Meet Academy of Hope

Our Mission: To provide high quality adult basic education in a manner that changes lives and improves our community.

The Need for Adult Education in DC is Critical

Although DC boasts one of the highest percentage of residents with advanced degrees,
• 1 in 3 DC adults cannot read a newspaper, a map, or complete a job application.
• Adults with no high school diploma or low-literacy suffer higher rates of poverty.
• Children of low-literacy adults are 5 times more likely to drop out of school.

Our Work: The First Step in Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

Academy of Hope creates lasting impact in our community by offering tailored educational services for adults who, due to low-literacy and insufficient basic skills, are not able to find or retain living-wage employment and are often trapped in a cycle of poverty. We believe education is transformative and the first crucial step in breaking the cycle of poverty.

Our Impact: Equipping Adults for Jobs and for Life

60%
Graduates advance to college or further training

53%
Parents more involved in their children’s education

4X
More adults are able to earn a living wage after graduating

This one achievement opened the doors and gave me confidence to achieve things beyond what I could see for myself at that time.

- Tawanda, 2003 Graduate