleges Helping First-Generation College Students"

The Met Life Foundation and Jobs for the Future invite community colleges to apply for the 2008 MetLife Community College Excellence Award. The award will honor two community colleges for their institution-wide commitment to helping low-income students, first-generation college-goers, and working adults enter and succeed in postsecondary education. Maximum Award: \$30,000.

Eligibility: community colleges across the United States. **Deadline: August 31, 2007.**

<http://tinyurl.com/3as3nn>

Misunderstood Minds

For one in five students, learning is an exhausting and frustrating struggle. Often mistakenly called "lazy" or "stupid" by their teachers, classmates, and even their families, these children may be suffering from debilitating learning problems. If not addressed, the problems can have a devastating impact on the students' self-esteem and future academic and social success. The PBS documentary "Misunderstood Minds" shines a spotlight on this painful subject, following the stories of

five families as, together with experts, they try to solve the mysteries of their children's learning difficulties. Produced and directed by Michael Kirk, this 90-minute special shows the children's problems in a new light, and serves as a platform to open a nationwide dialogue on how best to manage young, vulnerable, and misunderstood minds. Parents, teachers, and students looking for the scientific explanations behind learning differences and strategies to aid success in school can find

both on the companion website for Misunderstood Minds. The site includes profiles of the students in the documentary, as well as sections on Attention, Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Interactive activities, called Experience First-hand, are designed to give site visitors a sense of what it may be like for a student struggling with a basic skill.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/>

Sign Language Accessible Mental Health Videos Available Online

Teaming up with the Ohio Department of Mental Health, CSD (Communication Services for the Deaf) of Ohio and CSD-TV have developed American Sign Language (ASL) videos as a resource for deaf or hard of hearing mental health consumers. The videos are also captioned and voiced. These Web-based videos were produced for a community resource network called the Network of Care, the first online community resource in the health and human services arena. Ohio is one of 13 states who operate a statewide Network of Care (www.networkofcare.org).

CSD of Ohio has the expertise to develop these videos based on their experience providing unique services addressing the mental health needs of deaf and hard of hearing consumers throughout the state, as well as to professionals in the mental health system. Some of the video topics are "Child and Adolescent Depression," "What is Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder," "Anxiety Disorders in Adults," "What Are Mood Disorders," and many more.

Cultural competency is one of the major issues surrounding the resources for deaf consumers seeking mental health.

The industry is English-driven, not ASL-driven. This means that deaf consumers often fail to find resources who offer services in the medium they desire — the visual language of ASL. ASL, as a language, has a different set of structure, morphology, semantics and syntax from English, making communication a complicated barrier to a deaf consumer's recovery. These videos are the most effective way to provide information to consumers who rely on ASL as their primary mode of communication and information gathering.

"Accessibility is the priority issue for our Network of Care community Web sites," said Afshin Khosravi, Trilogy Integrated Resources chief executive officer, who operates Network of Care. "From people with physical disabilities to people with developmental disabilities, we create everything with them in mind since they form the communities we are trying to serve. Whenever we have an opportunity to provide a resource to a special needs group, such as the hard of hearing and deaf communities, we will do it."

"CSD is continually striving for



innovative ways to work with service providers who can use our insight to connect with their deaf or hard of hearing consumers," said Ben Soukup, CSD chief executive officer. "Providing these videos in ASL doesn't just further the CSD mission — it helps realize Network of Care's mission as well."

To check out the new Ohio Network of Care Web site and the videos, go to www.ohio.networkofcare.org.

For more information, please visit www.c-s-d.org.

To watch the videos

www.tinyurl.com/296wva

Upcoming Professional Development

To register for the following events—go to the ABLÉ Training Calendar at www.able-ohiou.org and click on Training Calendar.

08/07/2007 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Webinar: GED Testing Accommodations and Adaptations This Webinar workshop, lead by Connie Leading, reviews GED Testing Accommodations and Adaptations.
08/07/2007 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Webinar: GED Testing Accommodations and Adaptations <i>see above</i>
08/22/2007	LD: Overview of Learning Disabilities
08/23/07	New Director's Orientation Meeting
09/14/07	ABLE Kickoff
09/18/2007 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Managing an Adult ESOL Class with Multiple Skill Levels This Webinar focuses on curriculum, techniques, materials and resources for Adult ESOL classes that have multiple skill levels.



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The staff of the Central/Southeast ABLÉ Resource Center wishes you a healthy and relaxing summer!

Jim, Jeff, Brian, Kate, Sharon, and MB

