Announcing...

Mid-South ACT Begins a New Pilot Program for Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Clients with Physical and/or Visual Disabilities that will Aid in Accessing GED® Test Preparation Materials!

Are you an individual with a physical and/or visual disability who has not completed the high school requirements necessary to graduate and are considering taking the General Education Development (GED®) test?

Are you currently attending a GED® preparation class and are unable to follow the instruction at the same pace as students without visual and/or physical disabilities?

What exactly is the GED® test? The General Educational Development Test (GED®) is for adults who do not have a high school diploma. Those who pass the test receive a High School Equivalency Certificate. The GED® test covers five subjects: reading, writing, math, science, and social studies.

GED® preparation is offered locally at community colleges, learning centers, and other educational sites. There is a major need for a preparation class geared specifically to individuals with visual and/or physical disabilities.

To meet this need, Mid-South Access Center for Technology (ACT) will offer a pilot program designed to explore the use of assistive technology devices and/or applications to access GED® preparation materials. A pilot class will begin at the end of January, 2012, and space will be limited.

What better way to help individuals with disabilities to be able to step up and out of poverty than to give them a hand by assisting them in preparing to take their GED® test! As an AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America), I am thrilled to be involved with this project!

’Tis the season of giving! Times are hard, but our spirits are hopeful as we continue to make a difference here at Mid-South ACT. Won’t you donate some of your time to assist a person with disabilities in their journey to complete high school? It would be a life-changing experience for you both!

For more information and to enroll in the volunteer training program, please send an email to Mid-South ACT at act@memphis.edu, or call the main office number at 901.678.1489 before January 10, 2012. We look forward to hearing from you!

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