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## 2012 Conference Implementing Career Pathways April 11-14 in Helena, MT

[Click here to Register](#) today for the **Implementing Career Pathways in Adult Education** conference in Helena, Montana April 11-14.

Hotel Reservations can be made today at the [Red Lion Colonial Inn](#). A block of rooms has been reserved for the 2012 MPAEA Annual Conference. Rooms can be reserved online or by calling the hotel. Special conference rates of \$92.95 per night plus tax are available.

For Hotel Reservations, call (406) 443-2100. Specify that you are with the MPAEA Conference in order to receive the reduced conference rates.

Online Hotel Reservations will require the Conference Code: **MOUN0411**

If you need an ADA accessible room, please specify your needs at the time you register with the hotel.

### Call for Presenter Proposals

Share your expertise at the 2012 MPAEA conference! The two strands for the conference are Career Pathways and Transitions. These topics encompass many facets of Adult Education from basic literacy to specific job training for a variety of career fields, and incorporate Corrections Education, Community Education, Higher Education, and more. Whether you are a volunteer that works with ESOL students or you teach specific job skills, please consider sharing your expertise with fellow educators. Workshops at the conference can run from 90 minutes to 3 hours in a variety of formats – round-table discussions, poster sessions, or participatory workshops. Visit [www.mpaea.org](http://www.mpaea.org) today and fill out the application to present. [Click here](#) to complete your proposal before the deadline of January 31, 2012.

### MPAEA 2012 Scholarships – Application Deadline January 20!

Purpose: To provide the conference registration fee to 24 MPAEA members for the MPAEA Annual Conference to be held April 11 – 14, 2012, in Helena, Montana. Applicant must be working in a MPAEA member state and **APPLICANT MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF MPAEA**. A membership application can be found at [www.mpaea.org](http://www.mpaea.org). These monies are for conference registration fees only, not to exceed \$225, and may not be used for preconference fees, tours, or side trips. [Get application here.](#)



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## Our Keynote Speaker – Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier



Dr. Brenda Dann-Messier, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education was nominated by President Obama as assistant secretary for vocational and adult education on July 14, 2009. On Oct. 5, 2009, she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and began her official duties on Oct. 13, 2009.

As the first assistant secretary for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) who is also an adult educator, Dann-Messier leads the Department's efforts in adult education and career and technical education, as well as efforts supporting community colleges and correctional education. She oversees the administration of 11 grant programs in these areas,

totaling approximately \$1.9 billion annually. Dann-Messier 2012 Keynote Speaker:

is committed to collaboration, both within the Department and across federal agencies, including working with the U.S. Departments of Labor, Agriculture, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security and Commerce.

OVAE's vision is for all youths and adults to have multiple opportunities to obtain lifelong education and training in order to achieve rewarding careers and family lives, participate in their communities, and attain their personal goals. OVAE is devoted to equipping youths and adults with the literacy, numeracy, language and technical skills and the training necessary for success in the 21st-century global economy, by expanding capacity, improving quality, and increasing accountability through innovation and collaboration.

### Pre-Conference Sessions: Wednesday, April 11

Montana TABE Training

Montana BEST Training

Montana "Bridge to ----- Your Passion" – Career Pathways Project

## See you in Helena, Montana in April!

[Register for the conference!](#)

[Submit Presentation Proposal by January 31!](#)

**Reserve your room by March 12!  
(406) 443-2100**

[Submit your Scholarship Application by January 20](#)

