

ALLIES ESL Providers' Network Meeting

March 13, 2015, 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Santa Clara Adult School

Meeting Summary

Summary

Over 50 ESL practitioners met at Santa Clara Adult School for the Spring 2015 ALLIES's ESL Practitioner Network meeting. The participants represented 27 schools, colleges or community based organizations. Key points from the agenda include:

- Updates about local collaborations
- Presentation on AB 86 and immigration reform/rights
- Collaboration on mini-grant opportunities

In both total turnout and groups represented, this was one of the most successful ALLIES meetings to date.

Partnerships

As is the ALLIES tradition, participants went around the room and described their partnerships and collaborations.

- Sunnyvale Cupertino Adult Education is working with Building Skills Partnership offering ESL classes for workers at Apple.
- Sequoia is also partnering with Canada College and JobTrain to offer computer coding classes.
- Building Skills Partnership is also working with Palo Alto Adult Education to offer ESL classes at Stanford. They also opened their new Mountain View office.
- Mission College hosted a tour for students from Santa Clara and Milpitas Adult Education, a direct result of AB 86 collaboration. Counselors and financial aid officers were on hand to meet with students.
- Sequoia Adult Education is partnering with Cell Ed to allow people to practice English over the phone and via text.
- Santa Clara Adult Education is working with Kaiser and SEIU to offer classes for

- custodians. They are completing their first cohort with workplace specific curriculum
- Palo Alto Adult Education is partnering with Foothill College for a Student Ambassador Program. It involves visits to campus and question and answer sessions for both day time and evening students.
 - Campbell Adult and Community Education hosted a community fair with representatives from local colleges. This project was also a spinoff of the AB 86 collaboration.
 - Upwardly Global is now offering classes to help improve vocational and technical skills, as well as soft skills. They are working on an apprenticeship program.
 - Jewish Family Services is continuing their ESL and Vocational programs. Recent clients include Cubans and Ukrainian refugees.

AB 86

Paul Downs summarized the current activities happening in regards to AB 86 ad the Department of Labor Grant.

Immigration Reform and Rights

Sheryl Muñoz-Bergman presented about the current state of immigration reform and rights, including:

- The court fight about expanded eligibility for the Delayed Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and the Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA)
- AB 60, California's program to allow undocumented residents to receive driver's licenses. More information is available at www.driveca.org. On that website there is a [flyer](#) that lists the special cases where people may not want to apply for a driver's license. Local resources and are available at <http://immigrantintegrationsv.org> for service providers.

Expanding the Collaborative Conversation

Much of the meeting was spent in small groups discussing potential mini-grants. ALLIES received funding from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to support collaboration between community based organizations (CBOs) and adult schools / community colleges. To do this, we making mini-grants to ALLIES participants. We plan to give a total of approximately \$15,000 in funding.

The first step of the mini-grant process is to identify the current resources available by conducting an asset map.

The grants will likely be based on AB 86 consortia. The following individuals were identified as primary contacts.

South Bay - Ilse Pollet (Catholic Charities) and Marina Broeder (Mission College). Steering Committee contact: Bob Harper

North County - Alex Scott (Palo Alto Adult) Steering Committee contact: Kara Rosenberg

San Mateo – Lionel De Maine (Sequoia), Tim Doyle (San Mateo Adult), and Madeleine Case (Building Skills Partnership) Steering Committee contact: Jenny Castello and Anniqua Rana

Gavilan/Gilroy - Pat Lawson-North (Vision Literacy), Mary Ann Sanidad (Gavilan). Steering Committee contact: Randy Brown

Appendix A - People Attending Meeting



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- Madeleine Case, Building Skills
- Marina Broeder, Mission College
- Mary Peros, San Mateo Adult School
- Mary Ann Sanidad, Gavilan Community College
- Meg Apple, Campbell Adult School
- Mercy Nuesca, Project Read Menlo Park
- Mindy Berkowitz, Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley
- Moody Keith, Mountain View Los Altos Adult Community Foundation
- Navin Meul, Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Paige Endo, Mt Diablo Adult Ed
- Pat Lawson North, Vision Literacy
- Patricia Brown, San Mateo Adult School
- Patricia Gairaud, San Jose City College
- Alexandra Scott, Palo Alto Adult School
- Alicia Aguire, City of Redwood City
- Alison Webber, Cell-Ed
- Anna Hughes
- Audrey Wittig, Jefferson Adult School
- Barbara Hooper, Sequoia Adult School
- Bob Harper, Campbell Adult School
- Christian Valdez, Building Skills Partnership
- Christine Berdiansky, Santa Clara Adult School
- Cinzia Fagan, East Side Adult School
- Claudia Fernandez, Building Skills Partnership
- Elicia Smith, Refugee Transitions
- Elizabeth Bales-Stietes,
- Eric Saavedra, San Mateo Adult School
- Flowers Leslie, Grail Family Services
- Hongyan Zheng, Milpitas Adult School
- Ilse Pollet, Catholic Charities
- Jay Finkelstein, San Mateo Adult School
- Joshua Abrams, ALLIES
- Karen Weldon, Campbell Adult School
- Kathy Quesada, Mountain View Los Altos Adult

- Keith Moody, Mountain View Los Altos Adult
- Kelle Mason, Palo Alto Adult School
- Kitty Stenson, Silicon Valley Adult Education
- Krystana Lett, Campbell Adult School
- Leslie Flowers, Campbell Adult School
- Linda Brummer, Sunnyvale Cupertino Adult School
- Lisa Dolehide, San Mateo Adult School
- Lora Glaser, Mission College
- Lourdes Muguerra, Nuestra Casa

Appendix B - Schools, Colleges and Organizations Attending Meeting

- Building Skills Partnership
- Campbell Adult School
- Catholic Charities
- Cell-Ed
- City of Redwood City
- East Side Adult Education
- Family Connections
- Gavilan Community College
- Grail Family Services
- Jefferson Adult School
- Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley
- Milpitas Adult School
- Mission College
- Mountain View Los Altos Adult
- Mt Diablo Adult Ed
- Nuestra Casa
- Palo Alto Adult School
- Project Read Menlo Park
- Refugee Transitions
- San Jose City College
- San Mateo Adult School
- Santa Clara Adult School
- Sequoia Adult School
- Sunnyvale Cupertino Adult School
- Silicon Valley Adult Education
- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- Vision Literacy

