Aspire
June Updates

APR Data Pull Date Moved Forward Slightly

As mentioned at the fall regional meetings, we will be moving the final data pull date for the APR from August 15 to August 10, 2018. To assist programs with ensuring accurate collection of programmatic information, a preliminary data pull will occur on July 6, 2018, so that state staff can begin combing through the information to isolate gaps in data and to help data entry specialists in eliminating entry errors, as well as verifying student achievements. Once the preliminary data pull occurs, programs can expect to hear from their program manager or a member of the OLRC staff to help go over potential gaps in data or to hear the "all clear, great job" report. In future program years, final data pulls for the APR will be conducted on July 31. That means this year's APR data pull will occur on August 10, 2018, but FY19's data pull will occur on July 31, 2019. If you have questions, please contact your program manager.

Office of Opportunities for New Americans

Earlier this month, Ohio Governor John R. Kasich used an executive order to create the **Office of Opportunities for New Americans** and the New Americans Advisory Committee. These entities will provide guidance and services to help integrate immigrants into the workforce and their communities through assistance with job searching, training, and business development. Aspire programs will be the first line of referrals for ESL services. View this one-minute video for an overview.

Administrators' Meeting

The annual Aspire Administrators' Meeting will take place on August 14, 2018, at the Embassy Suites Airport, Columbus. Registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. We will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

This one-day meeting for local Aspire directors aims to provide the following:
- Updates for FY2019
- Learning opportunities related to implementing WIOA, with a focus on performance accountability.
- An opportunity to network with colleagues and share promising practices in adult education.

Initial registration is available through June 30 on the PDN Calendar for administrators only. We will have approximately 30 additional seats for this event if you would like to bring another person from your program. On July 1, registration will open for one additional staff on a first come, first serve basis until the seats are filled.

FY 2019 SOFTWARE

The state Aspire office is planning to purchase statewide seats in July for Burlington English and Edmentum Plato. There is a limit on the number of seats available per program based on last year's usage. Burlington English (BE) is designed to be a classroom tool and is best suited if every student in the class has access to the software if the teacher is using BE lessons.

As with any resources provided from the state office, if these are not adequate for your program's needs, please use your local budget to purchase any additional resources needed.