

## Technology and Distance Learning Symposium is on March 10-11

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OTAN staff and our larger 'family' of field colleagues as presenters and participants are all excited to gather North Orange County Community College District this coming Friday and Saturday, March 10-11, 2017, for the 8th [Technology and Distance Learning Symposium](#).

Here are the welcome messages from our leadership:

From Joyce Hinkson, Ed.D. Director of OTAN



Welcome to the 2017 Technology and Distance Learning Symposium! We are pleased to have our event hosted for the very first time on a community college campus and would like to thank staff from the Anaheim Campus School of Continuing Education of North Orange Community College District. We are thrilled to have Nell Eckersley, Director of Instructional Technology and Communications at the Literacy Assistance Center in New York as our keynote speaker. Ms. Eckersley has hundreds of Twitter followers and is well known for her posts about how to enhance literacy with education technology. With so many wonderful presentations happening over the next day and a half, you may have some difficult choices in deciding what to attend! The popular #Adultedu #EdTech Share Slam will be held during the lunch break on the first day of the Symposium. Each presenter has just three minutes to highlight a tech tip, trick, or shortcut with the audience. Join the fun! There will be many opportunities to network and collaborate with colleagues and to meet new friends. Please consider sharing the excitement and learning through your social media connections with hashtags #dls17, #adultedu, or #edtech.

From Diana Batista Adult Education Director Sacramento County Office of Education



I am so pleased to welcome you to the 2017 Technology and Distance Learning Symposium (TDLS.) It is very exciting to get together and share ways to improve technology use at our schools. I have been associated with TDLS since it began in 2007, as a presenter and as an educator learning from colleagues. As a TIMAC participant, I was able to learn about emerging technologies and OTAN's work with implementing and supporting technology in California adult education via mentoring academies, workshops, webinars, and online resources. Now I am excited to be the Director of the Professional Development and Technical Assistance to all Adult Ed Block Grant (AEBG) agencies. This is a new project that falls under the umbrella of Sacramento County Office of Education, alongside OTAN and the Capital Adult Education Regional Consortium. Under the California Adult Education Block Grant funding, as Consortia members, we have new challenges to accelerate learning and increase access for learners. By implementing new partnerships with all of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act providers there are expanded

opportunities for using technology creatively to prepare learners as they increase their proficiency. This is a good time to network with professional associates and technology experts. As always, we focus on the latest for teaching and learning, evaluating the best ways for using technology to enhance your programs. As our former Executive Director would say, "This is an exciting time to be an adult educator in California."