Aspire Updates  
September 18, 2019

Due Dates
September 20 – Supplemental Funds Request
September 30 - FY 2019 Aspire Instructional FER and IELCE FER, if applicable, due in CCIP

OAACE Conference
The 2019 annual OAACE conference will be held October 24 and 25, 2019 at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris. The Ohio Department of Higher Education’s Aspire office will be supporting registrations for two paid OAACE members from each program at the rate of $265 for two days or $189 for one. Please register for Aspire-paid registration ASAP as the deadline for Aspire-paid registration is October 9, 2019. From October 10-16, registration for any remaining Aspire-paid slots will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To access Aspire-paid registration, please click here. Once you have registered in the PD System, you will receive instructions on the registration confirmation page for how to complete the registration process.

To access self-paid or program-paid registration, please click here.

If you have any questions about registration, please contact the PDN at ohiopdn@literacy.kent.edu or 1-800-765-2897, option 2.

OhioMeansJobs
Aspire now has a landing page on OhioMeansJobs. Click on the Individuals page and you will see the Aspire logo. The Aspire landing page is a compilation of OhioMeansJobs resources that are most applicable for Aspire students. Amy Dumbaugh, project manager at the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, will be doing a presentation at OAACE walking participants through the tools.
GED College Ready Score
Two years ago, the Ohio Department of Higher Education included the GED College Ready score as an assessment to determine whether a student meets the standards for college readiness in order to be considered remediation-free. Most applicable for Aspire is the information on pages 9 and 10. It’s important to share this information with students who score 165 or greater on the GED Reasoning through Language Arts or Math tests so they can advocate for themselves during college admission. With College Ready scores, students can place directly into college credit courses in these subject areas and bypass developmental education, saving time and money. Be sure to talk with the admissions staff in the colleges with which you partner to make sure they are aware of the GED College Ready scores. Consider explaining the value of College Ready scores to students during orientation so they may be more inclined to reach beyond the 145 passing score. HiSET and TASC scores will be included in the standards when that information becomes available from the test companies.

ESL Assessments
For all ESL programs, please keep the timeline in mind as we phase out current ESL tests with a goal of having only one ESL assessment, TABE CLAS-E, by July 1, 2021. One ESL assessment for the state will allow for better comparability of performance data, ease of aligning assessment and curriculum, and the ability to leverage reduced costs on bulk purchases.

July 1, 2020 – BEST+ 2.0 and CLAS-E only (CASAS Reading and BEST Literacy will be removed from the Assessment policy)
July 1, 2021 – CLAS-E only

Please contact your program manager if you have any questions.