

# State Leadership Project:

Outreach and Technical  
Assistance Network (OTAN)

# OTAN CELEBRATES 34 YEARS!

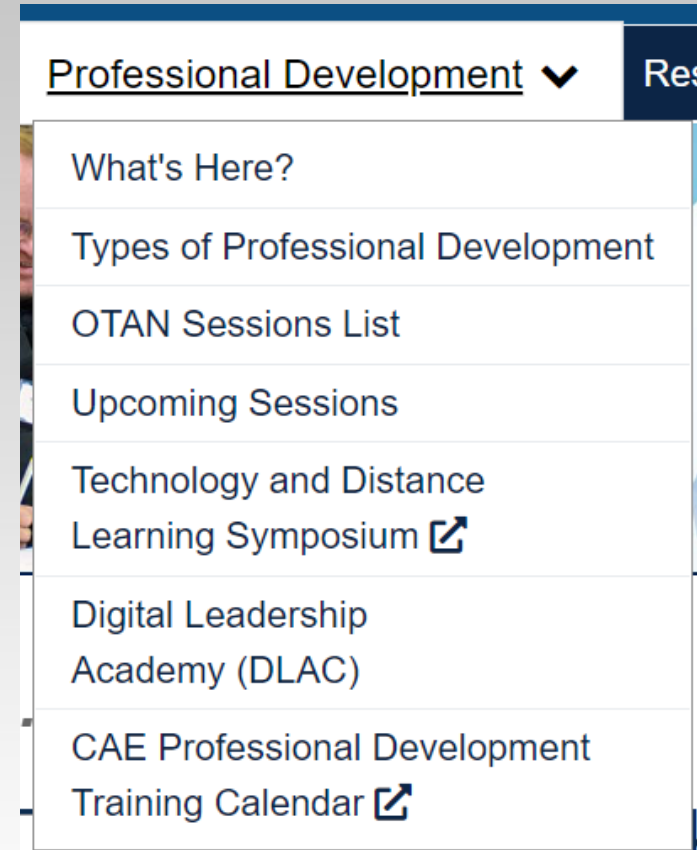


# WHAT IS OTAN?

- OTAN is one of three state adult ed leadership projects in California.
- Vision: *Leading Adult Education through support for and the effective application of technology.*
- Please **share** what you learn today with your colleagues!



- What is OTAN? ... Our OTAN website (www.otan.us) and Membership
- OTAN's Teams – Development & Training
- Explore Teaching Tools and Resources
- Learn about training opportunities (F2F, online, DLAC, Tech Talks)
- Stay connected with OTAN after today's presentation



## BECOME A MEMBER TO STAY IN TOUCH AND ACCESS RESOURCES



[Stay Connected](#) with OTAN by becoming a member.

Access monthly [OTAN Digests](#).

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## Top Story...

### Upcoming OTAN Activities - Week of 6/12

Posted on 06/09/2023

OTAN provides activities and resources to support our adult education colleagues. All times listed are Pacific Standard Time

**OTAN is at Casas Institute 2023** [📍](#) this week in Orange County!

#### Digital Equity Survey - Deadline June 30th

The California Department of Technology (CDT) has developed two comprehensive digital equity surveys. These surveys aim to identify the barriers and needs of individuals in unserved and underserved communities, informing the State's Digital Equity Plan. Please distribute and encourage participation for representation.

[Digital Equity Survey](#)

[DEEM Tool](#)

#### Wednesday, June 14, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | [Canvas: Admin Review and Troubleshooting](#)

Questions about setting up the Canvas instance? Or how to complete a task as an administrator? Join this session for extra help to review any topic about Canvas Admin.

#### Friday, June 16, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | [Creating with Canva - Scintillating Slides](#)

Participants will be expected to have already attended the first in this series (Creating with Canva: The Basics) or have their own Canva account established and know basics of the design tool. This session will build upon skills where the focus will be placed on creating presentation slides using Canva templates. Participants will put into practice what they learn to create an interactive slide presentation. presented by SME Audrey Dierdorff

[OTAN Digest - June 2023](#)

[Digital Learning Guidance](#)

[Learn More About OTAN](#)

[Accessibility Resources](#)

[California Distance Learning Cooperative](#)

[California Adult Education Online Application and Reporting](#)

[CDE Adult Ed. Website](#)

[CA ADULT ED Students Succeed](#)

[Technology and Distance Learning](#)

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## ONLINE APPLICATION & REPORTING

- [Online Application & Reporting](#) website
  - WIOA yearly activities: applications, grant award notifications (GANs), budgets, expenditure claim reports (ECRs)
  - Course approvals (K-12 Districts and COEs)
  - Communication and resources

## WEBSITES FOR THE FIELD

- [OTAN](#) - communication, resources, and news
  - [AE Provider Directory](#) – find a school tool
- [EL Civics Exchange](#) – allow educators to share resources
- [California Adult Education Professional Development Calendar](#) - training calendar
- [Lesson Plan Builder](#) - create lesson plan outlines
- [Adult Ed Students Succeed](#) – annual recognition of students



## THERE ARE MANY TOOLS AND RESOURCES UNDER THIS TAB

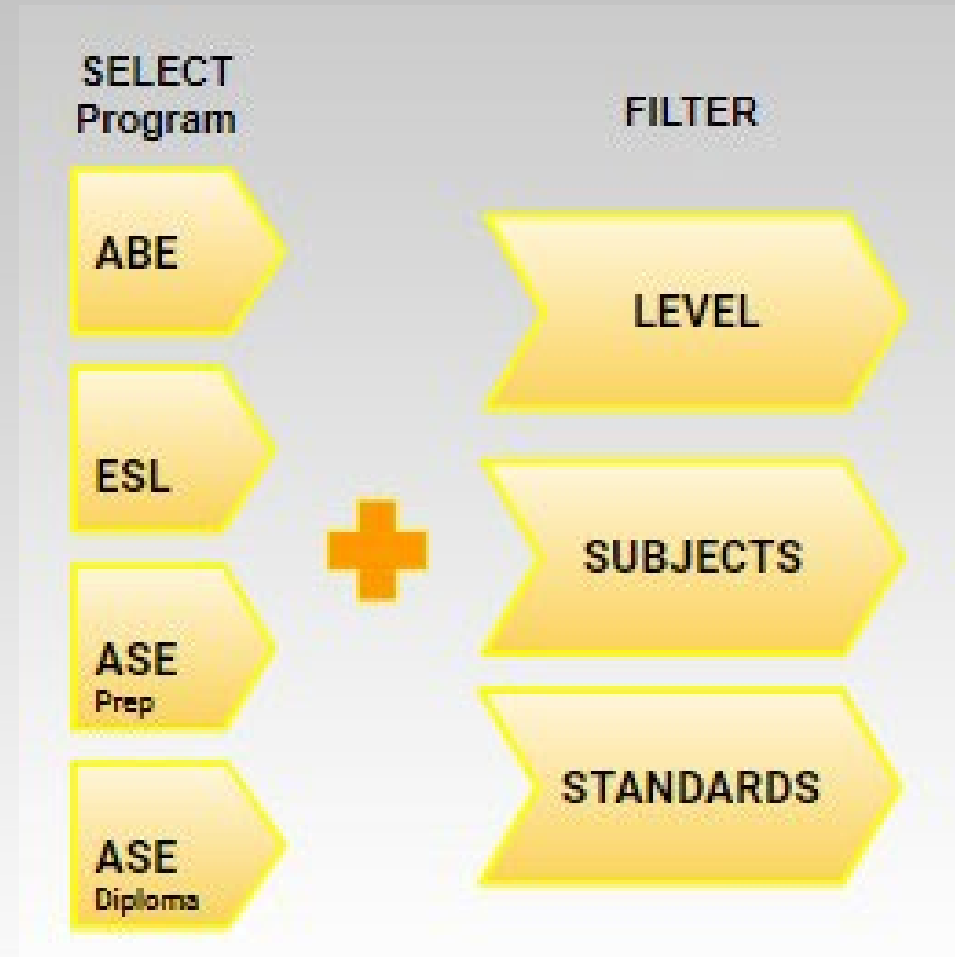
On the OTAN homepage, click on the Resources tab:

- [Digital Learning Guidance](#)
- [California DL Cooperative: Canvas](#)
- [Accessibility Resources](#)
- [Teaching with Technology](#)
- [Web-based Class Activities](#)
- [Curriculum Offers](#)
- [Adult Ed Students Succeed](#)
- [CAE Online Application & Reporting](#)



The screenshot shows the OTAN website navigation menu. The 'Resources' tab is selected and expanded, showing a list of links: What's Here?, Accessibility Resources, Digital Learning Guidance, Curriculum Offers, California Distance Learning Cooperative, California Adult Education Courses, Teaching with Technology, Web-Based Class Activities, Moodle and Canvas Update, Lesson Plan Builder (with an external link icon), OTAN Library, CAE Provider Directory, EL Civics Exchange (with an external link icon), Adult Ed Students Succeed (with an external link icon), and CAE Online Application and Reporting (with an external link icon). To the right of the menu, there are several promotional banners: a circular image of people in a meeting, a blue banner for 'Digital Learning Guidance', a yellow banner for 'Learn More About OTAN', a purple banner for 'Accessibility Resources', and a red banner for 'California Distance Learning Cooperative'.

- Teaching with Technology is a tool to help adult ed teachers locate and learn about websites and other technology related to lesson topics.
- Search criteria are Program area, then Level, Subjects, and Standards



- Articles written by teachers on how they use online resources in their teaching.
- New activities are posted **monthly** and may include resources, instructions, and/or links to other sites.
- All activities are archived **by subject areas**. (Scroll down to the bottom of the page for the list of subject areas.)



## Web-Based Class Activities

[Adult Basic Education](#)

[Career Technical Education](#)

[ESL and Citizenship](#)

[High School and GED](#)

[Holidays](#)

[Older Adults](#)

[All Activities](#)



**H**ere you will find an extensive collection of web-based class activities. These articles provide collections of links to interactive online tools organized around instructional themes and activities. Specific ideas for use in adult education are provided, along with examples and step-by-step instructions.

## ChatGPT: Risks, Challenges, and the Future

by Susan Gaer, OTAN SME


Many people think that AI (Artificial Intelligence) is new, but translation services, speech recognition, personalized learning with language learning apps, and grammar/spelling checkers are all forms of AI that we have become accustomed to. AI is already around us. What is new is the plethora of tools that have been bombarding us since November 2022 when ChatGPT-3 was created by OpenAI. This article will focus on the educational uses of ChatGPT.

### What is [ChatGPT](#)?

ChatGPT is a natural language processing tool written by [OpenAI](#). The key characteristic of ChatGPT is that it uses natural language that allows you to have a more human-like conversation. This language model can help you answer questions and write almost anything. In February of 2023, ChatGPT-4 was developed, and it is more powerful than version 3. This version is not free and currently costs \$20/month.


## SPECIAL OFFERS

- OTAN works to negotiate free or reduced-cost special offers for online curriculum licenses and PD resources.
  - Essential Education – for blended learning teaching
  - Northstar Digital Literacy
  - Learn360 – online resources for all programs
  - And more!



**Curriculum Offers**

- CK-12
- Essential Education
- Learn360
- Learning Upgrade
- NROC
- USA Learns
- Skills for the Nursing Assistant



### Curriculum Offers

OTAN works to negotiate the best free or reduced-cost special offers for online curriculum licenses and professional development resources suggested by our OTAN Advisory Committee and adult educators in the field. See our current offers!

#### For Teachers

**Essential Education**  
OTAN is offering a self-paced Blended Learning course from Essential Education for California adult education agency teachers.

**ISTE's SkillRise Initiative**  
SkillRise is an ISTE initiative dedicated to helping adult learning organizations leverage educational technology to upskill workers for the careers of today and tomorrow. Free resources include a technology implementation framework, online class to help develop a sustainable technology integration plan, and a blog and podcast series.

#### For Students

**CK-12**  
The CK-12 Foundation offers free, high-quality, open content through an integrated learning platform including digital textbooks, adaptive practice, interactives, concept-based learning, and much, much more.

**Learn360 and Classroom Video on Demand**  
OTAN will help teachers at California adult education agencies create a Learn360 + CVOD account, offering access to videos, worksheets, interactives, and more that you can use with your students in your classroom or online course.

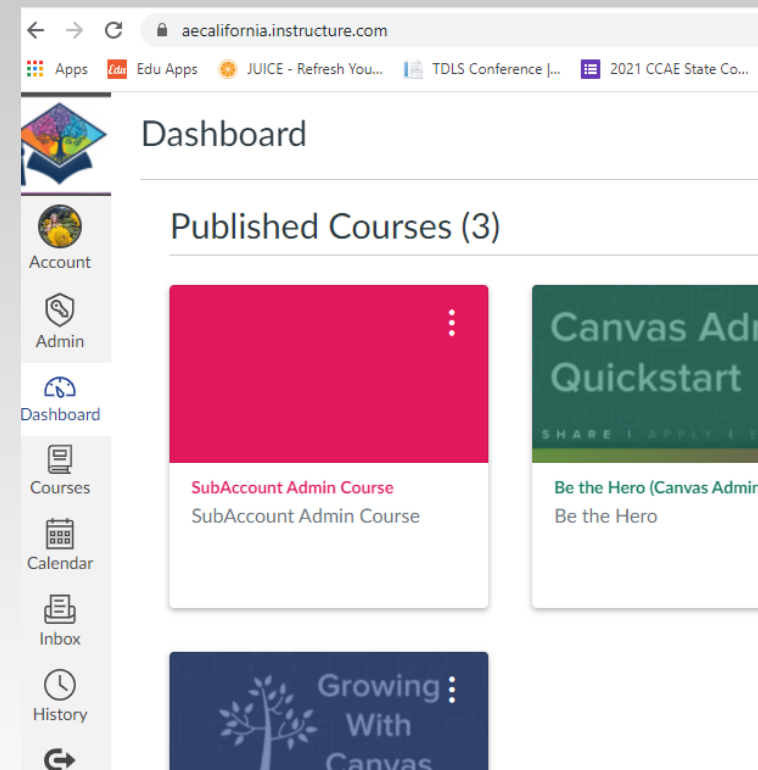
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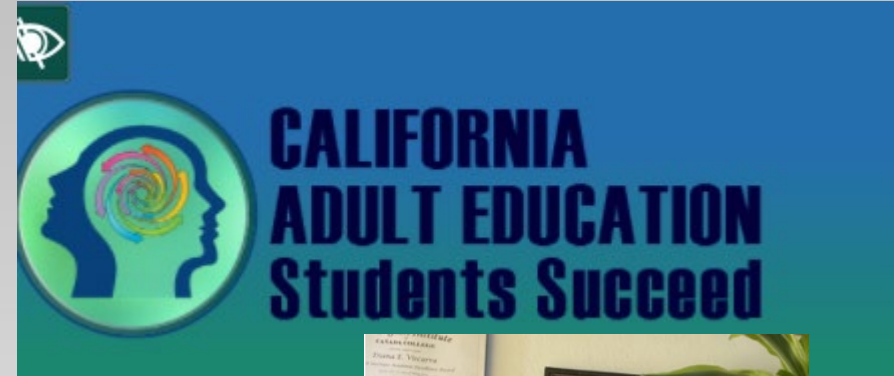
## CALIFORNIA DISTANCE LEARNING COOPERATIVE: A CANVAS PROJECT

- No-cost instance (URL) for each WIOA II agency
- Initial 50 Canvas licenses free on an annual basis
- Statewide-leveraged pricing for licenses above 50
- Statewide-leveraged services and support for all agencies



## STUDENT SHOWCASE

- Celebrate what adult education learners have achieved
- Nominate a student via the website [adulthoodlearners.org](http://adulthoodlearners.org)
- Application process is open from January 1 through April 1 – recipients are notified in May



2022 Award Recipient

## FACE-TO-FACE AND ONLINE

Face-to-face workshops are 3 to 4 hours in length.

Online workshops are 1 to 1.5 hours in length.

All workshops have “hands on” activities and modeling.

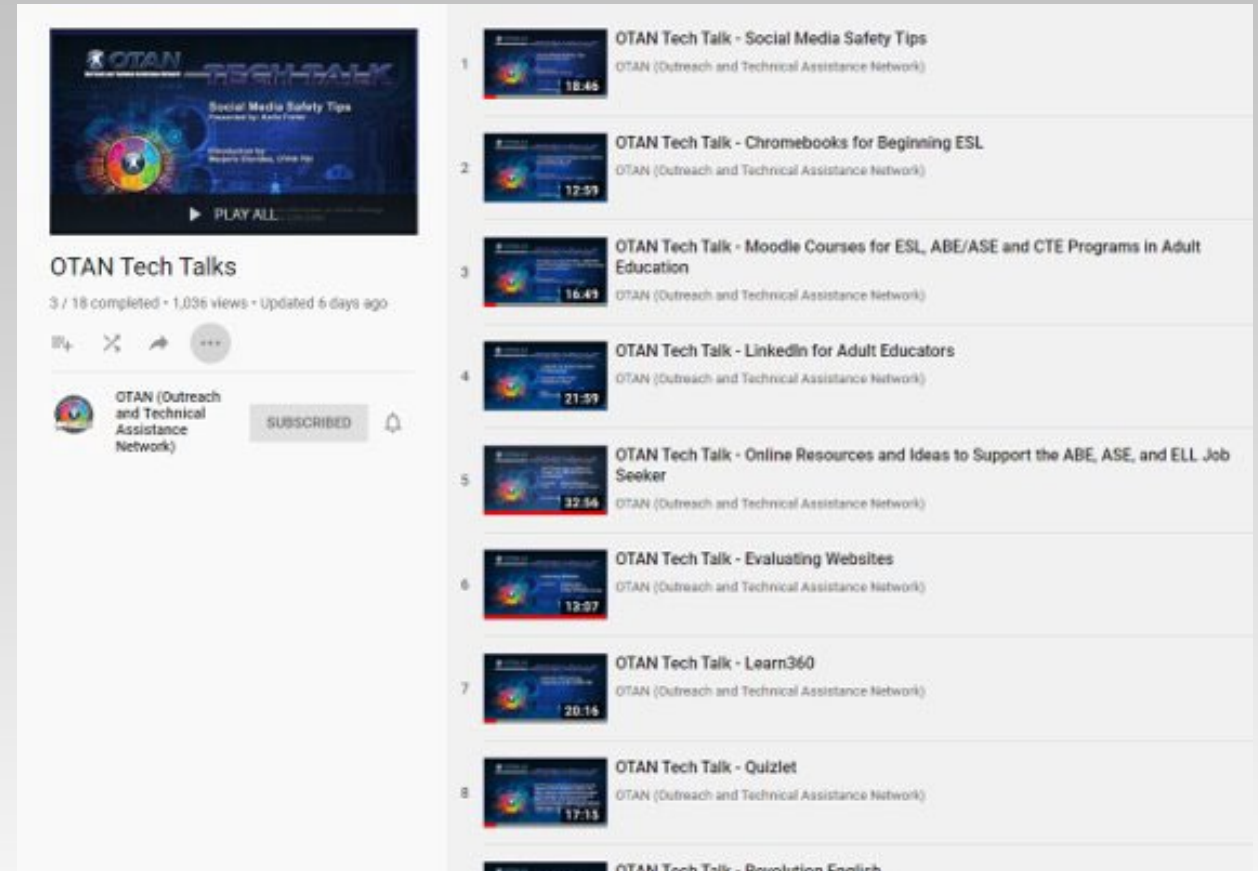
OTAN workshops can be customized to meet the needs of a requesting agency.

OTAN workshops are free!



OTTs are scheduled monthly as webinar presentations

- OTTs address how to implement technology in the classroom or program wide
- OTTs are archived on the [OTT Video Presentations page](#).



The screenshot shows a YouTube playlist interface. At the top is a video player for 'Social Media Safety Tips' with a 'PLAY ALL' button. Below the player, the playlist title 'OTAN Tech Talks' is displayed, along with '3 / 18 completed • 1,036 views • Updated 6 days ago'. The channel name 'OTAN (Outreach and Technical Assistance Network)' and a 'SUBSCRIBED' button are visible. The playlist contains 18 items, with the first 8 listed:

- 1 OTAN Tech Talk - Social Media Safety Tips (18:46)
- 2 OTAN Tech Talk - Chromebooks for Beginning ESL (12:59)
- 3 OTAN Tech Talk - Moodle Courses for ESL, ABE/ASE and CTE Programs in Adult Education (16:49)
- 4 OTAN Tech Talk - LinkedIn for Adult Educators (21:59)
- 5 OTAN Tech Talk - Online Resources and Ideas to Support the ABE, ASE, and ELL Job Seeker (22:56)
- 6 OTAN Tech Talk - Evaluating Websites (12:07)
- 7 OTAN Tech Talk - Learn360 (20:16)
- 8 OTAN Tech Talk - Quizlet (17:13)

Item 9 is partially visible: OTAN Tech Talk - Revolution English.



## FIND OTAN AT OTHER CONFERENCES...



## THE TECHNOLOGY AND DISTANCE LEARNING SYMPOSIUM (TDLS)

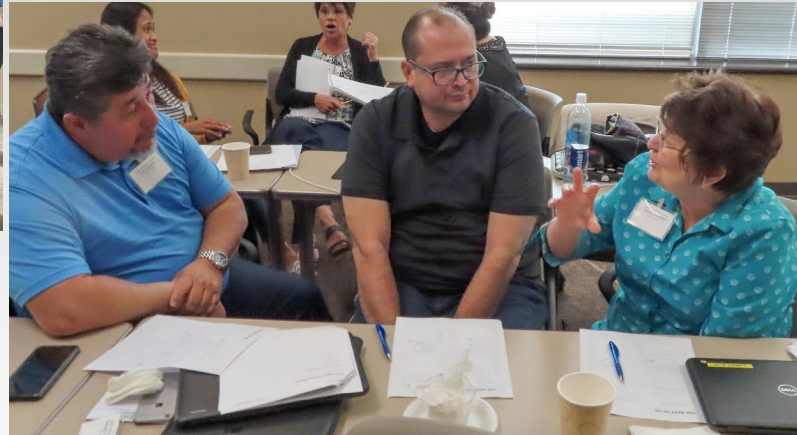


**Technology and Distance Learning Symposium 2024**  
March 1-2, 2024  
Fremont Adult and Continuing Education  
4700 Calaveras Avenue, Fremont, CA 94538

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## DLAC (DIGITAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY)



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