

AGENDA

**Literacy Zone Summit
May 21, 22, and 23, 2014
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Cayuga County Community College, Auburn, NY
197 Franklin Street
Auburn, New York 13021**

***Please note: Complimentary bottled water and healthy snacks will be available throughout Thursday & Friday (just outside Student Lounge)**

Day One: May 21th: Holiday Inn, 75 North Street, Auburn, NY

12:00 pm

Arrival, **Registration & Lunch**
Holiday Inn Ballroom

12:45 – 1:00 pm

Welcome & Opening Remarks – remain in Ballroom
Robert Purga, Director Adult Education Programs, NYSED

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program – remain in Ballroom
Barbara Weiner, senior staff attorney in the Public Benefits & Health and Immigration units in Empire Justice Center's Albany office. Since the 1996 federal welfare reform legislation, Barbara has focused in particular on the complexities of the law governing the access of low income immigrants to various state and federal assistance programs.

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Access, Care, and Resources for Health, Community Service Society of New York – remain in Ballroom
Steve Wood, navigator coordinator for New York State of Health, Steve will review the work of the health navigators in New York State. Health navigators are available to help individuals and families select a health plan, including Qualified Health Plans, Medicaid, and Child Health plus through the NY State of Health Official Health Plan Marketplace.

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Networking Dinner – Holiday Inn Ballroom

Creativity: An Essential 21st Century Workplace Skill

Susan Keller-Mathers, Ed.D., Associate Professor, International Center for Studies in Creativity, Buffalo State
Creativity, creative problem solving, and change leadership play a major role in today's workplace. Professional success is linked to the ability to master creativity, to operate as a creative problem solver, to innovate, and to lead change. The International Center for Studies in Creativity (ICSC) strives to develop and nurture critical life skills in our students. The approaches taught apply to educational, business, and industrial settings.

Day Two: May 22th: Cayuga Community College, 197 Franklin Street, Auburn, NY

Literacy Zone Showcase – Student Lounge – Lounge will be open throughout the day from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm (staff will be present to assist at all times)

7:30 - 8:45am Breakfast (will be served at the Holiday Inn, 75 North Street, Auburn, NY, Ballroom)

9:00 - 10:00 am Plenary National Presenter, Bisgrove Theatre, college campus, main building

Mawi Asgedom, a former Ethiopian refugee who has inspired millions through his story and leadership insights. Mawi inspires educators and adult students with world-class student success training. He has spoken to over 1,000 schools in 45 U.S. states and has published eight leadership books used in classrooms worldwide (each Literacy Zone participant will receive one of Mawi's newest books).

10:00 - 10:30 am Break *

10:30 - 12 noon Workshop Session I

Workshops will run concurrently

- **A Data Spectacle of Literacy Zones**
- **Maximizing Case Management Efforts in Literacy Zones**
- **How Adult Students Learn, How We Teach Adult Students**
- **Understanding Obamacare**

12:00 to 12:45 Lunch – College Cafeteria, catered

**1:00 - 1:30 pm Guest Speaker
Kevin Smith, Deputy Commissioner, NYSED**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm Literacy Zone Highlights
Selected Literacy Zones will feature unique services**

3:00 - 3:30 pm Break *

**3:30 – 5:00 pm Workshop Session II
Workshops will run concurrently
LZ Data Management in ASISTS
Benefit's Electronic Tool Kit
Prepping your Literacy Zone for Volunteerism
Social Media in Literacy Zones**

5:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner at Holiday Inn, 75 North Street, Auburn, NY

Shuttles will transport

Day Three: May 23rd: Cayuga Community College, 197 Franklin Street, Auburn, NY

Literacy Zone Showcase – Student Lounge – Lounge will be open throughout the day from 8:30 am to 12 noon

7:30 - 9:00am Breakfast (will be served at the Holiday Inn, 75 North Street, Auburn, NY, Ballroom)

9:30 to 12:00 Noon Literacy Zones Building Bridges to the High School Equivalency – Bisgrove Theatre
Robert Purga, Director Adult Education Programs, NYSED
Dr. Patricia Mooney, Associate NYSED
This session is vital for connecting the Literacy Zones to the new TASC™ test and the NYS High School Equivalency Diploma. Bob Purga and Pat Mooney will updates, procedures, and NYSED expectations for Literacy Zones as a partner in assisting adults in every LZ community. Per the Literacy Zone award, Literacy Zones will become a portal of information and referrals to the TASC™.

12: 00 noon Catered Boxed Lunch provided, shuttles to airport and train station

Safe Travels Home