



# MANSFIELD CITY SCHOOLS ADULT EDUCATION

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## MANSFIELD ADULT EDUCATION ASPIRING TO CHANGE RECIDIVISM IN RICHLAND COUNTY



“Steve really cares about what he’s doing for us and it’s important to him that we get to know things that we didn’t have the chance to learn before. Steve introduces us to laws and other resources that are important for folks who have any sort of a background to know,” said one student, Dion Walker.

“If you’re interested in changing your outcome when you get out of here (CAC), getting educated, and getting your background cleaned up you should definitely listen to Steve and take his advice,” said James Riggenbach.



Dakota Dye, another participant of the program shared that “Steve has helped me with acquiring jobs even though I have a background.” Dye also said that he has been taught about getting his records sealed by Steve and that a friend of his told him about Steve and helping with his record so that’s how he knew to enroll when he got to the Community Alternative Center.

instructor Steve Wilkinson, employed by Mansfield Adult Education and Catalyst Life Services, is making a significant impact on students at the Richland County Community Alternative Center (CAC). The collaboration between Mansfield Adult Education Aspire, Catalyst Life Services, Richland County Job and Family Services, and CAC aims to enhance college and career readiness for individuals with complex backgrounds, reducing recidivism. Steve Wilkinson's dedicated teaching focuses on providing essential knowledge, including laws and resources, to help students reintegrate into society successfully. The program at CAC, conducted twice a week for five hours, addresses workforce, college, and career readiness, covering adult basic literacy and skills crucial for success. Students undergo transitional work during residential drug and alcohol treatment, gaining critical skills like critical thinking, ethical leadership, and effective communication. Participants credit Steve for helping them acquire jobs and navigate background challenges, emphasizing the transformative impact of education and support.



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## UPCOMING ORIENTATION DATES

### Adult Basic Education Prep

- GED
- WorkKeys & Adult Diploma Program
- College Prep

**150 W. 5th St. Mansfield**  
January 8th and 22nd  
9:00-1:00 pm

**Madison Adult Career Ctr., Mansfield**  
January 8th & February 5th  
4:00-8:00 pm

**Crawford Success Center, Bucyrus**  
January 9th & February 13th  
9:00-1:00 pm

**SA Kroc Center, Ashland**  
January 2nd & February 6th  
4:00-8:00 pm

**Online Distance Education**  
January 22nd & February 26th  
9:00-1:00 pm

### Customer Office & Support Technology

- Adult Diploma Program
- College & Career Development

**150 W. 5th St. Mansfield**  
January 22 - March 22, 2024  
Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 9:30 - 2:00 pm

**Crawford County Job & Family Services**  
April 15 - June 12, 2024  
Mon., Wed., & Fri. 9:30-2:30 pm

### COST program prepares students for ...

- Certification in NRF Customer Service & Sales
- Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook through Office Proficiency Assessment & Certification (OPAC).
- Entry-level employment in retail or service industries
- Basic technology skills for college and career success



## GED Testing Dates

December 19th  
January 9th, 16th, & 23rd  
Call Charlene for more information  
419-525-6380 x 2

**GED Testing Center Location:**  
Mansfield Adult Education  
150 W. 5th St. Mansfield 44902