



A Note from our Director

Welcome Back!

Hello Adult Education & MPS Staff, Welcome back to a new year of *Cultivating Community through Adult Education*! I hope you had a restful summer and are feeling recharged. Mine was busy. My daughter, Camryn, ended up with 12 stitches (definitely confirmed I'm not cut out for the medical field!), my central air gave out after 25 years, so air conditioners here we go. The good news is that I got to visit family in Canada, and I get to welcome a new granddaughter at the end of October! Number seven!

I'm Diane Clare-Kearney, Director of Adult Education & Equity. Both roles center on lifting up those who are most marginalized, and I truly love this work; it's all heart. Last year was an incredible success: we completed our 10-year accreditation review, celebrated 29 graduates (plus six CNAs!), and ran our largest STEAM Summer Camp with 121 students and 99% attendance. With the planning already underway, I know this year will be even better.



Our mission remains simple: help students get their hearts right so they can keep their heads in the game. Please take time to read this newsletter, learn about the work we do, and celebrate the community we serve. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you a healthy, happy, and successful year ahead!

In solidarity,
Dr. Diane D. Clare-Kearney

Weekly Poll

What is your must have back to school item? 🗳️👤🌟

New Water Bottle 💧

New pack pens 🖋️

New Tote/Lunch Bag 🗑️

New Planner 📅

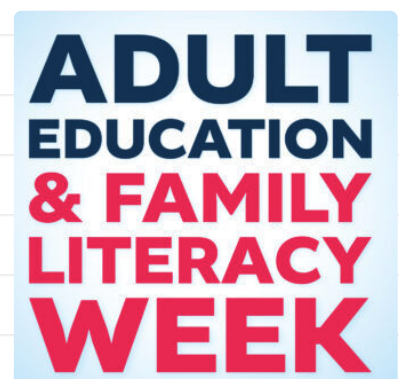
📅 Voting ends in 7 days

👁️ Votes are anonymous but results are public

National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

September 14–20, 2025

It's our chance to shine a spotlight on the incredible impact adult education has on learners, families, and communities across Connecticut. We encourage all of our local programs to join in by sharing your success stories, celebrating your students, and reaching out to your local leaders to remind them why adult education matters. Together, our voices are stronger — let's make sure they're heard loud and clear this week!- Lori Wyrebeck, CAACE



Quick Actions Can Take This Week

- Share a student success story on social media
- Tag CAACE (@CAACE) and your local representatives in your posts
- Send a thank-you email to a policymaker who supports adult ed
- Invite a local official to visit your program this fall
- Encourage staff and students to post about what adult education means to them



Welcome Back Dinner



Welcome Back Students and Staff!!!

We kicked off the Trimester with our Welcome Back Dinner. Students and Staff enjoyed salad, pizza, fruit, and strawberry lemonade provided by our Culinary Arts Students.



Michelle Puzzo from UR Community Cares was the guest speaker at our Trimester 1 Welcome Back Dinner. She shared upcoming events at the center and the amazing resources they provide to the community.



Our students look forward to our free book library at the conclusion of every dinner where they can take as many books as they can carry!

Meet MA&CE

Meet Vanessa! Vanessa has been with MA&CE for 2 years and is our NEDP Counselor and our Interim CDP Counselor. During the day, Vanessa is also a counselor at Manchester High School. When she's not working, she enjoys spending time with her daughter, trying new restaurants and foods, rollerblading, and relaxing at the beach.



Teacher's Take

Stephany Hunt on why she loves our ESL Students

"I truly feel privileged to meet and work with people from countries all around the world. It's such a unique opportunity to connect with and learn from others that I would not otherwise get to experience."

- Stephany Hunt, Case Manager

Continuing Education



Manchester
Adult and Continuing Education

**Youth Basketball:
Advanced Skills & Drills**

**KIDS
ZONE**

Thursdays
7:05-7:50pm
10/2/25 - 11/6/25

\$75
Grades 5-8
Keeney Elementary

Interested in Teaching a Continuing Education Class?

Here at Manchester Adult & Continuing Education, we recognize that teachers are the most valuable asset to our organization. In this spirit, we support teachers in their professional growth while giving them the opportunity to flex their creativity by designing their own courses. We cannot wait to see what you have to offer! These proposals are being considered for our 25-26 Winter/Spring Catalog. Classes will run in the evenings Monday through Thursday. We do make exceptions for Saturday classes if it deems fit. Fill out [this form](#) if you are interested in teaching a class with us! Get your side hustle on!

Department of Race & Equity

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Take a minute to check out this [MPS Department of Race & Equity Hispanic Heritage Resource](#).



Fast Facts

Here are some facts to help kick off Hispanic Heritage Month

- 44% of MA&CE students are Hispanic/Latino
- 9% of MA&CE staff are Hispanic/Latino
- 18.6% Manchester residents are Hispanic/Latino
- 16.9% CT residents are Hispanic/Latino
- [More MA&CE Demographics](#)

Registration

Current Events

Breaking Barriers

A record number of Graduates this year for MA&CE's class of 2025!

Our newest CNA's

Our CNA Graduates stand proud after receiving their pins at Graduation!

MA&CE Mindfulness

Small Business Spotlight

Need Landscaping?

Contact Ted Boland at 860-280-8571 for all your landscaping needs. Located here in Manchester and currently booking ahead for Fall Cleanups.

Keep up with us

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