



## CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN FAIRLEE

### *~~~Local Partnerships in Learning~~~*

- Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) is a community-based nonprofit organization serving the basic education and literacy needs of Fairlee adults and teens for fifty years.
- CVABE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16- 90+) in:
  - Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer literacy
  - English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
  - High school diploma and GED credential programs
  - Academic skill readiness for work, technical training and/or college
- CVABE has six welcoming learning centers located throughout the organization's tri-county service region, including our Bradford Learning Center at 24 Barton Street in Bradford. 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.
- An average of 3-4 residents of Fairlee enroll annually in CVABE's free programs. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving one's job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more. *As parents gain literacy, their children are twice as likely to grow up literate themselves.*
- In recent years, CVABE has provided free instruction to 500-600 people annually in its overall service area of Orange, Washington and Lamoille Counties. *Nearly all students are low income*. It currently costs CVABE \$2,887 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Over 120 community volunteers work with CVABE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.
- CVABE requests \$400 in funding from Fairlee voters to support our free, local education services for town residents. Only a portion of CVABE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. *Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, or we could not help many of the neighbors who need education for a better life.*
- For more information regarding CVABE's basic education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

CVABE's Bradford Learning Center  
24 Barton St., PO Box 917, Fairlee VT 05033  
(802) 222-3282  
[www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)

*or contact CVABE's administrative offices at our Barre Learning Center at (802)476-4588.*



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