

ACE
Project Comeback
Project Stay

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Admission Criteria

- **Housing:** all applicants must have a history of homelessness.
- **Sobriety:** all applicants must have at least 30 days of documented sobriety. No applicant may be currently taking methadone.
- **Criminal History:** applicants may not have a violent or aggressive criminal history.
- **Medical and Behavioral Health History:** applicants need to be able to lift, stand, and walk for a 4-hour shift; applicants on medication for an Axis-1 diagnoses must have six-months documented stability; and applicants cannot have had an inpatient psychiatric hospitalization in the previous six months.
- **Other requirements:** applicants must be at least 21 years of age and be a US citizen or legal resident.

Project Comeback is a four month job-training program that furnishes clients with supported work experience similar to a transitional internship. Upon enrollment, clients are placed on a community work crew for 20-24 hours per week. Each work crew has a supervisor who guides and coaches clients in their work, teaching them how to be successful employees.

Work crews provide community improvement services, such as refuse removal, snow and ice removal, and tree maintenance. Clients receive a stipend for their work, and additional financial incentives upon successful completion of the program.

Clients also attend workshops where they learn basic computer skills, how to perform a job search, and how to compose employment application materials.

Part of this instruction includes conducting an actual search for a permanent job. This practical job search is performed under close supervision of the **Project Comeback** staff and job developers from programmatic partners in the community.

Project Stay is our follow-up program to Project Comeback. **Project Stay** is a job retention and advancement program. Where the objective of **Project Comeback** is to help the client find a job, **Project Stay** helps them keep working and become economically self-sufficient. **Project Stay** supports clients as they acclimate to the world of work.

Project Stay offers Case Management Services and support and networking groups comprised of current crew and program graduates. Graduates are also eligible for financial incentives for maintaining employment, and a scholarship to Metropolitan College.

PROJECT COMEBACK & PROJECT STAY

“If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.



ACE (Formerly known as the SoHo, TriBeCa, NoHo/Bowery, Nolita Partnerships)

Mission Statement

ACE's mission is to maximize our capacity and success at empowering and enabling formerly homeless individuals to re-enter the work force and to achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency.

To accomplish this mission, ACE utilizes two successful program models—Project Comeback and Project Stay. In order to sustain the success of these programs, ACE cultivates and

relies on the active involvement of members of our community.

By creating social awareness and providing a competitive service to the community, ACE is able to achieve our goal of helping the homeless.



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