

## RESOURCES TO HELP ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS IMPLEMENT IEL/CIVIC EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA)

### Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act *Frequently Asked Questions*

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/AdultEd/octae-program-memo-15-7-ielce.pdf>

The Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education has provided a memorandum intended to clarify statutory provisions related to the expanded use of integrated English literacy and civics education (IEL/CE).

### Resources

#### **Arizona Association for Lifelong Learning**

<http://www.az-aall.org/>

One of the core missions of the Arizona Association for Lifelong Learning (AALL) is to constantly seek and promote adult literacy awareness. There are many resources both locally and nationally available here on this site to help you understand more about adult education in Arizona and AALL's ongoing efforts.

#### **Ben's Guide to US Government**

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>

This online site is a wealth of basic information about the U.S. Government. Though targeted to children, it can also be used with adults. Users select a grade level 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. Each level contains 12 units that include these topics: historical documents, branches of government, how laws are made, national versus state government, the election process, and citizenship. Teachers may find that the vocabulary and text density of levels 6-8 and 9-12 are too advanced for many ESL learners.

#### **Center for Adult English Language Acquisition (CAELA)**

Practitioner Toolkit: Working with Adult English Language Learners

[http://www.cal.org/caela/tools/program\\_development/prac\\_toolkit.html](http://www.cal.org/caela/tools/program_development/prac_toolkit.html)

This toolkit provides a variety of materials including a first-day orientation guide, lesson plans, and research-to-practice papers on English language and literacy learning.

#### **Center for Civic Education**

<http://www.civiced.org/resources>

The Center for Civic Education is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization based in California. The Center's programs are implemented with the assistance of a network of public- and private-sector organizations and educational leaders in every state and congressional district in the country and in more than eighty other countries, many of which are emerging and advanced democracies. The Center is dedicated to promoting an enlightened and responsible citizenry committed to democratic principles and actively engaged in the practice of democracy in the United States and other countries.

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### **Civics It Up!**

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

This site provides an instructional tool for teachers of Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IEL/CE). The purpose of this site is to help teachers plan and implement instructional units and lessons that integrate language learning with rights and responsibilities of citizenship, civic participation, and workforce training.

### **EL Civics for ESL Students**

<http://www.elcivics.com/>

This interactive website contains hundreds of short, self-study lessons organized into the following categories: EL/Civics lessons, Famous Americans, US Geography, Lifeskills, and US Holidays. Each lesson consists of 3-9 photographs accompanied by captions in simple English. Lessons include brief quizzes and/or downloadable games, worksheets, or activities.

### **EL/Civics Online**

<https://elcivicsonline.org/>

This self-paced online course for EL/Civics teachers contains six modules: ESL Foundations, Lesson Planning, U.S. Government, U.S. History, Civic Engagement, and the Naturalization Process. The four civic content modules show teachers how to blend the ESL instructional foundations with the civic content foundations to form the ideal English Literacy/Civics lesson. Each module has a model lesson plan and guides teachers to write their own lesson plans with civics content. There are many links to EL/Civics resources and many downloadable handouts.

### **Fremont Adult and Continuing Education**

[EL Civics / Overview - Fremont Adult and Continuing Education](#)

Here you will find many useful ESL/Integrated English Literacy Civics Education internet links that you can view from home or school. There are internet links

for [Banking](#), [DMV](#), [Education](#), [Emergencies](#), [Employment](#), [Employment Soft Skills](#), [Environment](#), [Government](#), [Health](#), [Housing](#), [Internet Safety](#), [Nutrition](#), and [Resources for Citizens and Immigrants](#)

### **iCivics**

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

Founded and led by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, iCivics provides students with the tools they need for active participation and democratic action, and teachers with the materials and support to achieve this. Our free resources include print-and-go lesson plans, award-winning games, and digital interactives. The iCivics games place students in different civic roles and give them agency to address real-world problems and issues. They are rooted in clear learning objectives and integrated with lesson plans and support materials.

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### **The Change Agent**

<http://changeagent.nelrc.org/>

*The Change Agent* is a biannual magazine for adult educators and learners published by the New England Literacy Resource Center (NELRC) at World Education.

*The Change Agent* was conceived in 1994 as a tool to help teachers and learners apply advocacy skills in response to impending federal funding cutbacks for adult education. *The Change Agent* continues to promote social action as an important part of the adult learning experience.

### **United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**

<https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/teachers/lesson-plans-and-activities>

Citizenship Lesson Plans and Activities

This site contains lesson plans for teaching American Government, U.S. History, and Integrated Civics. Handouts with interactive games and student-centered activities encompass all four language skills. Click “See All” (bottom left) for 18 Beginning Level lesson plans and “See All” (bottom right) for 7 Intermediate Level lesson plans.

### **United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**

Civics and Citizenship Toolkit

<http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/organizations/civics-and-citizenship-toolkit>

This site offers a collection of citizenship preparation materials, resources, and information.

### **United States Department of Education Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education**

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/AdultEd/english-language-learners-under-aepla.pdf>

Serving English Language Learners under AEFLA Presentation (slides) (PDF). On March 24, 2016, the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education provided a webinar on Serving English Language Learners under AEFLA. The slides are included above.

### **United States Department of Education Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education**

WIOA Topical Fact Sheet on English Language Acquisition

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/AdultEd/english-language-acquisition.pdf>