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Dear Adult Educators:

Subject: California Adult Education Digital Learning Guidance

We learned a great deal about digital and distance learning during these past three years, and we believe that it is important to document and disseminate information about effective ways for implementing this modality of instruction. To that end, we are pleased to present the [California Adult Education Digital Learning Guidance](#). This guidance is meant to serve as a practical resource for the many individuals who support adult learners – classroom teachers, classified and support staff, counselors and transition specialists, school administrators, and consortium members – in designing and implementing digital learning experiences with adult learners in mind.

The *Guidance* is research-based, practical, and addresses the subjects most critical to implementing and improving digital learning programs. Topics deal with ensuring equity, designing flexible learning experiences, adopting models that work, digital assessments, and much more. Included are eighteen vignettes, or “*Voices from the Field*” that serve to illustrate and bring to life the content addressed in each of the seven chapters. There are also four videos that introduce various aspects of the *Guidance*.

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the Outreach and Technical Assistance Network (OTAN) for taking a leadership role with developing the *Guidance*. We also want to recognize the work of our advisory group, draft reviewers, and partner organizations including the International Society for Technology in Education, CASAS, AIR’s CALPRO, and WestEd.

We urge you to share this important information with your staff. You can now download a PDF copy of the [Guidance](#) by going to the OTAN website (otan.us). Later this year, OTAN will be making available more interactive versions of the *Guidance* and will also be offering a variety of training resources.

We hope you will take advantage of this very useful and timely information to design effective learning experiences for adult learners in the state of California. If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the *Guidance*, please contact OTAN at 916-228-2580 or via email at support@otan.us.

Sincerely,

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