Butte-Glenn Adult Education Consortium

The purpose of AB 86 is to provide grant funds to regional consortium to create and implement a plan to better provide adults in its region with all of the following: elementary and secondary basic skills, including classes required for a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate; classes and courses for immigrants eligible for education services in citizenship and English as a Second Language (ESL) and workforce preparation classes in basic skills; education programs for adults with disabilities; short-term career technical education programs with high employment potential; and programs for apprentices.

The Butte-Glenn Adult Ed Consortium is managed by a co-chair leadership team. The leadership team includes Tessa Miley – Butte College, Jeff Ochs – Oroville Adult School and Jess Modesto – Glenn County Office of Education. In addition, the leadership team is supported by Teresa Ward – Subject Matter Expert from Butte College and Duerr Evaluation – Outside consultant assisting with data collection and review. In October of this year the leadership team attended a statewide planning summit facilitated by the Chancellor’s Office. During this summit participants heard from a panel of legislators, reviewed the statewide data that had been collected to date, and met within their super regions to discuss best practices and potential funding models.

The Butte-Glenn Adult Ed Consortium has met five times since March of this year at locations in both Butte and Glenn County to collaborate on the development of a Regional Comprehensive Plan that includes detailed information about the processes undertaken to address the requirements of AB86. The plan must also include recommendations for implementing Adult Education programming based on the regional planning efforts undertaken by the consortium. The consortium has two additional meetings planned to finalize the regional plan and submit by the March 1, 2015 deadline.

The consortium consists of representatives from the following organizations: Butte College, Glenn County Office of Education, Oroville Adult School, Butte County Office of Education, Chico Unified School District, Paradise Unified School District, Gridley USD, Hamilton USD, Orland USD, Princeton JUSD, Willows USD, Butte Community Based Coalition, Butte County Behavioral Health, Butte County Behavior Center, Butte County Library, CA Human Development, California Vocations, Caminar, Mains’l, City of Willows-Public Library, Far Northern Regional Center, Glenn County HHSA, Work Training Center, NCCC WIB, and NoRTEC.

With the help of consortium members and Duerr Evaluation the consortium is addressing the following objectives:

Objective #1: An evaluation of current levels and types of adult education programs within its region, including education for adults in correctional facilities; credit, noncredit, and enhanced noncredit adult education coursework; and programs funded through
Title II of the federal Workforce Investment Act, known as the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (Public Law 05-220).

**Objective #2:** An evaluation of current needs for adult education programs within the consortium's region.

**Objective #3:** Plans for consortium members and partners to integrate existing programs and create seamless transitions into postsecondary education or the workforce.

**Objective #4:** Plans to address the gaps identified.

**Objective #5:** Plans to employ approaches proven to accelerate a student’s progress toward his or her academic or career goals, such as contextualized basic skills and career technical education, and other joint programming strategies between adult education and career technical education.

**Objective #6:** Plans to collaborate in the provision of ongoing professional development opportunities for faculty and other staff to help them achieve greater program integration and improve student outcomes.

**Objective #7:** Plans to leverage existing regional structures, including, but not limited to, local workforce investment areas.

For additional information on the consortium please visit our website at [www.butteglennadulted.org](http://www.butteglennadulted.org).