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Montgomery Coalition for

Adult English Literacy

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English Classes at Work

A MCAEL Panel Discussion on Workplace Based Adult ESOL Classes

Rockville, MD - October 10, 2017 - The Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL) will host a panel discussion featuring Montgomery County businesses that have piloted on-site English classes for their employees on Thursday October 26, 2017 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, at Shady Grove Medical Center, 9901 Medical Center Drive, Rockville, MD 20850.

Panelists include:

Tim Leiter, Director of Human Resources, Asbury Methodist Village

Brendan Johnson, Associate Vice President and Sr. HR Business Partner, Adventist HealthCare

Emily Bruno, Co-owner, Denizens Brewing Company

MCAEL has heard from employers in various industries that many employees need help with English to do their jobs better. In the last several months, MCAEL has assisted Asbury Methodist Village, Adventist HealthCare, and Denizens Brewing company to develop and implement on-site classes to benefit their employees' professional development as well as their personal lives. The panel will discuss the benefits, challenges, and future of workplace based programs.

Among the one million residents living in Montgomery County today, there are about 130,000 Limited English Proficient (LEP) adults, yet only about 10% accessed classes in FY16. MCAEL's mission is increase access to English learning opportunities for adults in Montgomery County and to improve the quality of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes. Many adult learners find it difficult to regularly attend classes due to limited time, access to affordable and reliable transportation, and/or access to affordable and reliable child care. Workplace based ESOL classes can help to address some of these barriers, allowing more learners to gain essential English skills and build the confidence they need to utilize these skills.

About MCAEL

MCAEL is a community coalition of public, nonprofit, and business partners that support more than 60 adult ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and literacy service programs, 1,500 instructors and staff, and over 20,000 adult learners. Together, the Coalition works to strengthen the community by helping adults gain the English literacy skills needed to reach their potential as parents, workers and community members. For more information please visit www.mcael.org.

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