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Vita Education Services *Bringing Learning to Life for Over 50 Years*

Celebrating Family Literacy Achievements



Vita's Family Literacy end-of-year celebrations were a tremendous success at both our Warminster and Croydon locations.

44 families participated in the 2024-25 program year, with 77% of students achieving at least one level gain.



Our families participated in over 5,500 hours of in-person and at-home education, including classes in English as a Second Language, Parenting Education, and Interactive Literacy Activities which bring together parents and children.

We are immensely proud to recognize the many successes of our students and the commitment of our dedicated instructors, child care workers, and volunteers.

Advocacy Update

Last month, Vita sent an email asking our community to reach out to their members of Congress and advocate for Adult Education and Family Literacy. And wow, did you come through! The [Coalition on Adult Basic Education](#) (COABE) reported that Pennsylvania was the state with the largest number of advocates calling and emailing their elected officials. Thank you for making your voices heard!

Your efforts moved the needle – the U.S. Department of Education’s **Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education** (OCTAE) issued the Estimated Adult Education State Award Amounts for Fiscal Year 2025, and states will receive level funding for the July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 timeframe.

This news is a relief, but only a temporary one. The President is still proposing to eliminate federal funding for Adult Education and Family Literacy. It’s not too late to **contact your members of Congress** (even if you’ve already reached out!) and tell them that Vita’s programs enable adults to improve their literacy, secure better jobs, and change the trajectory of their lives and the lives of their families.

Looking for extra credit? **Reach out to your PA Senators and Representatives** and ask them to support Governor Shapiro’s proposed \$6.4 million (39.4%) increase in the Commonwealth’s Department of Education’s Adult and Family Literacy line item in the 25-26 fiscal year budget.

Thank you for being vocal in your support of Adult Education, Family Literacy, and Vita’s work.

Say Hello to Vita's Summer Interns



Vita is excited to work with two summer interns, Lucia Casas and Meztly Garcia. Lucia and Meztly's support and contributions are having positive impacts on multiple programs.

Below, Lucia and Meztly share a little bit about themselves.

*Hello! My name is Lucia Casas, and I am interning here at Vita through **Foundation's Community Partnership** and their **Summer Youth Corps Program** for college students, where they match a select number of interns to work for nonprofits around Bucks County. I am currently a second-year student at **American University**, studying international relations with a focus in justice and human rights. I truly believe the work we do here at Vita is incredible, and you can visibly see the positive impact it has on hundreds around the county. Fun fact about myself: I have a crazy sweet tooth, so you might see me walking around town with an ice cream cone on my lunch breaks – speaking of, I also consider myself a “townie,” so if you*

*My name is Meztly Garcia and I am currently a senior at **Delaware Valley University**, majoring in Criminal Justice. During my internship at Vita, I've gained valuable skills and experience thanks to my wonderful mentor, Gail. I've had the opportunity to teach job readiness classes at the Bucks County Correctional Facility and help facilitate groups at the Youth Center. My experience with the students at the Correctional Facility and Youth Center gave me a deeper understanding of the justice system, something no textbook could provide. My time engaging with the students has sparked new passions and considerations of new careers paths.*

Vita has been an incredible place to learn and grow, and I'm forever grateful

ever see me in Doylestown, please
stop me to say hi!

for this experience.

Making Moves in Lower Bucks

Big things are happening! Vita has moved out of our Croydon location and into a new space in Bristol Borough. We're grateful to our friends at **Nuvo Movers** for their help in the rain and heat on moving day earlier this month. And many thanks to **Bristol Township** for their years of generous hospitality during our time on Emily Avenue.



Keep an eye out for updates from our new space on Radcliffe Street in Bristol Borough!

Your Support Changes Lives!

*Thank
You!*

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Vita Education Services this year. Because of you, adults in our community are gaining skills, confidence, and second chances—whether they're returning to school after years away, learning English, or rebuilding their lives after incarceration.

Our fiscal year ends soon, and we need your help to finish strong. **Your donation today** will ensure that Vita's programs remain available to the adult learners who need them most.

Thank you for supporting our students ... because education opens doors to equity and opportunity.

Vita Vibes

In this month's Vita Vibes, Gail Huber, Vita's Director of Cognitive Skills, shares about her recent trip to Switzerland.

My family and I recently embarked on a Swiss adventure that we thoroughly enjoyed!

*We began our trip by arriving at Zurich Airport, then quickly headed to **Bellinzona**, a charming town known for its three impressive castles: Castelgrande, Montebello, and Sasso Corbaro. The history and architecture there were truly fascinating.*

Next, we journeyed to the lakeside city of **Lugano** and took in the stunning vistas. We then took funicular rides up Monte Brè, where we enjoyed a delightful meal at the summit, followed by a challenging hike back down, navigating what is regarded a smaller mountain.



Our next stop was **Zermatt**, where we stayed at the base of the iconic Matterhorn. We ventured into the Matterhorn Museum, then roamed through the Mountaineers' Cemetery, reflecting on the mountain's majestic yet dangerous nature.

Our train ride to **Jungfrauoch**, the highest railway station in Europe, was an experience we will never forget. Although clouds obscured the glacier viewpoint, there was still a lot of beauty to appreciate. We strolled through the Ice Palace, a tunnel drilled into the glacier, embellished with ice sculptures.



During our trip, we admired Switzerland's breathtaking landscapes, delectable cuisine, rich history, and the punctuality of its

trains. However, what truly stood out was the country's variety of languages, featuring four official languages: German, French, Italian, and Romansh. We were fortunate that signs and announcements were multilingual, enabling us to navigate comfortably in English, which is widely spoken, sparing us from relying on our rusty high school German.

Our experience underscored the richness that language brings to a travel experience. It brought to mind our students at Vita, who encounter daily struggles with understanding English.

At Vita, our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes provide our students with the necessary tools to thrive in a connected world, broadening their horizons and expanding their opportunities within the community.

We had an absolutely unforgettable time in Switzerland. We can't wait for our next adventure there to create even more memories!

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