

How to Run a Consortium



Onboard Training for New Consortia Leads
Building the Leader in You to Move Your Consortia Forward

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Beginnings of Adult Ed in CA

- 1856 First recorded adult school in San Francisco, St. Mary's Cathedral
- 1907 Evening School legislation
- 1910 public education set aside legislation



Source: Meeting the Challenge – A History of Adult Education in CA http://www.otan.us/images/publicarchive/ArchivesDigitalFiles/ref_3807_meetchallenge.pdf

Rebuilding Adult Ed in CA

- 2013-14 AB 86
 authorized funding to
 establish regional
 consortia for adult
 education
- 2015-16 Governor authorizes \$500M for Adult Education Block Grant
- 2018-19 Budget authorizes \$527M for Adult Education Program



Consortium Descriptions

- Overview: geographic area served, member agencies, programs offered
- Direct funded versus fiscal agent
- Approximate budget
- Consortium priorities
- Your role and responsibility as the consortium lead

A critical element of developing regional consortium plans is determining needs and gaps for adult education. How do you determine those needs and gaps? And what resources or tools do you find most helpful?

Consortium governance defines critical operational procedures. How was input solicited and how do the governance procedures facilitate collective decision-making regarding consortium services, programs, or budgets?

Most consortiums meet monthly or bimonthly and many have a variety of other committees or sub-committees. Provide an overview of the various groups and subgroups that meet regularly. For the more formal consortium member meetings, describe how agendas are prepared, distributed, etc., and how meetings are managed?

Some consortiums have separate shared fiscal and budget policy agreements. If your consortium has those separate policies, how were they developed?

How do you gather community input and use that information to help guide the development of new or continuing services?

What advice do you have for new consortium leads that will be spearheading the development of three-year strategic plans?