

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION, INC.

Local Partnership in Learning

Serving Washington, Orange, and Lamoille Counties

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TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

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The Depot
Youth Education Center
46 Washington Street
Suite 200
Barre, VT 05641
(802) 476-6086
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Waterbury Learning Center
Stanley Hall
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05676
(802) 241-2449

Montpelier Learning Center
58 Barre Street
Room 204
Montpelier, VT 05602
(802) 223-3403

Orange County

Randolph Learning Center
12 1/2 South Main Street
2nd Floor
P.O. Box 84
Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4492 - Phone & Fax

Bradford Learning Center
24 Barton Street
Suite 1
P.O. Box 917
Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-3282 - Phone & Fax

Lamoille County

Morrisville Learning Center
52 Portland Street
P.O. Box 478
Morrisville, VT 05661
(802) 888-5531
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Lamoille Valley Even Start
Morrisville Elementary School
548 Park Street
Morrisville, Vermont 05661
(802) 888-6816

Jennifer Peterson, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Waitsfield
9 Bridge Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673

Dear Members of the Selectboard:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education has provided free, individualized instruction for adults and out of school youth in Waitsfield for over forty years. We are deeply grateful for last year's Town Meeting approval of funding support for CVABE's local service and request the same funding amount this year.

We are asking Waitsfield voters to again consider allocating \$600.00 which will subsidize the cost of providing literacy instruction to Waitsfield residents seeking help in learning to read, write, compute and earn a high school credential. CVABE has capped costs at less than \$1,500.00 to serve the average adult literacy student in one year. Last year, there were three Waitsfield residents enrolled in CVABE's free programs.

I am enclosing background information about CVABE as well as a brief description of our services which we hope is suitable for the Waitsfield Town Report.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please call me at our administrative office in Barre at 476-4588.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures



CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION, INC.

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Waitsfield

- **Central Vermont Adult Basic Education is a non-profit organization serving the residents of Washington County for forty years. It is the *only* organization in this region which provides free, individualized tutoring in basic reading, writing, math, computer operation and English as a another language for any person who is at least 16 years old and who is out of school. CVABE students also pursue options leading to earning a high school credential.**
- **CVABE's main office and largest learning center is in Barre. Smaller learning centers operate throughout the organization's tri-county service region including a small site on Barre Street in Montpelier. We collaborate closely with schools, libraries, employers, and a great number of other community resources to make our unique service locally accessible. Our welcome extends to everyone.**
- **The Barre Learning Center serves as dispatch central for the outreach and instruction CVABE provides to Orange, Washington, and Lamoille counties. Each year, 800 - 900 students enroll in CVABE's free local programs. The organization is able to accommodate this many students because of the generosity of dedicated community volunteers. Together with them, staff can make sure the men and women in the region who want to learn basic literacy skills, who need help to get a High School credential, or who are required to learn English as a new language, are given every opportunity to learn in an atmosphere suitable for adults.**
- **Community support over the years has been important to the continuation of CVABE's free, local service in Washington County. Town support, approved each year by the voters, helps us provide the kind of individualized learning programs needed by those who may have failed in previous, more traditional school settings. CVABE contracts through the VT Department of Education to provide adult literacy services, but in order to maintain local access, the organization is committed to energetic fundraising from the private sector. Our administrative cost is 8% of our budget; the rest is expended in direct instruction service to our students.**
- **Three Waitsfield residents enrolled at CVABE last year. For many of our students, their lack of literacy skills or their lack of a high school diploma have been serious impediments to getting a job, or keeping a job, or being able to progress in a job. For many others, their own lack of a basic education hindered them from helping their children achieve in school. Tutoring is free for the adults and out-of-school youth who enroll at CVABE. CVABE has capped costs at less than \$1,500. per year to provide each student with individualized instruction.**
- **Among other learning opportunities, there are computer labs at each of CVABE's learning sites for students to learn the basics of operating a computer. Family literacy programs are offered in which we work closely with the school system so that parents can participate fully in their child's education. In several communities, we have small group instruction in English for immigrants and refugees. We provide instruction oriented toward developing specific skills for those about to enter employment and/or college and we offer regular GED testing services.**

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Waitsfield adults and youth over 16 years of age who want help with learning basic reading, writing, math, computer operation and English as another language may receive that help through a free program of instruction provided by Central Vermont Adult Basic Education. Students enrolled in the program also have the opportunity to study for their high school equivalency exam (GED) or to pursue other options to earn a diploma.

Students and teachers meet in classes, one-to-one, and/or small group sessions to complete a learning program which suits the requirements of each adult student. Individualized instruction ties together basic literacy and math skills with practical interest areas. Helping children with homework, budgeting, filling out forms and applications, learning beginning computer skills, studying for a driver's permit or a Commercial Driving License, reading work related texts, writing reports, and preparing for employment or college are just a few of the many areas which adults choose to study.

Waitsfield residents enroll in CVABE's free programs each year and volunteers from the community help make this education service locally accessible to everyone.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, a community-based nonprofit organization, has served the people of Washington, Lamoille, and Orange County for over forty years. For more information about CVABE's services, please contact:

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For information about CVABE's learning sites and services throughout Washington, Lamoille and Orange Counties, please call CVABE headquarters in Barre: (802) 476-4588