

# REACHing OUT

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Adult Basic Education Program  
Reading-Writing-Math-ESOL-Computers-Distance Learning



*Bill Holland*

I recommend the program.  
We work together to learn.

*Peer support leaders  
want to know!*

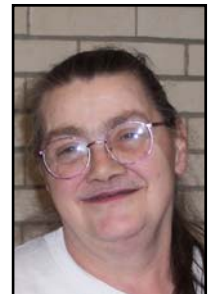
*Would you like to ...*



*Bill Cleveland*

Improving my job skills will  
help me get a better job.

- attend FREE classes?
- study for the GED?
- learn skills to get a better job?
- further your education?



*Hester Sheldon*

I take classes to learn new  
skills. We learn as a team.



*Brian McNeil*

I am studying to improve my  
skills and return to college.



*Ron Sheldon*

I got my GED. Now I am  
preparing to go to college.

***Day & Evening Classes are Available.***  
***For more information, call 413-662-5314***

# Career Planning Night

By Brian McNeil

Career Planning Night was held at the MCLA Church Street Center on Tuesday April 11, 2006. The student leaders helped by setting the tables, taking pictures, and collecting materials from the presenters for students who did not attend.

The night started with munching on some subs and drinking soda. John Breen, program coordinator, opened the event by saying that students should consider additional education and training beyond the GED. His remarks were followed by presentations from each of the participating schools, businesses, agencies, and community groups. Later, people who attended spoke with representatives and collected pamphlets, catalogs, and other freebies that were available.



Dave Robbins and Diane Gellesse-Parsons were present to provide voter registration information.

MCLA, BCC, Greenfield Community College, and Mildred Elley were some of the educational opportunities presented. The armed forces were represented by the MA Army National Guard. Job search and training information were presented by Berkshire Works and the MA Department of Labor and Workforce Development. A representative from Northern Berkshire Healthcare spoke of job opportunities in healthcare. Student support agencies, TANBE and the Berkshire Immigrant Center were also present.

The evening was a good opportunity to learn about what jobs are available or how students can continue their education. Hopefully, next year more people will attend.

*Working  
Together  
We  
Can  
All  
Succeed!*

*Currently  
enrolled  
students...*



*watch your mail for  
notice of special ABE  
program summer events.*