ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

ACE helps low-income unemployed men and women re-enter the workforce and transition to self-sufficiency. We achieve this through three unique programs:

**Project Comeback** provides job-readiness training, work experience opportunities, adult education, hard skills training and job placement assistance.

Project Comeback participants attend job-readiness workshops where they build the skills needed to obtain and maintain employment.

Participants gain work experience on community sanitation crews. Each crew has a supervisor who guides and coaches participants, teaching them how to be successful employees. Select participants also intern at local businesses.

Project Comeback offers adult education classes in literacy, math, and computer training. Project Comeback also offers hard skills training, including OSHA certification, custodial maintenance training, forklift training and Food Protection Certification.

Participants conduct a search for employment with assistance from Project Comeback job developers. Participants graduate from Project Comeback upon securing full-time, permanent employment.

Participants receive a stipend for work experience training and internship hours.

**Project Stay** is our life-long employment retention program that supports graduates as they acclimate to the world of work and transition to self-sufficiency.

Project Stay offers groups, case management, social events and educational opportunities geared toward professional advancement. Graduates who maintain employment are eligible for financial incentives.

**Project Home**, ACE’s housing program, offers a 3-year subsidy to select graduates. Project Home provides a stable environment from which graduates can pursue vocational growth, increased earning power and enhanced independent living skills.

**Admission Criteria**

- **Free Admission**
- **Housing:** applicants must have stable housing.
- **Sobriety:** applicants must have 30 days of documented sobriety.
- **Criminal History:** applicants with violent criminal histories will be evaluated individually.
- **Medical /Behavioral Health:** applicants must be able to lift and walk for an 8-hour shift; applicants on medication for an axis-1 diagnosis must have 6 months of documented stability.
- **Other Requirements:** applicants must be at least 18 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 non-profit that provides vocational rehabilitation and workforce development services for 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 throughout the city, working hard to keep public spaces and communities clean while learning the rules and responsibilities of the workplace.

With the establishment of Project Home, ACE’s unique housing program, and a host of supplemental services including literacy classes, introductory computer training, industry-specific certifications, and lifelong employment retention services, ACE continues to be one of New York City’s most innovative vocational rehabilitation programs.

We are proud of our success in helping our participants reclaim their lives, and we look forward to continuing to provide a pathway to economic independence to our fellow New Yorkers.