ESL Advisory Council: 2014 Members
Master’s for Teaching ESL to Adult Language Learners
UAB School of Education (SOE), Dept. of Curriculum & Instruction (*alumni, MAEd/ESL)
Thursday, January 13, 2014 (9:30-11:00) in EB 226

Department of Curriculum and Instruction (host entity)
Lynn Kirkland, Professor and Department Chair
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The Literacy Council of Central Alabama (TLC), Birmingham
Linda DeRocher*, Outreach Coordinator for ESOL programs

Partnerships with School Systems
Leah Dobbs-Black, ESL coordinator, Shelby County Schools
Lari Valtierra, ESL coordinator, Jefferson County Schools
Holly Hubbard*, Lead ESL teacher, Etowah County Schools

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Sevim Whitaker*, ALSDE regional coach
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Lucy Dingle, ESL instructor, Jeff State (1st year, ESL Advisory Council)
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Faith-based ESL programs
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Eleanor Wright, Oakmont & Ind. Presbyterian churches (1st yr, ESL Advisory Council)
Steven Rowlett, Catholic Social Services, “La Casita” (1st yr, ESL Advisory Council)
Cindy Woodham (Angie Sestili), Hunter Street Baptist (returning to Advisory Council)

Community-Based ESL Programs (classes and/or outreach)
Karen Day, tutor, Las Comadres, Alabaster (1st yr, ESL Advisory Council)
Jan Renfro*, Inverness Family Literacy Program (2nd yr, ESL Advisory Council)