



# FALL NEWSLETTER

Official Newsletter of Franklin County Adult Education

## Our Students



### AE student snapshot September 2023

**New student Orientation** on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Designed for students to understand all of the available pathways for high school completion and workforce training.

**Monthly "Lunch and Learn"** on the third Tuesday of each month. Guest speaker will be our own **Paul Haberstroh**, Instructor for the **Affordable Connectivity Program**. Community members, students past and present and staff are all welcome.



Erin Benson presenting at the lunch and learn

September's "Lunch and Learn" presenter, Erin Benson, Executive Director of the Central/Western Maine Workforce Investment Board with co-presnters from EMDC.

THE FALL 2023 ADULT EDUCATION COURSE OFFERINGS SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO LIZA DONALD, WHO SINGLE HANDEDLY PUT THIS COURSE CATALOG TOGETHER THIS SUMMER!



September 2023  
4 Graduates



Nathan Farmer our newest graduate

High school completed... Now Nathan's next chapter begins in the U.S Air-Force

# Our Community

	Franklin County, Maine			Franklin County, Maine			USA		
Associate's Degree	11.9%	11.2%	9.3%	1,814	78,902	15,776,790			
Bachelor's Degree	17.7%	21.7%	21.6%	2,686	152,966	36,888,244			
Postgraduate Degree	6.7%	11.4%	12.7%	1,025	80,248	21,630,870			
<b>Housing</b>									
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	22,265	746,793	138,432,751			
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	\$146,900	\$198,000	\$229,800			
Homeowner Vacancy	2.4%	1.5%	1.4%	240	6,249	1,129,755			
Rental Vacancy	7.2%	5.9%	5.8%	222	9,848	2,704,553			
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	22.5%	27.1%	35.6%	2,794	154,612	43,552,843			
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	8.6%	6.8%	8.5%	1,063	38,549	10,344,521			
<b>Social</b>									
Poverty Level (of all people)	12.5%	11.1%	12.8%	3,588	144,384	40,910,326			
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	14.5%	12.6%	11.4%	1,798	71,797	13,892,407			
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	0.8%	1.2%	1.3%	253	15,840	4,358,865			
Disconnected Youth <sup>3</sup>	1.3%	2.4%	2.5%	22	1,490	433,164			

	CWMWDB			CWMWDB			USA		
Bachelor's Degree	16.8%	21.7%	21.6%	32,453	152,966	36,888,244			
Postgraduate Degree	7.7%	11.4%	12.7%	14,891	80,248	21,630,870			
<b>Housing</b>									
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	203,401	746,793	138,432,751			
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) <sup>2</sup>	—	—	—	\$154,860	\$198,000	\$229,800			
Homeowner Vacancy	1.6%	1.5%	1.4%	1,854	6,249	1,129,755			
Rental Vacancy	5.8%	5.9%	5.8%	2,734	9,848	2,704,553			
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	28.2%	27.1%	35.6%	43,699	154,612	43,552,843			
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	7.7%	6.8%	8.5%	11,961	38,549	10,344,521			
<b>Social</b>									
Poverty Level (of all people)	13.3%	11.1%	12.8%	47,470	144,384	40,910,326			
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	16.0%	12.6%	11.4%	24,829	71,797	13,892,407			
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%	4,655	15,840	4,358,865			
Disconnected Youth <sup>3</sup>	3.4%	2.4%	2.5%	618	1,490	433,164			

“There is a national issue with people ages 16-19 not engaging in work or education. The Central Western Maine Workforce Investment Board will be doing a large campaign to try and locate these young Mainers, to help them re-engage in the workforce. As you can see, out of the 5 counties in Western/Central Maine, there are 618 students they are trying to target. In Franklin County we only have 22 students not engaged in education or the workforce.”

-Erin Benson



Special thanks to Franklin County Commissioners for our \$10,00 dollar grant to help promote healthcare trainings throughout Franklin County

## FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

Instructed by Paul Haberstroh phaberstroh@mtbluersd.org

- Microsoft Office, Google Workspace
- Windows and Mac OS Computer Skills
- Online Health Resources
- Smartphones and Tablets
- Email, Internet Safety, Social Media
- WordPress, Websites, Graphic Design
- Resumes, Online Job Applications

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Ask about FCC Affordable Connectivity Program \$30 Month Internet Subsidy!

Learn more at [fcc.gov/ACP](http://fcc.gov/ACP)



Our Computer Connectivity Teacher, Paul Haberstroh has been busy in the community offering free computer classes. Thanks to the Affordable Connectivity Grant

The HUB 4 retreat took place at the Mercer Community Center, September 29, 2023. Pictured is our very own Mike Burd sharing a course he designed. Hub 4 schools are RSU73, MSAD49, And RSU54. Key topics at the retreat were: Marketing, data collection, and critical thinking/shared courses.