# What is LINCS?

The Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS) provides freely available evidence-based instructional materials, professional development resources, and learning activities to help adult education practitioners deliver high-quality educational opportunities to adult learners. LINCS advances the vision of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) "to help adults improve their educational and employment outcomes, become self-sufficient, and support the educational development of their children, as well as to transition to postsecondary education and training, including through career pathway programs and assisting English language learners to acquire skills needed to succeed in the 21st century economy."



## Who is LINCS for?

**LINCS works for adult education teachers and administrators.** The LINCS Community, LINCS Learning Portal, and LINCS Resource Collection make adult education and administration better and easier.

**LINCS works for adult learners.** The LINCS Learner Center provides English and Spanish resources for adult learners to use outside the classroom, whenever and wherever they choose.

**LINCS works for states.** The LINCS Professional Development Center helps build state capacity to establish or operate professional development programs through training, tools, and technical assistance.

## **COMMUNITY**

The LINCS Community is a **virtual learning space** – a Community of Practice – that unites adult education teachers, professional developers, program managers, and other stakeholders in discussion and discovery, for gaining and sharing knowledge!

#### Get involved!

- Create an account profile and join specialized discussion groups
- Access special activities like webinars, panel discussions, and timely Q&As with experts
- Share ideas, resources, and experiences with moderators and peers
- Meet fellow educators and administrators from across the country
- Stay up-to-date on industry news, new resources, and upcoming events

over 13,000 members

#### LEARNING PORTAL

The LINCS Learning Portal offers over 20 selfpaced, freely available online courses – each with a course completion certificate – for professional developers, administrators, and adult education teachers! Train your teachers, staff, and yourself – and get the certificate to prove it!

#### Sign up and get started!

Course topics include:

- Career Pathways
- Disabilities and Equitable Outcomes
- English Language Acquisition
- Integrating Technology
- Reading
- Science
- · Teaching and Learning

20+
courses

## RESOURCE COLLECTION

Materials in the LINCS Resource Collection – lesson plans, tutorials, research articles, policy briefs, toolkits, and more – are reviewed by experts to make sure they are the highest quality. With 700+ freely available resources and approximately 40 new resources added each year, there is something for everyone and every program!

#### Check out the materials!

- Ready-to-use instructional materials (lesson plans, curricula, interactive tutorials)
- Programmatic materials aimed at helping state staff and program administrators continuously develop and improve their programs
- Informational materials on a wide range of relevant topics to help adult educators learn more about teaching strategies, policy, and more



### **PD CENTER**

The LINCS PD Center (LINCS for states) provides tools, training, and technical assistance and other state resources to help build state capacity to establish or operate professional development programs as required by

WIOA Section 223.
Use the PD Center's
Self-Assessment and
Asset Map to see how
your state stacks up
against the
requirements!

120+
trainings
available

# **LEARNER CENTER**

The LINCS Learner Center is a free website that connects adult learners with Federal resources

to help them achieve their goals and continue their studies outside the classroom. The LINCS Learner Center is available in both English and Spanish – add it to your toolkit!

55+
learnercentered
resources

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