

2026 Adult Education Institute

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Please note: The 2026 AZ Adult Education Institute schedule may be subject to change.

9:00am - 10:15am

Joint ADE and AALL Awards Celebration

Time	Session	Presenter(s)	Concurrent Session Title	Strand	Room
10:15am - 10:30am			Transition/Vendor Fair		
10:30am - 11:45am	Session 7	Yesenia Flores	Next Steps with Essential Education	ABE/HSE	VOS E
		Mike Johnson	TABE and TABE CLAS-E – Using the Reports and Resources to Support Gains!	CCN/DATA/SUPPORT	North Mountain
		Corey Muren	Open Doors to New Opportunities with Burlington Workforce	IET	Camelback B
		Kathy St. John	Game-Changing Strategies to Help Students Understand and Remember What They Read	ALL	Paradise Valley
		Heidi Schuler	Teaching Word Problems to Beginning Math Learners	ALL	Camelback A
		Jon Lee	Reporting with LACES	ADMIN	Deer Valley
		Jennifer Lane	Tech With Purpose: Building English and Digital Skills Together	ESOL	VOS D
12:00pm - 1:00pm			Lunch		Ballroom
1:15pm - 2:30pm	Session 8	Lisa Pool-Osorio	Recruit Smarter, Manage Better: How GED Prep Connect and GED Direct Strengthen Adult Education Programs	ABE/HSE	VOS E
		Jon Lee	Getting Off to a Good Start with LACES	CCN/DATA/SUPPORT	North Mountain
		Rob Podlasek	Assessing Basic Computer Skills with Northstar Digital Literacy	ALL	Camelback B
		Kathy St. John	Learning to Achieve: Workforce Preparation Strategies (Double Sessions)	ALL	Paradise Valley
		Heidi Schuler	Teaching Word Problems to Beginning Math Learners	ALL	Camelback A
		Megan Baker	New Administrator Series: Part 4	ADMIN	Deer Valley
		Natalie Ferguson	Build Around a Book: Anchoring Intermediate/Advanced ELL Curriculum with Novel Studies	ESOL	VOS D
2:30pm - 2:55pm			Snack Break, Vendor Fair, Pop-Up PD		
2:55pm - 4:10pm	Session 9	Carolyn Urish and Marilyn Mumaw Anderson	The Story Matters: Elevating Adult Education Through Marketing	CCN/DATA/SUPPORT	North Mountain
		Megan Baker	Plans with Purpose: Crafting Effective Pre-IET and IET Plans	IET	Camelback B
		Kathy St. John	Learning to Achieve: Workforce Preparation Strategies (Double Sessions)	ALL	Paradise Valley
		Michelle Blanks	Breaking Up with Whole-Group: It's Not You, It's the Data	ALL	Camelback A
		Jennifer Durcan and Yesenia Cordalis	Unlocking Student Agency in ESOL Classrooms Through Focused Writing Journals	ESOL	VOS D