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Adult Learning

Move Up-date

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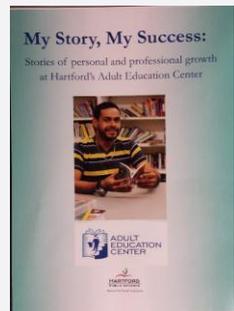
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Move UP! is Hiring a Pathways Navigator

The pathways navigator will work collaboratively with **Move UP's** core partners to develop regional pathways for adults seeking jobs, educational attainment, and family literacy skills, as well as offer technical assistance to programs to improve the intake, assessment, and referral process. The ideal candidate will have a strong working knowledge of the adult education, workforce training, and higher education systems, as well as an understanding of the social and supportive services that are available in the Region. For the complete job posting, please visit the [Move UP website](#).

Hartford's Adult Learners Tell Their Stories

Congratulations to students at Hartford Adult Education for publishing their new booklet *My Story, My Success: Stories of Personal and Professional Growth at Hartford's Adult Education Center*. This compilation of autobiographical essays tells stories of determination, second chances, and success that help us appreciate and understand how difficult it is to be an adult learner as well as how satisfying it is to achieve their dreams. Their stories also illustrate the importance of connecting adult learners to the myriad of additional services that are available in the community. Copies of the booklet are available at [Hartford Adult Education Center](#).



VOCAL Honors Adult Learners at Annual STARS Event

Earlier this month, students and faculty from 12 adult education programs were honored by Voices of Connecticut's Adult Learners (VOCAL) at the 6th Annual STARS Event. The event was highlighted by speeches from Hartford's Mayor, Pedro Segarra, and State Representative Douglas McCrory, who offered personal stories and words of inspiration to the award recipients.



Each year, adult learners have the opportunity to nominate a classmate who has demonstrated exceptional effort, academic achievement, and/or leadership in the classroom. Teachers and tutors are also recognized for their dedication to helping their students succeed.

The following learners were recognized: Jamel Simmons · Vy Le, Adult Education Center in Hartford; Natalia Giraldo · Danira Bermudez · Maria Alvarado, CREC-Trans. to Employment Services; Amanda Segarra · Maria Calle, Center for Latino Progress, Alrick Earle · Otash Banister · Lij Tomlinson, CURET; Chauntel Davis · Khadijah Hazel, East Hartford Adult Education; Dahabo Osman · Vicente Castaneda, Hartford Public Library; Joseph Michael O'Neil · Frances Dudley · Enrique Bustamante, Manchester Adult & Continuing Education; Melissa Garcia-Rodrigues · Bernice Wallace, Read to Succeed; Tarchee Brown, Urban League of Greater Hartford; William Scott Korb-Steele, VRABE; Viktor Barinov · Sarra Barinov · Kelly Andrews, West Hartford Adult Education; Linford James, 1199 Training Fund.

These teachers and tutors were recognized: Edgardo Ramirez, Adult Education Center in Hartford; Cora Ricketts, CURET; Greg Lanza, Hartford Public Library; George Upton · Carol Joseloff · Karen Theroux, Read to Succeed; Claudia Nunn · Deborah Stewart Karsmarski, VRABE; Paul Bordonaro, West Hartford Adult Education; Carlene Buchanon, 1199 Training Fund.

Move Up! Needs Your Help!

Move UP is still looking for volunteers to help with projects and initiatives
Current opportunities include:

- Strategic Planning Steering Committee - a team of stakeholders that will give key input into the design of the process, ensure the inclusion of all relevant stakeholders, and give general oversight to the project.
- Communications Committee - responsible for the public awareness and awareness campaign.
- Program Committee - for the Contextualized Learning and Pathways work groups.
- Resource Development Committee - responsible for fund & friend development.

For a full description of each committee, please visit our website: www.moveupct.org
To participate, simply email Sarah Dudzic: sdudzic@capitalworkforce.org.

Two-Generational Strategies Bill Comes out of HS Committee

A new bill supporting two generational strategies to promote school and workforce readiness has been moved forward by the Legislature's Human Services Committee. Committee Bill 795, which combines two previous two-gen bills, introduces a two-generational pilot program funded with public and private dollars, that requires quality early childhood education, family literacy, and job training. If the bill becomes law, Connecticut would be among the first states in the nation to codify this innovative approach to boosting families out of poverty and improving children's chances for success.

- Upcoming Meetings & Events -

SAVE THE DATE: *Move UP!* Annual Meeting

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 17, 2015
Mark Twain House
351 Farmington Avenue, Hartford