

# Dev Ed & ABE Affinity Group

*Discussing, Sharing, and Enhancing Opportunities for Developmental Education and Adult Basic Education Collaborations*

During the academic years 2020-22, through the participation of over 80 Minnesota State faculty, Adult Basic Education (ABE) teachers, and program and college administrators, Minnesota can boast about their numerous highly remarkable partnerships between ABE practitioners and Minnesota State campuses delivering value to students and the programs that serve them. Dev Ed/ABE partnerships have been identified at 20 Minnesota State two year colleges. The statewide Affinity Group has been a large part in creating awareness about the success of these partnerships and for the creation of valuable resources demonstrating highly successful and shareable practices. **These can be found at <https://atlasabe.org/dev-ed-abe-toolkit/>.**

## Affinity Group Sponsorship:

This group began in 2021, as a project of the Northwest Adult Education Transitions Region. This year, it is funded by the Minnesota Department of Education – ABE Unit and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, through an Innovation Grant.

## Calling All New Members

Anyone new to ABE or to a Minnesota State college interested in how these partnerships work and what might be possible in your location are welcome to join. Membership is totally voluntary and you can attend all or some of the meetings. Examples of roles joining include ABE Educators, Faculty, College Deans and Administrators, anyone with dev ed reporting responsibility, those interested in measuring dev ed outcomes, Regional Directors.

## Meetings

There will be four virtual 75-minute meetings this academic year, all by Zoom. Participants have two choices from which to select each time, to accommodate schedules.

**Meeting #1:** Select just one session to attend

*This year's kickoff meeting will be:*

- Thursday October 6 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM
- Friday, October 7 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM

***If you are attending for the first time, we will be holding an introductory session about the history and work of the Affinity Group 15 minutes before the meeting. So, on Thursday, please join us as at 1:45 PM, or on Friday, at 9:45 AM. Registration needed, see on page 2.***

**Meeting #2:** Select just one session to attend

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Option 1: December 1, 2022	2:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Option 2: December 2, 2022	10:00 am – 11:15 am

**Meeting #3:** Select just one session to attend

Session 1: January 19, 2023	2:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Session 2: January 20, 2023	10:00 am – 11:15 am

**Meeting #4:** Select just one session to attend

Session 1: March 30, 2023	2:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Session 2: March 31, 2023	10:00 am – 11:15 am

The format of the Affinity Group meetings are divided between open-ended discussions for participants to ask questions and share experiences, project updates, and focused mini presentations on an issue or topic of importance.

**Interested in this partnership topic, but unable to attend either of the kick-off dates?** We still want to get your input on topics of interest and value to you. Simply complete the registration survey noted below.

### Meeting Registration and Brief Survey (1-2 minute):

Please register for the meeting date of your choice at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DevEd-ABE-AffinityGroup22-23-initialsurvey>. Those unable to attend are encouraged to complete the brief survey.

**The Meeting Zoom Link** will be emailed to you upon receipt of your registration form.

### Questions?

Contact Russ Fraenkel, [rwfraenkel@gmail.com](mailto:rwfraenkel@gmail.com) or Lesley Blicher, [Lesley.blicker@comcast.net](mailto:Lesley.blicker@comcast.net)

### Affinity Group Web Site

To access meeting times, agendas, meeting recordings, and more, visit the [Affinity Group web site](#).

However, this is a closed site, so please send your request to join to: [Lesley.blicker@comcast.net](mailto:Lesley.blicker@comcast.net).