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GED[®] County Targets and State Goal

To date, 7,203 students have earned a GED diploma compared to 8,722 this time last year. There is more work to be done to reach our fiscal year 2008-09 state goal of 10,939 GED diplomas. To view your GED county target, [click here](#). One strategy to help reach this goal is to encourage those who have already tested, but not passed, to finish testing by June 30, 2009 as the GED test fee regulation is likely to be passed increasing the test fee to \$50 on July 1, 2009.

KYAE ITTS Regional Trainings

KYAE will be offering trainings in May and June 2009 for providers who have purchased or plan to purchase virtual seats to the ITTS program. A representative of McGraw-Hill Contemporary will demonstrate how to enroll students, give assignments and monitor progress in the ITTS program. Due to limited seating, you may only send one staff member to the training. Please plan to attend the training in your region unless you have a scheduling conflict. [Click here](#) for training locations, dates and times. After attending the training, you will be given 1 PDU in your PD History. If you have any questions regarding the trainings, please contact Erika Larson at (502) 573-5114, ext. 104 or at Erika.Larson@ky.gov.

Please confirm your attendance by e-mailing Toni Quire at Toni.Quire@ky.gov no later than Friday, May 8, 2009.

KYAE Region Change Effective July 1, 2009

Due to state budget reductions, we are unable to fill the program support associate position that has been vacant since Martha Fightmaster's retirement in August 2007. As a result, effective July 1, 2009, KYAE is redefining the regional boundaries to reduce the number of regions from six to five. The new boundaries were defined giving consideration to the Workforce Investment Areas and an equitable number of counties assigned to each associate. [Click here](#) for a map that reflects the new boundaries, region numbers and program support associate assigned to the region.

The current regional system will be in place for the remainder of this fiscal year.

If you have questions, please contact [David Walters](#).

Registration Open – KYAE June 2009 Meetings

KYAE will be hosting meetings in June 2009 to discuss new and exciting changes/opportunities in the upcoming year. The program director and one additional staff person may attend. Please mark your calendars for one of the dates and locations below. Meetings will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. local time.

- June 3** [Rough River Dam State Resort Park](#), Falls of Rough, KY
- June 4** [Jenny Wiley State Resort Park](#), Prestonsburg, KY
- June 5** [Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park](#), Mt Olivet, KY
- June 8** [Lake Cumberland State Resort Park](#), Jamestown, KY
- June 9** [Lake Barkley State Resort Park](#), Cadiz, KY
- June 11** [General Butler State Resort Park](#), Carrollton, KY

The meeting sites are strategically located within the State Park system. Programs are no longer required to attend the meeting in your region. Instead, you may elect to attend the closest meeting location to reduce travel expenses.

Click on one of the above links to access driving directions.

Due to budget constraints, lunch will not be provided; however, arrangements have been made for attendees to eat lunch in State Park restaurants at your own cost.

Each meeting room will accommodate 45-50 people. Please confirm your attendance by e-mailing [Toni Quire](#) no later than **Friday May 15, 2009**.

Please register early, since locations will fill up quickly. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Apply for Byrd Scholarships now

Kentuckians who have taken the GED Tests since July 1, 2008 and achieved at least a 2700 composite score may apply for a Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship before June 30, 2009. The scholarships, up to \$1,500 a year for four years of college, are administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

GED graduates may apply through Zip Access at www.kheaa.com. To apply, sign in to Zip Access with your user ID and password. Those who have not used Zip Access before should register to create a user ID and password. Interested GED graduates should apply as soon as possible.

The Byrd Scholarship is named for longtime U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who authored the legislation establishing the program in 1985. For more information about Byrd Scholarships, call Beth Lane at (800) 928-8926.

College grants available for adult students

Adult Kentuckians who want to take college classes may be eligible to take advantage of a Go Higher Grant administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Go Higher Grants are available to adults who are 24 years or older and enrolled in fewer than six credit hours at a participating Kentucky college or university. Applicants must show financial need. The maximum award amount is \$1,000 and covers tuition plus a book allowance of \$50 per credit hour.

To be considered for a grant, students must complete a Go Higher Grant application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Grant applications are available at www.kheaa.com. The FAFSA may be submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. There is no deadline for applying, but students are encouraged to apply as quickly as possible because funding is limited.

Mileage Rate

The mileage reimbursement rate for state travel is 38 cents per mile for April 1 – June 30, 2009. More information about travel rates is available by [clicking here](#).

DHS Releases ESL, Citizenship, Civics Guide

The Department of Homeland Security has just posted a new start-up guide [Expanding ESL, Citizenship and Civics Education in Your Community](#), prepared in partnership with OVAE, that is available for download. The document offers a blueprint for assessing community needs, identifying resources, marketing services and evaluating performance. The publication features online templates that local programs can adapt for their use, such as a volunteer position description and agreement form as well as student-related forms.