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Welcome to *LINCS* Resource Collection News! Each month, we will feature one of the three *LINCS* Resource Collections—Basic Skills, Program Management, and Workforce Competitiveness – and introduce research-based resources that you can use in your adult and family literacy programs and classrooms. This edition features the [Program Management Collection](#) which covers the topics of Assessment, Learning Disabilities, and Program Improvement.

What's New in the Program Management Resource Collection?

Increasing emphasis is being placed on providing adult education students with the skills needed to transition to work and post-secondary education. To meet the needs of practitioners, the Program Management Resource Collection is hosting a discussion list on [Transitions to Post-secondary Education](#). Please join this online professional development opportunity - <http://www.nifl.gov/mailman/listinfo/transitions/>

One of the challenges in transitioning students is accurate, valid assessment of student readiness. The article [Challenges in Assessing for Post-Secondary Readiness](#) examines the major assessments in use today to measure adult learning gains and to determine student placements.

How does the topic of transitions affect students with Learning Disabilities? The resource [Learning Disability: Life after High School](#) may provide some guidance. In this article, the authors provide guidelines and summarize research on the challenges faced by adults with LD when transitioning to post-secondary schooling and employment.

Programs and instructors are looking at program structure and instructional practices to meet the needs of transitional students. Are you looking for a way to evaluate professional development in your program? Take a look at the [Professional Development Coordinator Competencies and Sample Indicators for Adult Educators Project](#). This publication outlines skills, competencies, and knowledge bases that are critical for professional development coordinators.

How can I learn more about the Program Management Resource Collection?

Visit the [Program Management Collection](#); http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/resourcecollections/RC_planning.html for additional resources. Contact the Program Management Collection content experts for additional information and to learn more about the resources, technical assistance, and professional development opportunities that are available at no cost. Assessment – Marie Cora, marie.cora@hotspurpartners.com; Learning Disabilities – Aaron Kohring, akohring@utk.edu; Program Improvement – Gail Cope, gcope@utk.edu

What is *LINCS*?

LINCS is a service of the National Institute for Literacy, providing online information and communication networks for adult and family literacy practitioners. *LINCS'* offerings include Discussion Lists, Regional Resource Centers, the Collections, and training opportunities. Learn more about [LINCS](#) on the Web site <http://www.nifl.gov/lincs>

What will I find in the New *LINCS* Resource Collections?

The three new [LINCS Resource Collections](#), expanded this year, are comprised of items that have completed a rigorous internal and external review. Use these resources directly in the classroom or to guide development of customized programs and classes. You can find more information about the new Resource Collections on the [Institute's Web site](#).