

Case for Support

Through adult education, Vita Education Services helps transform the lives of refugees, immigrants, native-born Americans, and the incarcerated returning to the community, by providing the skills necessary to participate in all aspects of life.



— The Needs in Our Community

As the lead adult education agency in Bucks County, Vita equips our students with the power of literacy and the ability to make sound decisions, unlocking a world of opportunities for them and their families. Support for Vita isn't just an investment – it's a catalyst for change.

9.5%

of Bucks County adults are immigrants, many of whom can expand their employment opportunities by learning English.

13.6%

Bucks County poverty rate among adults without high school diplomas (compared to 5.64% overall poverty rate).

26%

potential decrease in recidivism shown in research on cognitive-behavioral programs in corrections settings.

— Vita's Impact in Our Community

We provide quality educational programs that help individuals gain skills that enhance their ability to deal with real-life situations, meet personal goals, and become more self-determining and self-sufficient.

80+%

of Vita's students show gains based on standardized tests, reflecting increased skills to understand and communicate in English.

100%

of 2022-2023 students who had the goal of High School Equivalency credentials were successful.

57%

of probationers who completed Vita's Decisions cognitive-behavioral program successfully closed-out their probation, reducing recidivism rates.



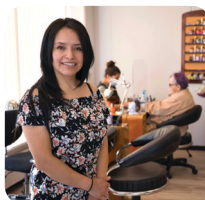
1,000+

People Vita serves annually.

Determined Learner Achieves Dream

A long-time student and new business owner, Janeth Astudillo grew up in Ecuador. Forced to leave school at age 12 to work, she joined her husband in the United States in 2005. Their daughter soon joined them and the family grew. Janeth became frustrated because she was unable to communicate with her children's teachers before Vita was recommended to her. She enrolled in English as a Second Language classes. In time, Janeth's proficiency improved enough to pursue her GED, and she earned her high school equivalency in 2017, but that wasn't the end. She continued learning, expanding her skills in preparation for her new dream: owning and managing her own business.

In 2022, Janeth became the sole proprietor of a nail salon in Bucks County. When asked what advice she would give to other students, Janeth said, "It is OK to fail. As long as you are still learning, it is OK to fail. Everything is an experience and everything is connected and everything is to be appreciated."



Janeth Astudillo

Business Owner
C&J Nails II



Our Programs

Vita's students include the unemployed, underemployed, and underserved adults in the Bucks County community and the criminal justice system.

English as a Second Language
GED Skills and Prep • Basic Literacy
Family Literacy • Workplace Programs
Criminal Justice Decisions Programs
Criminal Justice Job Readiness

Support Vita

Education is inextricably linked to the economic wellbeing of not just individuals and their families, but businesses, communities, and our nation as a whole. ***Education is about creating opportunity and equity.***

Vita offers classes at no cost to students. The average cost per student is \$3,227 for a full year. During 2023, 55 well-trained volunteers provided 2,750 hours to tutor students.

Ways to Support Vita

Donate – your financial support helps provide staff training, safe environments to learn, and up-to-date resources for leaning success.

Volunteer – tutors receive training to work with our students

Be a Resource – help those who need Vita's programs connect with our services.



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