



TASK FORCE NAMED FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROJECT

NEWS RELEASE – February 11, 2003 – The Council for Advancement of Adult Literacy (CAAL) today announced the task force membership for its recently-launched community college project. That project is part of CAAL’s program to help develop state-level resources and foster effective state policy development and planning in adult education and literacy. “Community colleges provide ABE services for over a million adults now,” noted CAAL president Gail Spangenberg, “but the links between their services and between community colleges and other service-providing institutions in the adult literacy system are weak or poorly understood. CAAL hopes to increase awareness of what the colleges are already doing and to provide guidance, as appropriate, on ways to strengthen their role.” The task force will meet 4-5 times during the 1.5-year life of the project. Several papers will be commissioned and published by CAAL including a final task force report with analysis and recommendations. Start-up funding has been provided by the Nellie Mae Foundation, Verizon, and McGraw-Hill. Dr. Forrest P. Chisman, CAAL Vice President for Special Projects, will direct the project.

In addition to Dr. Chisman, the task force is comprised of:

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