

New Hampshire Adult Education

An investment that pays off....

For adult learners...communities...families...and employers

Adult Learning Leads to GED Certificate and U.S. Citizenship



Dolly Bisual, who came to the United States in 1999 to work as a nanny for an American family, had only a sixth grade education in the Philippines. In 2010, she passed GED® Tests after two years of study at Dover Adult Learning Center.

Dolly has continued to take classes at the Learning Center while working fulltime as a licensed nursing assistant—taking advanced English, computers, and now a transitions-to-college class and working toward her goal of becoming a licensed practical nurse.

Recently Dolly passed the U.S. citizenship exam and became one of 20 new citizens sworn in at the top of Mount Washington.

My experience at Claremont Adult Learning Center is definitely a life changing event! ... Without the help....I might still be struggling to find my way!
--Zackary Junge Unity, NH

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Adult Learning Leads to a Job and Family Security

Jay Robinson contacted LIFT adult education in Hillsboro in October 2011 asking for GED instruction. Jay had lost his job and then the home his family and his parents had shared for seven years. Wherever he looked for employment, he was asked for a high school credential.

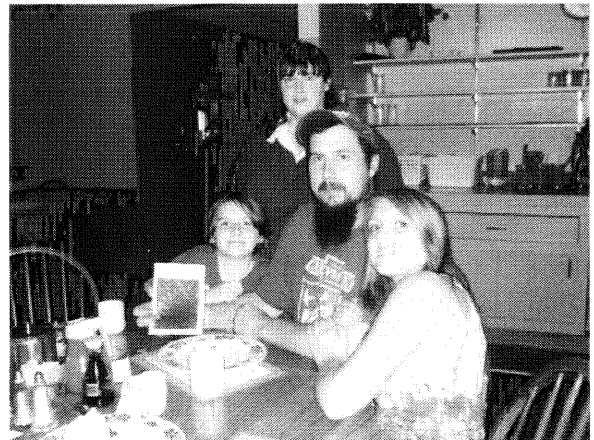
Understandably, Jay became extremely worried about finances and his family's future.

Jay was also concerned about passing GED® Tests. "I was coded in school in lots of areas, I never got the help I needed to understand homework," he explained. "I

lost interest in school, got frustrated and started getting into trouble."

In adult education, Jay's persistence paid off. He attended classes three days a week. By January he could pass four of the five GED subjects. That was enough to lead to employment. Jay switched to night classes and earned his high school equivalency certificate in August, 2012.

Now lead mechanic at an automotive shop, Jay has been able to buy a home for his family. He's also continuing to study, as his



Jay Robinson at home with his family

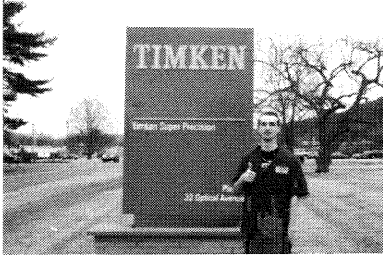
employer has already sent him for training in several automotive areas.

"I needed more confidence and you guys gave me that," Jay says of his adult education teachers.

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Adult High School Diploma Leads to Job and Opportunity for Advancement



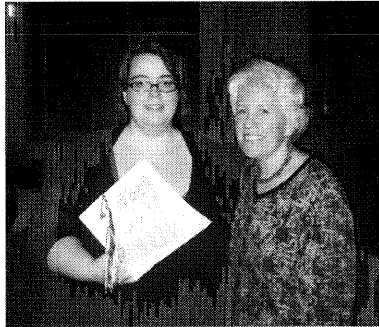
Dana Ott became discouraged after some bad experiences in a traditional high school, but he's now a graduate of the Keene Community Education adult high school program with a good job at Timken and a future in the machining industry. Dana's mom says, "Dana was fortunate enough to have an entire group of amazing teachers. Slowly he started to change his attitude about education and life in general as he worked with the Keene Community Education team. He is a real success thanks to all of you!"

Dana is thinking about taking college courses in engineering and will have an opportunity for tuition reimbursement through his company.

Mom of Four Now a Grad and Able to Help with Homework

Katy Byrne is a hard-working woman with four children and a job. After studying for and passing the

GED® Tests, she's also prepared to help the children with their homework.



Katy Byrne, left, with Leslie Haslam, Exeter Adult Education director

"The first time I realized the impact of not having an education was the night my son asked for my help with his math homework... As I looked at him I realized I could clothe him, feed him, all around take care of him, but not help him in something so simple. ...Within a week I was enrolled in GED night courses....At first I didn't think I could do it.... As I really started going, I couldn't believe how much I was actually learning. **Since learning math in adult ed, I can now help my son with his math homework!**"

Grandmother Earns High School Diploma 50 Years Later

In 1962 Mary Blake left Laconia High School to get married. Later she worked 29 years at Aavid Engineering, rising through the ranks to become one of the managers of the shipping

The Need for Adult Education

79,000 New Hampshire adults 25 and older lack a high school diploma. (2010-11 U.S. Census Community Survey)

Belknap County 11%
Carroll County 9%
Cheshire County 10%
Coos County 16%
Grafton County 10%
Hillsborough County 9%
Merrimack County 8%
Rockingham County 6%
Strafford County 9%
Sullivan County 10%

department before she was laid off in 2009. It was then she learned that she couldn't apply for most jobs without a high school credential.

With the strong support of her family, Blake began studying at Laconia Academy. "I had no credits at all. I never finished ninth grade," she says. It took time, but Blake was able to complete all required credits in night classes. Now this mother of four and grandmother of eight has the credential she needs.

From a story by Gail Ober in The Laconia Daily Sun



Mary Blake, left, with Peggy Selig, Laconia Adult Education director

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Students and Graduates...In Their Own Words

Civic Participation in Claremont

Andrew Lowe, a student at Claremont Adult Learning Center describes telling a friend about what he had learned in class about how to research and analyze issues and candidate positions.

"It was actually a pretty cool experience getting to show off my knowledge like that.... I not only motivated someone who wasn't going to vote, but I even got him thinking for himself and finding out the truth instead of just believing the attack ads and what others told him. I got a call yesterday from him, he said he voted and felt pretty good about it."

Emily Lafferty Searles 2001 GED Graduate, Hillsboro

"I just wanted.... to share with you how much Project LIFT has impacted my life since I stepped into the Fuller Public Library nearly ten years ago to take my GED pre-tests. I finished my B.S. in Management, went on to work as a financial analyst for Fidelity Investments before returning to school to earn my MBA....I can't help but think what my life would have been like if this program weren't available to me....."

The public school system is an important part of education as a whole, but for some young adults making



their way through difficult circumstances, the traditional route doesn't always make a good fit."

Kathleen Luebker 2005 Adult High School Graduate, Manchester



"When I started adult education I was young, I was angry and I didn't see the need for an education. My attitude at the start was that nobody cared, so neither did I... It didn't happen overnight, but I was proven wrong in my feelings. The patience of the staff at Manchester Adult Learning was key in helping me earn my high school diploma, which allowed me to get the job I have now and continue my education into college."

Kathleen has received many advancements in her successful credit union career. Wishing to help others in a new way, she's now enrolled in a college nursing program.

Bus Driver Now Graduate in Nashua

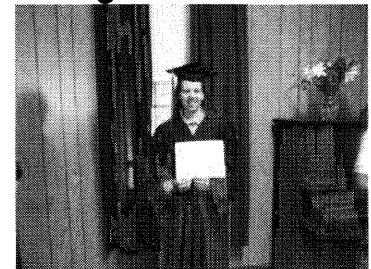
"After I dropped out, I had a few jobs, usually paying enough to just get by. In 2007 I became a school bus driver.The opportunity arrived for me to drive a special

education vehicle. I started getting attached to the children I transported. What I did in my job had an impact on their development. This was a huge realization, but it was not the biggest. ..."

"It was here that I realized I still had some growing of my own to do. I enrolled in the Nashua Adult and Community School to get my high school diploma. ...I finally realized the importance of getting my diploma and now I have the pride of being able to say that I accomplished it. I am a high school graduate. "

--David Bancroft, Nashua Adult High School graduation speaker

Home Schooler Now GED® Grad Heading for College--Littleton



Callie Gould enjoyed home schooling with her parents but she also "wanted to have an opportunity to be tested from an outside source."

"This opportunity came through the local GED program. It was a recognized document that showed I was educated, I could think, and that I could proceed into my future. ... This became real as I have recently applied and have been tentatively accepted at a high rating nursing school where having my GED made the process so much smoother and simpler. "

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The Key to Contributions from New Americans

From Bhutan to Concord



Pema describes a life of deprivation and dislocation as a refugee, leading finally to resettlement in Concord and study at Second Start. "At first I only understood about 1% of what I heard (on the radio.) Today I am able to understand 90% of what I hear....I have a CDL license and I drive a school bus for Second Start and a local school district....I am also enrolled in Second Start's College Bridge class as I want to continue my education." *Information and photo from the Second Start 2012 Annual Report*

From China to Hanover

"My name is Haishan Li. I came to the United States because my husband works at Dartmouth College. When I first came here, I only could speak very little English." She joined an adult English As Second Language class in Lebanon and reports, "I learned lots of grammar, vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation and writing. Now I am coaching a 7/8 grades girls basketball team in Hanover. I am thankful that New Hampshire has this wonderful program."

Adult education plays an important role in helping immigrants and refugees, even those well-educated in their native countries, make a

successful transition to the United States. Meet three women who attended adult education programs to learn English, earn a high school credential, and prepare for college. All are now making important contributions to their communities.

Beata Umugwangwali Dover

Beata came to Dover as a refugee from Rwanda, escaping the genocide that killed her husband and two brothers. Although



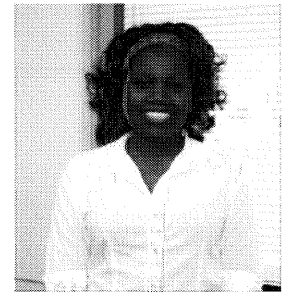
Beata had been a midwife at home, she needed to improve her English and earn American credentials to be able to work here. She studied English and prepared for and passed the GED® Tests at Dover Adult Learning Center. Since then Beata has earned a nursing degree. She was recently selected as a 2012-13 NH Future of Nursing Scholar. Below is part of the announcement:

Ms. Umugwangwali is now a student in the MSN program, Education track at Franklin Pierce College and has worked as a staff nurse specializing in gastroenterology at Wentworth Douglass Hospital for 10 years. She received the Wentworth Douglass Hospital President's Award in 2008.

Yoseleidys Rivero-Lara, Nashua

"I have a bachelor's degree from Cuba, but was only able to find work in a

factory, so I enrolled at the Adult Learning Center for



advanced English and took my GED® Tests. I enrolled in the Get Ready for College Program, and then found a job at Keystone Hall as a receptionist. I love it there, and was promoted to Bilingual Client Advocate. Now I do individual and group counseling, and am taking four college classes toward a BS in Human Services. *from Adult Learning Center report*

Maria Raymond, Exeter

"In 2001 I moved to the USA from Mexico with my American husband. It was scary for me...to go to a country where I didn't even speak the language. I came to Exeter Adult Education for ESL classes. I worked really hard and learned English....In 2009 my husband got very sick. I needed to further my education so I could get a career to support my family."

Maria studied for and passed GED® Tests, then adult high school classes in algebra, chemistry, and biology to prepare for college. Now she's a citizen, enrolled in a medical administrative program at Great Bay CC.



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Adult Education programs provide classes, individual tutoring, counseling and a supportive atmosphere for adults returning to school to gain a high school diploma/GED (High School Equivalency) certificate or to learn English as a second language.

ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES

I. Total Enrollment: 7749

Adult Basic Education/ESOL/GED Preparation 5372
 Adult Learner Services 938
 Adult High School 1439

II. Financial Data

<u>\$6,722,123.</u>	<u>Program Budget</u>		
(\$1,752,807.)	Federal Funds		
(\$1,606,454.)	Local Funds	<u>Average Cost</u>	
(\$3,362,862.)	State Funds	<u>Per Student</u>	<u>\$867.48</u>

III. Program Data

Students between the ages of 16-24	2471
Earned high school credential (GED or High School Diploma)	1602
Students learning English as another language	2724

IV. Participants by Location

Adult Basic Education, Adult High School, GED Preparation, Adult Learner Services

Bedford	19	Lebanon	80
Berlin	79	Lisbon	8
Claremont	175	Littleton	72
Concord	656	Londonderry	61
Conway	35	Manchester	1538
Derry	259	Milford	20
Dover	1191	Nashua	1574
Exeter	389	North Sutton	27
Franklin	52	Ossipee	40
Goffstown	61	Pembroke	49
Groveton	8	Peterborough	27
Hampton	70	Plymouth	6
Hillsboro	62	Portsmouth	114
Jaffrey	13	Rochester	86
Keene	274	Salem	179
Kingston	7	Swanzey	15
Laconia	464	Wolfeboro	39

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