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Missy Slaathaug

Nov 05 ⋮

Do you expect any new refugee groups in the near future? What kind of heads-up are you getting from the powers that be?

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Laura Smith-Hill

Nov 05 ⋮


At this time national refugee resettlement at large is on hold, so that resources can be directed to resettling Afghan Human Parolees and Special Immigrant Visa holders (military aides). Prior to this hiatus, the SD State Refugee Coordinator was receiving regular updates about newly arriving families from Congo, South Sudan and Spanish-speaking parolees, for

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example. SD was predicted to receive refugees from these locations as well as Eritrea in this program year.

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Missy Slaathaug

Nov 05 

@Laura Smith-Hill So interesting. I have a friend in St. Paul who is a retired lawyer, who is volunteering to teach English to Afghan refugees. I wonder if SD will get many.

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Laura Smith-Hill

Nov 05 

@Missy Slaathaug It is hard to say if SD will get many. The SD state government is in discussions with the State resettlement agency about the topic. Nice that you friend is getting to experience Afghan students. I have had good experiences working with them in previous years - as with all our students!

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Laura Smith-Hill

Nov 05 

What victories have you had in your Adult Education program in the past year?

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Laura Smith-Hill

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Tell us about one of your recent student victories! No names are needed, just the accomplishment and maybe the country of origin. :)

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Sarah Jones

Nov 05 

Per Rihoko: TSTM!

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Laura Smith-Hill


Nov 05 

@Sarah Jones Thanks Rihoko! Can you talk about what TSTM is and how it helped for those who may not know about it?

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Laura Smith-Hill

Nov 05 

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I attended the session lead by Jane Hanneman this morning. It was excellent to hear how this school district is welcoming families and including parents in their children's education in such a warm and informed way. Did others attend this session? What were your thoughts pertaining to your work with Adult Learners?

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Dyanis Conrad (she/her)

Nov 06 

Embracing and engaging older learners can be critical in helping a family adjust to cultural and linguistic differences. I loved listening to Jane's presentation because of how they are including families in those conversations.

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Laura Smith-Hill

Nov 05 

Another Adult Ed question: What has worked very well for you in your teaching during the past year or so? Social distancing needs have impacted how many of us are delivering ESL instruction. What are you doing differently that is working well for you and your students today?

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Sarah Jones

Nov 05 

Per Kate: We could consider a joint project between LSS-CNA and Jane Addams for family literacy initiatives.

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Laura Smith-Hill

Nov 05 

@Sarah Jones Good question and idea, Kate! I would like to hear more of your thoughts. Let's talk about that further.

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kit anderson

Nov 06 

Has anyone found any good resources online to use to teach reading? I have several newer Americans that speak beautifully but reading is so low. They are lucky once I get them reading they should move along quickly due to being able to comprehend so much language.

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Pik Wah Lam-Chesnut

Nov 06 · Edited: Nov 06 

I have found a library's site that listed a lot of resources online for adult English users and even TOEFL.

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<https://www.nypl.org/help/community-outreach/immigrant-services/learn-esol-online-resources>

Hope this helps. :)

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Rihoko Colwill

Nov 06 

Literacy Minnesota has tons of resources for reading. I recommend you to explore their site.

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Missy Slaathaug

Nov 06 

Commonlit is a free website with tons of reading, and ReadWorks is the same. Readworks has audio, and sometimes paired passages, and exercises and ESL options. I also hear lot sof teachers like Reading A _ Z. I am not sure if it s free or not.

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kit anderson

Nov 06 

Epic is a great option! We use that in my school district as well. This is one we used at the adult learning center, free and convenient to use with different levels for the students.

<https://www.readingskills4today.com/>

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Pik Wah Lam-Chesnut

Nov 06 

Cool site! Has you tried or know anything about those paid language learning apps/sites, like Duolingo?

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Missy Slaathaug

Nov 06 

@Pik Wah Lam-Chesnut I would think Duolingo could be a good supplement in adult ed. I tis pretty light - but could give good practice. If others have a different impression, I'd love to hear it.

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Rihoko Colwill

Nov 06 

This is not a paid app, but you can access to the English learning platform in South Dakota State Library site.

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Missy Slaathaug

Nov 06 

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Erica mentioned in the adult ed session that she uses podcasts for listening practice - I am so interested in this! Does anyone else do this? She recommended these:

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past and the curious

circle round folktales around the world


mystery recipe










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Does anyone else have podcasts to recommend? Erica, how do newcomers do with this? Do you have summarizing or discussion or any other structured activity after you listen?

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