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General Webinar Tidbits

- All dates and times are in Central Time (CT).
- Federal AFRs should be submitted by July 15th.
- The webinar is designed to be interactive, and attendees are encouraged to participate.
- Questions can be submitted via the chat function or by raising your hand.

Assessment Policy Updates

Tracking Subjects:

- Attendance
- Participations
- Accomplishments

Attendance Hours

In order to be counted for attendance, the data must be submitted within the attendance data window. The data must be submitted by the end of the day of the window.

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- Participation counts the time spent engaging in activities.
- Accomplishments count the progress made during the window.
- The window is the same as the data submission window.
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General Webinar Tips

- All webinar materials, including any accompanying documents, can be accessed on the webinar platform.
- Participants are encouraged to take notes and participate in the Q&A session.
- A webinar summary will be provided following the webinar.

We will make sure to pass on any updates to the appropriate stakeholders.

Upcoming Federal Reporting

For updated information on upcoming federal reporting requirements, please refer to the official website.

Assessment Policy Updates

Tracking Subjects:

- For tracking purposes, all updates and changes related to the assessment policy will be documented in the webinar summary.

Attendance Hours

It is crucial for participants to be aware of the attendance hours, which are outlined below:

- Attendance must be recorded within attendance hours.
- Any issues with recording must be reported to the coordinator immediately.
- Participants are required to use the same data set as the initial submission for consistency.
- Additional contact information will be provided for any questions or concerns.

Due Date Notification:

Please ensure that all updates are submitted by the required due date.

Contact Information:

For further assistance, please contact the support team at support@example.com.
General Webinar Tidbits

• All phones are muted. Feel free to place questions in the chat box or make a note of them until the end of the webinar. Phone lines will be un-muted at the end of the webinar.

• The webinar is being recorded and will be placed both in the Moodle and on the WIOA Resources web site. Individuals viewing the webinar in the Moodle are eligible to receive professional development credit.

• We will NOT answer any questions on the FY 2019 grant application. More information on the grant will be provided soon. Stay tuned.

• Drafts of the FY 2017 Desk Reviews (DR) will be released on Monday, January 22. There is a pre-recorded webinar available for viewing - FY 2017 Desk Review Overview - on our web site under the heading Accountability. This short webinar introduces the changes in the DR. No Professional Development credit is available for the DR webinar.
Thursday, January 11, 2018

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Progress, Progress, Progress

From the May Meeting -
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From the Regional Meetings -
Exit Reasons - Consider the LEAVE tab on the EXIT FORM.
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Exit Reasons - Consider the LEAVE tab on the EXIT FORM.
In FY 2017, not enrolled students from 7 programs listed "class closed" as the TOP REASON for leaving Aspire; Enrolled students from 5 programs listed the same as their top reason for leaving. So, what is class closed?
“Class closed” refers to the ending of a class so that a student is unable to attend because appropriate courses and classes are not available (i.e. a site is closed so the classes at that site are no longer available). “Class closed” should not be used simply because it’s the end of the fiscal year or end of a bridge class that will be offered again in the fall.
And while we're discussing **exit reasons**...

Programs who wish to use exit reasons as a tool for program improvement (i.e. is there a trend on exit reasons across the entire program or a site/class specifically) might consider limiting the number of reasons to the most IMPORTANT reasons.

Utilize the Student Long to sort participant exit reasons. **Not sure how?** There are short instructional videos available on the Moodle. Access the instructional videos in the self-directed section of the PDN calendar.
Also from the Regional Meetings -

YOU ASKED - "Is the Corrections field an exclusion on the registration or exit form in ABLELink"?

Corrections Scenarios

Scenario 1 - Participant A is taking classes while incarcerated in a correctional facility.
- Mark the appropriate element (i.e. corrections facility, jail, etc.) in the "Type of program student is placed" field on the registration form in ABLELink.

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Type of program student is placed
- Workplace Literacy
- Family Literacy
- Institutionalized settings
- Corrections facility
- Jail
- Community corrections
- Homeless program
- IELCE
- Distance education
- ADP/22+
- Bridge Program
- IET Program

Scenario 2 - **Participant B** EXITS the program to become incarcerated.
- Mark the "became incarcerated/entered support facility" on the exit form in ABLELink.

If **Participant B** is then released from incarceration and continues classes in a traditional, non-corrections instructional site.
- REMOVE the check box on the exit form added in scenario 2.

If **Participant B** exits the program to become incarcerated and then starts taking classes while incarcerated.
- Mark the appropriate element (i.e. corrections facility, jail, etc.) in the "Type of program student is placed" field on the registration form in ABLELink.
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- REMOVE the check mark next to "became incarcerated/entered support facility" on the exit form in ABLELink.
Currently, we are not responsible for validating any of the participant exclusions including whether or not a participant has actually entered or been released from a correctional facility. You should, however, update ABLELink with the information as you know it.
FY 2017 APR

Highlights

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Assessment Policy Updates

Tracking Subjects:

POLICY CURRENTLY STATES:
Students must be placed and tracked in the area that places them in the lowest EFL as determined by scale scores on a standardized assessment.

Effective July 1, 2017 – Students are no longer required to be tracked in the lowest EFL. Gains in any academic subject will count as a measurable skill gain. ABLELink will continue to automatically track in the subject that puts the student in the lowest level. However, programs may adjust the tracking subject. Only those tests completed on or after July 1, 2017 should reflect this change in procedure.
So how should we proceed?

Be sure that instructors and/or data entry staff are:

• Testing in the tracking subject. If a post-test is administered in a subject other than the tracking subject, manually change the tracking subject to adjust.
• Post-testing in a subject for which there is an initial score.

This is particularly an issue when combining BEST Plus CASAS, and TABE CLAS-E and testing on different dates.
Attendance Hours

POLICY CURRENTLY STATES:
Attendance hours for each participant are to be entered into ABLELink in weekly increments, using Monday’s date as the attendance date - **NO CHANGE**. Just make sure that:

- Assessment dates must be enclosed within attendance dates.

- For carryover students, date the assessment being used as the initial test with the first date of attendance entry.

- Be aware that progress tests may occur after the last date of attendance data entry. In those cases, enter a separate entry for progress tests to record attendance.
Why is this necessary?

Periods of participation (POPs) - A new period of participation is counted each time a participant exits and reenters after 90 days, even if it occurs in the same program year.

POPs count at the federal level!
Upcoming Federal Reporting Timelines

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Coming soon....

- **Webinar** - Effective Participant Follow-up (Reporting in ABLELink is in progress)
- **Webinar** - NRS updates (New updates as of December 2017)

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**Any questions?**

- Final questions will be recorded and will be placed both on the webinar and on the PBN website.
- Individuals viewing the webinar will be given the option to receive a personal development unit.
- Updates will be reviewed on the PBN website.
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Final reminders -

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General Webinar Tidbits
- All states are required to submit a 30-day summary of the data they enter into the system for WIOA.
- Data must be submitted to the WIOA system within 30 days of the end of the month.
- Ensure that all data is accurate and submitted timely. WIOA data quality is critical for successful program implementation.

Assessment Policy Updates
- Tracking Subjects: N/A
- Five years from the date of the assessment.

Attendance Hours
- Attendance hours for each participant must be recorded accurately.
- Hours must be recorded within the attendance data.
- Hours cannot be altered once recorded.
- If a participant's hours exceed the maximum allowed, they must be prorated.
- Notes: all attendance hours must be recorded during the assessment period.