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## **Dr. Marcia Drew Hohn named Outstanding Educator of the Year**

MALDEN, Mass, April 21, 2014 / Andover resident Dr. Marcia Drew Hohn was named Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education at its annual NETWORK Conference on April 4, 2014. This award is presented to an educator in who has demonstrated leadership, met significant challenges in an effective way, supported others in the field, and shown selfless dedication, service and commitment to the principles of adult and continuing education.

Hohn has worked in the adult basic education field for more than 25 years. She currently serves as the director of the Public Education Institute at The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. In this role over the last decade, she pioneered a multi-pronged program to raise the visibility of immigrants' economic and social contributions that included research, policy development and professional development. This work has been credited with changing the conversation about immigrants from deficits to assets. A free, annual workshop she created for Massachusetts educators entitled "Teaching Immigration Across the Curriculum" debuted in 2005. In 2012, it was expanded to a national audience in an online format and continues to be offered annually. Additional online workshops customized for other audiences such as immigrant-serving organizations and community college staff have been added.

Previously, Hohn was Director of System for Adult Basic Education Support at Northern Essex Community College in Lawrence. She is also widely recognized for her work as a researcher, advocate and practitioner in literacy and health to address health disparities that disproportionately affect populations of color.

Photo caption: Roberta Soolman, president of the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education (left) and Dr. Marcia Drew Hohn, director of The ILC Public Education Institute.

### **About The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.**

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) of Malden, Mass, is a not-for-profit organization that helps immigrants and refugees become successful workers, parents and community members through direct service programs and public education. Our direct service program provides free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston. The ILC further supports immigrants through the Public Education Institute, which informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society. For more information visit the website <http://www.ilctr.org> and Facebook page <http://www.fb.com/ImmigrantLearningCenter>.

### **About the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education**

MCAE is the statewide organization for practitioners, adult students, individuals and organizations supporting equal educational opportunities for all adults. MCAE is dedicated to the advancement of adult education through high quality services and professionalism in the field from basic literacy and English for Speakers of Other Languages through preparation for a high school credential to programs such as family

literacy, workforce development, and workplace education to transitions to post-secondary education. For more information about adult basic education in Massachusetts visit [www.mcae.net](http://www.mcae.net).

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