

Revive South Jersey

2025 Outcome Year End Report

286 - adult learners enrolled and participated in GED, ESL and Adult Basic ed programs weekly. There are currently 175 individuals on the waiting list for ESL alone.

11 – graduates earning their HS diploma through the GED program; **104** sections of the GED test passed; **7** adult learners earned their primary or secondary certificate from Mexico and **5** of those students entered the GED program ; **62** students graduated a level in ESL and **3** were able to graduate the ESL program.

500+ – youth participating in the winter/spring school year sessions of the soccer, karate, dance, music, tutoring, skating, art, art therapy, photography/videography, pre-military, mechanic training and social/emotional development classes in partnership with law enforcement in Bridgeton and Salem. The picture below is from our dance/cheer program (and friends) getting the opportunity to attend the Sixers game.

150+ – individuals received free legal immigration services through a partnership with the Camden Center for Law and Social Justice that provides an on-site attorney based in Bridgeton in the Revive South Jersey offices.

5 – new students awarded full tuition scholarships to RCSJ Cumberland for two years and additional scholarship funds for two additional years at a four-year school through the Estrella Naciente Scholarship Program.

40 – individuals were assisted in finding a new or better job in 2025; **25** individuals were helped to find a safe, secure place to live (rent and home purchase); **21** individuals were helped to obtain their NJ Driver’s license and **8** families were helped with educational challenges and provided with tutoring support or assistance with obtaining IEP’s or 504’s

4 – new programs funded. SEL small groups in Salem Middle School started in 2025. SEL small group and piano instruction classes were funded and will start in February 2026 at Buckshutem school in Bridgeton.



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WORKING TOGETHER TO CHANGE LIVES

Our programs are designed to serve individuals, families, groups and the entire community as we work to holistically strengthen Cumberland and Salem Counties. We strive to help foster individual achievement, group support and community engagement. We've seen some incredible success in all these areas over the course of the last year.

The following success story of is told by our Adult Education manager:

Lorena Lucas Cruz and Luis Santiago Ruiz are a married couple who recently achieved a remarkable milestone together: both graduated with their GED from our collaboration Unidos para la Familia. Their journey is a powerful reminder that in a relationship, walking side by side—never one ahead or one behind—can lead to great accomplishments.

As parents of two children who are already attending college, Lorena and Luis found motivation and inspiration within their own home. Watching their children pursue higher education encouraged them to return to school and chase their own dreams. Lorena, a talented stylist, always dreamed of opening her own beauty salon. However, she needed her GED to move forward with that goal. With dedication and perseverance, she earned her diploma and is now prepared to take the next steps toward making her dream a reality. Luis, fully supporting his wife, decided to pursue his GED as well. He wanted better opportunities and a stronger future for himself and his family—and he proudly reached that goal.

Their shared achievement is an example for other couples and for anyone who believes in the power of unity. Lorena and Luis have shown that when people support one another and work toward a common purpose, dreams can be reached faster and with greater joy. Their story proves that together, anything is possible.

Picture immediately below: Lorena, Luis and family; Picture bottom left: GED, ESL and plaza graduates with RSJ team members ; Picture bottom right: dance event with Salem dance and cheer group



THANK YOU, to all those who supported the work of Revive South Jersey in 2025. We look forward to another incredible year in 2026. If you are interested in supporting this work, please contact Jonathan Cummings, jon@revivesj.org or 856-391-9110. For more information on Unidos para la Familia and to check out stories from our families: www.unidosparalafamilia.com.