Q: Can you further clarify the partnership expectations between the Adult Basic Education and Wyoming Family Literacy?

A: The Wyoming Community College Commission administers both of these grant programs. We expect collaboration between the two programs in communities where both programs are operating in order to avoid duplication of services.

Q: Is the ABE program required to dedicate a class to family literacy students?

A: No. However, it would be quite difficult for a family literacy program to operate without having a specific, dedicated time slot for parents to receive adult education, primarily because the adult ed services have to coincide with the provision of early childhood services. Generally, family literacy students are served as a cohort, but regular ABE students can be served in the same classroom and at the same time as family literacy students.

Q: Can a family literacy program request additional funding to hire an ABE instructor?

A: The particular circumstances of each program and community demographics would determine whether this is an appropriate strategy. The short answer is yes, if a workable solution or effective partnership with the local college is not possible. Of course, we would ask for an explanation from the ABE center why a solution could not be achieved, especially in light of AEFLA statutory requirements. In such circumstances, the instructor would be an employee of the family literacy program.

Q: Is computer literacy a required component?

A: This stipulation was not included in the RFP. It was identified as a priority in a day-long planning session of family literacy directors as a necessary component, given the specific population served. It will eventually be a required component in funded programs. This issue will be fleshed out in more detail as we develop policy over the coming year.