

Dear Adult Education Subrecipients, Subcontractors, Students, and Our Communities –

The Department of Workforce Development has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation and are working to determine how we can best be of service to adult education subrecipients, subcontractors, students, and our communities. We want to thank you for your continued support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your feedback helps us do the best job possible to support you. We will use this page to communicate developments at Indiana Adult Education.

With the growing concern over the spread and impact of the coronavirus, particularly in group gatherings, we are working closely to bring our collective news and resources together in one place to assist you as many transition into virtual classes and distance learning modalities.

The DWD adult education team is teleworking and is available to assist. Email or telephone us as needed.

Sincerely,

DWD – Indiana Adult Education

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Resources

Indiana Department of Health - Novel Coronavirus Response

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) is closely monitoring a pandemic of the 2019 novel (new) coronavirus or COVID-19.

<https://coronavirus.in.gov/>

Planning for Distance Learning

- **IDEAL Distance Education and Blended Learning Handbook:** edtech.worlded.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/8-18-19-IDEAL-Handbook-6th-Edition.pdf
- [Advice for school leaders on scenario planning for coronavirus](#) - oppi
- [Teacher planning for distance schooling](#) - Harry Fletcher-Wood
- [Best practices: Online pedagogy](#) - Harvard University
- [Ten strategies for educators' wellbeing](#) - Sea Change Mentoring
- **How to Rapidly Set-Up & Implement Distance Learning Programs :** <https://edtech.worlded.org/tips-for-distance-learning/>
- **Teaching through a Pandemic: A Mindset for This Moment-Hundreds of teachers, many of them operating in countries where teach-from-home has been in place for weeks, weigh in on the mental approach you need to stay grounded in this difficult time.** <https://www.edutopia.org/article/teaching-through-pandemic-mindset-moment>

FREE Internet Provider Offers

The Federal Communications Commission has released an [agreement](#) stating that providers will waive late fees, not cut off service for lack of payment, and open hot-spots.

Comcast- [Comcast is offering an internet essentials package for free](#). To sign up for a free internet essentials package for 60 days, applicants can simply visit www.internetessentials.com. The accessible website also includes the option to video chat with customer service agents in American Sign Language. There are also two dedicated phone numbers 1-855-846-8376 for English and 1-855-765-6995 for Spanish.

Spectrum - [Spectrum is offering free internet access for students](#). Beginning March 16, Spectrum is offering free internet for 60 days to households with K-12 or college students who don't already have a Spectrum subscription. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395.

AT&T - [AT&T COVID-19 response](#). AT&T will offer open hot-spots, unlimited data to existing customers, and \$10/month plans to low-income families

Verizon - [Verizon](#) is offering free international calls to countries identified by the CDC, waived late fees if impacted by Coronavirus, and waiving new line and service activation fees.

Sprint- [Sprint](#) is following the FCC agreement, providing unlimited data to existing customers, and, starting Tuesday, 3/17/2020, will allow all handsets to enable hot spots for 60 days at no extra charge.

T-Mobile - [T-Mobile](#) is following the FCC agreement, plus unlimited data to existing customers, and, coming soon, will allow all handsets to enable hot-spots for 60 days at no extra charge.

Distance Learning Curriculum Providers – Most are free; others are free for a limited time.

Aztec is Here to Help: For organizations not already an Aztec customer: **Aztec is offering FREE access for a limited number of concurrent students in a simple administration system, which allows you to easily track student progress and securely manage user access.** For existing customers with the full administration system: **Aztec will provide you with some flexibility, which may include payment deferrals and/or discounted licenses to address your increased capacity needs.** www.aztecsoftware.com/

ELL English: Offering the option to purchase a 3 month license for \$24/seat with a 4th month at no additional cost. (\$6/seat/month) Contact your rep for more information: www.burlingtonenglish.com/contact/

Cell-Ed: Offering THREE Options in response to the COVID-19 epidemic:

1. [FREE Cell-Ed Coronavirus Guide](#) in English/Spanish you can call into on any mobile phone to get expert information in minutes in easy to remember micro-lessons to protect everyone. cell-ed.com/covid19c
2. Free Cell-Ed UNLIMITED for 90 Days for a limited number of new partners and includes 1000+ hours of full programming+certification+live coaching
3. [Cell-Med COVID-19 Crisis Response](#)

Essential Education: **Offering short-term, online course licenses at a discounted rate. For just \$8 (or less) per seat. [Free training webinars](#)**

Learning Upgrade: www.learningupgrade.com **Our Remote Learning Access Plan for Learning Upgrade. With many education providers now required to teach exclusively online, our plan enables you to provide all steps of instruction remotely with students using their smartphones and devices. This webinar will train teachers to remotely self enroll their students, view class reports, and reward student achievement. Enroll in the webinar here: zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hi8rmOEXRSK6hgmvKCECSA**

Voxy: Voxy's COVID-19 response here: <https://voxy.com/blog/2020/03/launching-interim-online-english-programs/>

How to Set Up a Google Classroom: from RVR Region 9 Adult Education

[Youtube Link](#)

VU Online program: **Contact Hannah Price (hprice@vinu.edu)**

WIN: **Free resource for math, English, reading, and career readiness (DWD has a state license)**
<https://www.winlearning.com/>

Khan Academy: **Math, English, reading, science, and arts**

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

3P Learning: **offers a suite of learning resources is designed for schools and families, covering mathematics, spelling, literacy, science**

<https://www.3plearning.com/distance-teaching/>

123 Homeschool for ME: **Free printable worksheets and educational activities to help making learning fun. Resources arranged by grade or subject.**

<https://www.123homeschool4me.com/home-school-free-printables/>

8x8: **Free Video Meetings**

<https://8x8.vc/>

Accessibyte: **Supports students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, have reading difficulties or just want something fun and different**

<https://www.accessibyte.com/stay-safe>

Ascend Math: **Offers award winning math instruction that provides an individual study plan for each student. Ascend Math's study plans are unique to each student, prescriptive, adaptive, and automatically assigned**

<https://ascendmath.com/coronavirus-offer/>

ELL Bamboo Learning: Offers FREE voice-based applications (Alexa skills) that cover a range of academic subjects, including math, ELA/listening comprehension, and social studies.

<https://bamboolearning.com/resources>

Charlotte Mason Institute: **Emergency Curriculum Packet: 11 weeks of lessons for all ages in selected subjects (requires little to no prep to implement)**

<https://charlottesmasoninstitute.org/sign-up-emergency-alveary-curriculum/>

EdReady: Lets you assess your readiness for college math and English, see target options, and get a personalized study path to fill in knowledge gaps.

<https://edready.org/home>

Hippo Campus - Browse through thousands of online multimedia offerings, watch and interact with simulations, and use textbook resources available for many subject areas such as science, history, social studies, English and more.

<https://www.hippocampus.org/?user=myOTAN>

Classroom Cereal: Grammar practice in free, printable short stories.

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

i-Ready: Printable at-home packs for grades K-8, Reading and Mathematics.

www.i-Ready.com/athome

JMath: A math program used by many AE programs

a2zhsemath.com

Kahoot! : A game oriented approach to learning – **Recommended by a number of Indiana AE teachers!**

Kahoot! Premium for the rest of the year and that an admin need to email (eiert.hanao@team.kahoot.com) with the number of educators at your school, and they'll get you set up.

<https://kahoot.com/access-kahoot-premium-for-free/>

ListenWise: is an award-winning listening skills platform. We harness the power of listening to advance literacy and learning in all students grades 2-12. Our collection of podcasts and public radio keeps teaching connected to the real world and builds student listening skills at the same time. The curriculum aligned podcasts are paired with learning tools and listening comprehension assessments to transform them into rigorous academic content.

<http://blog.listenwise.com/2020/03/listenwise-support-for-schools-affected-by-the-coronavirus/>

Loom: is a new kind of work communication tool that helps you get your message across through instantly shareable video. Capture your screen, record your front-facing camera, and narrate it all at once, then instantly share with a simple link

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

ELL Making English Fun: Free English Learning Online games, mobile apps and printable Board games and worksheets. All ages

<https://makingenglishfun.com/portfolio/>

ELL - Mango Languages: Mango Classroom – Excellent ELL resource and an opportunity to try it for free!

https://mangolanguages.com/info/covid19-response.cfm?utm_campaign=COVID-19%20Response&utm_source=hs_automation&utm_medium=email&utm_content=84680798&hsenc=p2ANqtz-sCjUYIJqD-uNMB8sFYZeOvnAPgkJA29iiAftu9S8UsLr9EcQIIFSV0WRSAPL-GP-i5w4P3dPr5uvbQgk4zQnYIY29tKJyMsvaTTwCFmI65vrs98I&hsmi=84680798

MobyMax: offers the only complete and comprehensive K-8 curriculum for 27 subjects, including math, reading, phonics, language, vocabulary, spelling, writing, science, social studies, and state test prep. – **Another resource used**

by some Indiana AE programs!

<http://press.mobymax.com/mobymax-to-provide-all-k-8-schools-and-school-districts-closed-by-covid-19-with-free-internet-learning-software>

Quizlet: free for students and teachers and makes it easy for students to practice and master whatever they are learning.

<https://quizlet.com/features/quizlet-teacher-guide-getting-started>

Remind:

"A free Remind account lets you create up to 10 classes with up to 150 people each. Keep in touch with your students. **Another resource used by Indiana AE programs!**

<https://www.remind.com/resources/urgent-situations/>

Schoology: brings together the best K-12 learning management system with assessment management to improve student performance, foster collaboration, and personalize learning. **Used by some Indiana AE programs!** Has a basic free program.

<https://www.schoology.com/k-12/packages/basic>

ELL - Teach This: offers many free PDF resources on every page of the website without the need to sign-up

<https://www.teach-this.com>

TV 411: Allows you to Tune into Learning. This website will help you fine-tune your writing, expand your vocabulary, sharpen your math skills and explore science.

<http://www.tv411.org/>

ELL - USA Learns: "Practice English and Reading." There are eleven (11) units including Family, Health and Safety, Housing, Money and many others. Be sure to create an account to access the course. (You will need an email address and create a simple password.)

<https://www.usalearns.org/>

Other Online Curriculum and other Resources

Coronavirus Lesson Plan: **Florida Literacy Coalition.** Thanks to the FLC for sharing these lesson plans!

floridaliteracy.org/pdf-docs/Coronavirus%20Resources%20for%20Adult%20Learners.pdf

Izzit: www.izzit.org/index.php

Izzit.org is an educational initiative of the Free To Choose Network, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit producer of television documentaries. Join for free! U.S. educators can also get a free DVD every school year. Almost all of our videos can be streamed or downloaded by educators. Your students can stream the videos even WITHOUT logging in with your class code. We also have Current Events lessons that will work well with your out-of-school students.

Newsela: newsela.com/about/distance-learning/ We're offering free access to Newsela's entire product suite for the rest of the 2019/2020 school year.

Northstar: **Making Basic Computer Skills training free**

www.digitalliteracyassessment.org/news/2020/03/nsol-publicly-available-covid-19

SkillBlox: A free, first-of-its-kind learning plan generation tool that pulls together learning materials both from publisher resources and free and open education resources (OER) and organizes them by skill to provide an increased range of learning options for students. www.crowdedlearning.org/skillblox

Comprehensive List of Resources From the [National Association of State Directors of Adult Education](#)

Communication Tools/ Software

Zoom: www.zoom.com FREE Videoconferencing

Students or teachers who fill out an [online form](#) using their school email addresses and are then verified by Zoom will have any accounts associated with that school's domain also gain unlimited temporary meeting minutes, according to a [site](#) set up for the process overnight.

- **Zoom Tutorial Videos: support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials**
- **Zoom Live Training Webinars (offered daily): Tutorial: support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360029527911**

Webex Online Help (contains a link to a Community of Practice, how to contact Webex for help, and training webinars): help.webex.com/en-us/

The following two links appear to have been developed specifically in response to the COVID-19 pandemic –

- **Webex IT Admin Resources: www.webex.com/webexcovid19.html**
- **Webex Resources for Users: www.webex.com/webexremotework.html**

WhatsApp: www.whatsapp.com WhatsApp Messenger or simply WhatsApp is a freeware, cross-platform messaging and Voice over IP service owned by Facebook, Inc. It allows users to send text messages and voice messages, make voice and video calls, and share images, documents, user locations, and other media.

Talking Points: www.talkingpts.org Talking Points is a non-profit organization solely focused on family engagement for underserved and multilingual families. This resources allows users to send text messages and be received in up to 100 different languages. Free for teachers up to 200 students and 5 classes.

Free Online Digital Literacy Assessments

1. Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment (digitalliteracyassessment.org)
2. Microsoft Digital Literacy ([microsoft digital literacy assessment](#))
3. Foundations for an Independent Tomorrow ([ProProfs.com Exam](#))
4. Future Edge Literacy Challenge (futureedge.grovo.com)

Free Digital Literacy Courses

1. LearnMyWay.com is a great resource if you're a beginner on the Internet.
2. GCFLearnFree.org They have over 2000 individual lessons to help teach students about a vast amount of different topics-their lessons that can help improve your digital skills. They even have lessons in languages other than English.
3. TechBoomers.com, which has over 100 free online courses and over 150 free videos.
4. [BBC Webwise](#) has been around since 1998. It features short, easy-to-read articles that answer simple questions, as well as videos with optional subtitles to help those with accessibility needs. BBC Webwise is a great place to start learning about the Internet and digital technology.
5. DigitalLiteracyAssessment.org, modules are on straightforward digital competency topics, including: Basic Computer, World Wide Web, Windows, Mac OS X, Using Email, Microsoft Word, Social Media, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Information Literacy. All of these introductory topics can help you get started learning technological skills. There is a fee for taking a certification test if a student wants to gain a

certificate.

6. [Intel](#) is the company behind some of the world's most advanced computer processors, and they've also created a set of easy-to-use computer learning modules. These lessons explain exactly how your computer works, and also teach you how to use basic useful functions related to computers.
7. [Coursera](#) is a website used to host online classes from the world's leading universities and educational institutions. Though its purpose is not to teach digital literacy, it has many online classes that can help improve a variety of digital skills.
8. [Alison's Digital Literacy and IT Skills lessons](#) are great for learning concrete digital skills. They also offer ways to get recognition for your completed work. These include automatically-generated resumes of your skills, as well as certificates to show your completed lessons.

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