


This *LINCS Professional Development Guide for Civics Education and Citizenship* shares evidence-based professional development opportunities available through the Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS) for instructors, program administrators, professional developers, state staff, and more. LINCS is a national leadership initiative of the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education (OCTAE), which seeks to expand evidence-based practice in of adult education.




LINCS Community

The [LINCS Community](#) provides adult educators with opportunities to ask questions, learn from peers, share expertise, and attend virtual live events presented by experts in the field. The 13 moderated online Community groups focus on core professional development topics, and the corresponding group for this topic is listed below. Instructions on how to join a group are on each group’s home page. Join and subscribe to notifications today!

Link to Join	Target Audience
Civics Education and Citizenship Group*	Adult education practitioners, advocates, policymakers, and others

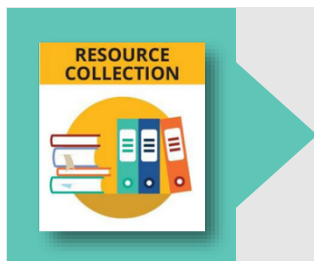
*A [LINCS account](#) is required to join, and to post and reply in discussions. Certificates of attendance are provided for live events.



LINCS Learner Center

The [LINCS Learner Center](#) provides adult learners with free online resources on reading, math, science, English, job skills, citizenship, health, and more. Resources on this particular topic that instructors can share with their adult learners are below.

Resources to Explore	Target Audience
Refer learners to the Become a U.S. Citizen section of the Learner Center for online resources to help them or a family member learn about American history and complete the process to obtain U.S. citizenship.	Adult learners, instructors



LINCS Resource Collection

The [LINCS Resource Collection](#) provides high-quality, evidence-based instructional resources for use by adult educators. Search the collection by category, keyword, or date to generate a list of resources by publication date. For resources on the topic, go to the [Civics Education and Citizenship](#). Below are selected resources to get started.

Selected Resources	Target Audience
Adult Citizenship Education Sample Curriculum for a High Beginning ESL Level Course	Instructors, program administrators, and others
Civics in the Adult Education Classroom	Program administrators, instructors, professional developers
Credentials for the Future: Mapping the Potential for Immigrant-Origin Adults in the United States	Program administrators and others
Department Of Justice Recognition and Accreditation Program: Building Legal Capacity in Your Organization	Instructors, program administrators, and others
Expanding the Use of Online Resources in IELCE Activities to Support Immigrant Integration and Inclusion	Program administrators, instructors, professional developers
Naturalization Eligibility Tool	Adult learners, instructors, and others
Naturalization Statistics	Instructors, program administrators, professional developers, and others



LINCS State Resources

LINCS offers facilitated [technical assistance and professional development opportunities](#) directly to states by request. Monthly “universal” technical assistance webinars are also offered to all state staff and programs on various topics, with recordings available on the [LINCS ED YouTube channel](#). Use [the State Technical Assistance Request form](#) to request [training](#) on the topic below or any topic in the [LINCS training catalog](#).

State Training Available by Request	Time	Mode
USCIS Citizenship Teacher Training	Full day	Virtual or in person

LINCS Federal Initiatives

LINCS provides information on [federally funded technical assistance initiatives](#) in adult education. The federal initiatives related to this topic are listed below.

Federal Initiatives in Adult Education
• Building Opportunities through Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education
• Enhancing Access for Refugees and New Americans (EARN)
• Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education (IELCE) Program
• Teaching the Skills that Matter in Adult Education —see the Civics Education tab