

# PACIFIC GROVE ADULT EDUCATION COLLEGE & CAREER PROGRAMMING

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# ADULT EDUCATION COLLEGE & CAREER OBJECTIVES

- Provide adults with the academic, technical, and employability skills needed to help them reach their education and career goals
- Address needs, reduce barriers, and facilitate smooth transitions into higher levels of education, post-secondary job training, and/or the workforce
- Outcomes: skills gains, certificates & degrees, employment, and wage gains

#### SUPPORTING EVERY ADULT LEARNER

- Individualized, wrap-around support
- Flexibility and accessibility
- Upskilling / reskilling
- SEL/"soft skills" and employability skills
- Address barriers, such as:
  - work and family obligations
  - socioeconomic challenges
  - language and literacy
  - no high school diploma or college
  - limited digital literacy or access to technology
  - lack of transportation, housing, childcare

#### **SERVICES AND IMPACT**

- Small group and one-onone college & career advising
- MPC registration & financial aid workshops
- Warm handoffs to MPC staff
- College tours in the Fall and Spring Semesters



#### Adult School → MPC → Career







#### **SERVICES & IMPACT**

- Resume, interview, job search workshops
- Digital literacy classes
- Ed2Go online certifications
- IPP work experience (Aquarium, Meals on Wheels, MEarth)
- Culinary/Hospitality pathway: ServSafe + Coffee Cart



## STUDENT SUCCESS



Career Builder Carla" – mid-30s, parttime worker, wants a certificate to get a better job, struggles with childcare and scheduling.



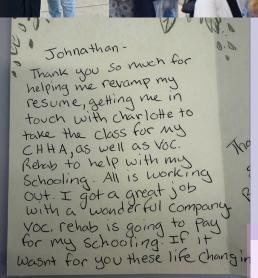
"Reentry Ray" – 40s, formerly incarcerated, focused on job readiness and stability, may need extra support with technology and soft skills.



"Lifelong Learner Linda" – 60s, retired, enrolled in enrichment and basic computer skills, values social connection as much as the learning.



"College Pathway Pedro" – 20s, recently finished high school equivalency, interested in community college transfer, needs strong advising and financial aid guidance.



24-25:

**55** 

students

served!

25-26:

39

students

served!

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

- Monterey Peninsula Adult Education Consortium (MPAEC)
- Monterey Peninsula College
- Monterey County Workforce Development Board
- Department of Rehabilitation
- Chambers of Commerce
- MC Hospitality Association
- Captain + Stoker
- Bridge Ministry
- Interim, Inc.
- Catholic Charities
- Santa Cruz Immigration Project



#### **GROWTH: LOOKING FORWARD**

- Paid work experience through MCWDB
- Entrepreneurship Course
- Expand ECE/Education career pathways
- Expand Hospitality career pathways
- Career and Resource Fairs
- Foreign transcript assistance
- Adult Dual Enrollment (ADE) (SB554)
- Continue supporting adult learners' economic mobility...

### **THANK YOU!**

