



## National Coalition for Literacy (NCL) & Commission on Adult Basic Education (COABE)

Present

### A Public Policy Strand for Adult Education Professionals & Learners

NCL and COABE are sponsoring a series of five public policy sessions to provide information and direction about the legislative process and new initiatives at the federal and state levels. Whether you are new to the area of public policy, or an experienced advocate, you will get clear information on the current status of federal legislation affecting adult education. Hear from the experts and share with your colleagues. Learn what action your national associations have planned and how you can help to influence the final public policy outcomes.

#### All sessions will be held in the Plaza I room in the Westin Galleria Hotel

**1. *Adult Learners as Advocates for Programs and Public Policy*** Thursday, April 27,  
Lynn Selmsner, Public Policy Director and Analyst for NCL, COABE & NCSDAE; and Rossana Blest, an Adult Learner. 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

**2. *Adult Education Advocacy for the National Level*** Friday, April 28,  
Art Ellison, Public Policy co-chair, National Council of State Directors of Adult Education (NCSDAE); and Marsha Tait, Senior Vice President, ProLiteracy Worldwide. 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

**3. *A Political Primer: Understanding the Budget, Appropriations, and Authorization Processes*** Friday, April 28,  
Alan Lopatin, Director, Washington office, National Center for Family Literacy; and Lynn Selmsner, NCL, COABE & NCSDAE. 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

**4. *The Politics of Adult Education at the State Level*** Friday, April 28,  
Art Ellison, NCSDAE; and James Kirkland, former State Representative, Illinois General Assembly. 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

**5. *Addressing the Critical Issues in Adult Education & Family Literacy*** Double Session  
A panel of experts will use a talk show format. Dale Lipschultz, NCL; Ronna Spacone, USDE, Office of Vocational & Adult Education; Marsha Tait, ProLiteracy Worldwide; Tony Peyton, National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL); Dom Gagliardi, COABE; John Segota, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL); Art Ellison, NCSDAE; and Lynn Selmsner, NCL, COABE & NCSDAE. Saturday, April 29, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**Please Join Us**