Relationship Building: Key to Success in Corrections, HSE Education, and Community Partnerships

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Describe a time a traditional classroom structure failed you or one of your students. What intervention would have improved the experience?
Literacy Changes Lives

BLC Introduction Video
BLC Belief Statements

• Literacy is a basic human right.
• Literacy improves quality of life.
• Literacy diminishes misery and imparts hope.
• Each person is worthy of being treated with privacy and dignity.
• Personal relationships are critical to learning.
• Everyone deserves a chance to achieve success in learning.
• Literate adults enrich family and community.
Dayton, Ohio—A City for Recovery

In a 2016 report, Montgomery County ranked first in Opioid deaths.

In 2017, 577 accidental overdose deaths were recorded in Dayton, one of the highest rates per capita nationally.

Doctors overly-prescribed legal pain medication for decades.

Drug abuse can be intergenerational and contagious.

People lost economic opportunities in the rustbelt movement.

Dayton is poised for drug traffic at the crossroads of I-70 and I-75.
Our Expanded Learning Space
123 Graduates and Counting
(40 This Year)
Benefits of Individualized Tutoring Model

Classes never go on without the student.

Students feel heard in a high quality exchange where the tutor adapts to the student’s communication style.

Low stress environment frees students from the fear of failure.
Benefits of Individualized Tutoring Model

Instructors can gauge the student’s progress and personalize assignments based on the student’s learning style, ability, and interests.

Students are given the opportunity to step up and not rely on others.

Overstimulation and distractions are eliminated through seating choices and conversation.
Our student and tutor satisfaction depends on our relationships.
In corrections educational settings, positive relationships promote student confidence and trust.
"Education is proven to reduce recidivism rates"

- National recidivism rate is about 75%
- With vocational training, the recidivism rate drops to approximately 30%
- With a Master’s degree, recidivism is so low that it’s effectively 0%

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Intake: The First Block in Student Relationships
Library cart sparks student interest.

Individual success is celebrated communally... with candy!
Tutors and volunteers make our work easy.
Tutors and students are at the center of everything we do.
Relationships provide encouragement and hope for aspiring GED candidates.
Growing and Maintaining Student Relationships

From the intake interview through the exit interview, we listen to and honor our students’ stories.
A GED® Roadmap - Language Arts, Social Studies, Science

Skill Level 1 (ABE):
Build proficiency in constructing and comprehending sentences, paragraphs, and passages up to a 3rd grade level

Skill Level 2 (ABE):
Build vocabulary for reading and writing skills up to a 6th grade level; level-appropriate social studies and science materials introduced

Skill Level 3 (GED):
Pre-GED material in social studies, science, and LA; RLA essay introduced

Skill Level 4 (GED):
Reading comprehension skills needed to complete the GED; core social studies and science concepts mastered
A GED® Roadmap - Math

Skill Level 1 (ABE): Understanding, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing whole numbers

Skill Level 2 (ABE): Fractions and decimals

Skill Level 3 (GED): Algebra, word problems, percentages

Skill Level 4 (GED): Geometry, utilizing formulas to solve word problems
Every day is a new beginning!
• Give students a creative opportunity
• Reveal student grammar issues
• Allow an organic way to check in with tutor/teacher pairs
• Instill confidence through lessons in small units

• Review student progress individually to fill in gaps

• Repetition allows for mastery of fundamental algebraic skills
Relationships allow students to carry dreams forward and find holistic support through partnering agencies.
Maintaining Relationships: Inter-Agency Cooperation

Student Growth and Recovery
Sources


