

ACE
Project Comeback
Project Stay

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

Project Comeback is a four-month job-training program that furnishes clients with supported work experience. 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 real-life work experience, workshops, and classes, in addition to financial incentives upon successful completion of the program.

Clients attend workshops where they learn job search and job retention skills. **Project Comeback** also offers Adult Basic Education classes and one-on-one tutoring.

Clients receive computer training and conduct a search for a permanent job. This practical job search is performed under close supervision of **Project Comeback** job developers.

Project Stay is our follow-up program to **Project Comeback**. **Project Stay** is a job retention and advancement program that supports clients as they acclimate to the world of work. Where the objective of **Project Comeback** is to help clients find a job, **Project Stay** support services help clients remain employed and develop economic self-sufficiency.

Project Stay offers Case Management Services, bi-weekly groups and networking events. Graduates are also eligible for financial incentives for maintaining employment, as

well as a scholarship to Metropolitan College.

Project Home is a housing program that offers a 3-year decreasing subsidy to select **Project Stay** clients. The goal of **Project Home** is to provide a stable environment from which clients can pursue vocational growth, increased earning power and the development of independent living skills.

Admission Criteria

- **Free Admission**
- **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 an 8-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.

“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 (The Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless)

Mission Statement

Established in 1992, **ACE** – The Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless – is a SoHo based non-profit that provides vocational rehabilitation services for homeless men and women from throughout New York City, helping them find full time employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Our program participants are a visible presence in downtown Manhattan, working hard to keep our streets clean while learning the rules and responsibilities of the workplace.

With the recent establishment of Project Home, ACE's unique housing program, and a host of supplemental

services including literacy classes, introductory computer training and life-long employment retention services, ACE continues to be one of New York City's best known and most innovative vocational rehabilitation programs.

We are proud of our success in helping homeless individuals reclaim their lives and look forward to continuing to provide a pathway to economic independence to our fellow New Yorkers struggling with homelessness.

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