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Adult Education in Our Neighborhood: New *myPLACE*SM Campus at Southwest

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The Office of Adult Education's new *myPLACE*SM Campus at Southwest CDC has been up and running for over four months now, and it is going strong. This program serves adult learners in Southwest Philadelphia. Many of our neighbors are taking the first step toward finding a better job. Each week, people come in and meet with a learning coach to be placed into an English as a Second Language class or in GED[®] or HiSET[®] test prep classes.



Sister Janice Owens, IHM, brings many years of caring English as a Second Language tutelage to her classes at Southwest CDC—numbering over 20 adults a week, said one immigrant, "Before I left Senegal I never thought Americans would reach out to us with free language lessons, They are merveilleux!"

Adults who want to learn to speak English or earn their high school equivalency credential can take classes through the campus. Those interested can start by calling *myPLACE*SM at Southwest CDC, 6328 Paschall Avenue or by visiting the Job Readiness Lab at Paschalville Library at 70th and Woodland Ave. to make an appointment with a learning coach. The learning coach will meet with patrons and place them in a class that works for them. Classes are available in Southwest and citywide. Most classes are free and are available

The program is also recruiting volunteers to tutor adult learners. Volunteers receive free training; no prior experience is necessary. There will be a three-part training series at *myPLACE*SM at Southwest CDC this June. Those interested in becoming volunteers can call the Office of Adult Education at 215-686-6079 or email VolunteersAdultEdu@phila.gov.

For neighbors interested in starting an adult literacy program at their own organization or church, the Office of Adult Education can help. Contact Vanessa Wallace, Adult Education Services Coordinator, at 215-686-5264 or vanessa.wallace@phila.gov.

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