

# Justice Programs

A history of involvement with the criminal justice system can pose a major challenge for men and women seeking employment and other opportunities. CEO program strategies focus on helping court-involved individuals build their education and job skills to promote employment and stability while reducing recidivism. Several programs use community benefit projects or mentoring to assist participants in their path toward self-sufficiency. CEO determines program success based on whether participants are attaining educational and employment goals and recidivating less often. During FY2012, CEO also worked with agency partners to lay the groundwork for several new initiatives that will be launched in 2013 through the Young Men's Initiative.

## EMPLOYMENT WORKS

A program by the NYC Department of Small Business Services and NYC Department of Probation. Start Date: 08/2008 | FY 12 Budget: \$3,455,000 (CEO & YMI) | Status: Implementation | Sites: 2  
*Provides job-readiness training and support services to prepare adults on probation or with recent involvement with the criminal justice system for employment, with the goal of placing and retaining participants in employment and reducing recidivism.*<sup>34</sup>

	FY 12 Actual	FY 12 Target	FY 11 Actual	FY 09-12 Trends
Program Participants	1,101	-	2,437	
New Enrollees	758	-	1,260	
Placed in Jobs	744	1,023	790	
Placed in Jobs at \$10/hour or More	278	716	427	
Retained in Jobs at 6 Months <sup>35</sup>	12%	65%	44%	
Retained in Jobs at 12 Months <sup>35</sup>	13%	50%	38%	

## FOOD HANDLERS CERTIFICATION

A program by the NYC Department of Corrections and NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Start Date: 01/2008 | FY 12 Budget: \$14,000 (CEO) | Status: Implementation | Sites: 1  
*Provides Rikers Island inmates with a certification course in Food Handling, a tangible employment asset for re-entry.*

	FY 12 Actual	FY 12 Target	FY 11 Actual	FY 09-12 Trends
New Enrollees /Test Takers	601	500	727	
Passed Certification Exam	571	500	712	

## JUSTICE COMMUNITY

A program by the NYC Department of Probation.<sup>36</sup> Start Date: 01/2012 | FY 12 Budget: \$1,350,000 (CEO & YMI & City Council) Status: Newly Launched | Sites: 6  
*Engages court-involved young adults in community benefit projects, education, subsidized work and civic engagement, as well as youth leadership, peer mentorship, life skills training and case management.*

	FY 12 Actual	FY 12 Target
Number of New Enrollees	153	121
Number Completed Community Benefit Projects	102	-
Number of Job Placements	13	-
Number Earned a GED or High School Diploma	8	-

<sup>34</sup> During FY 11, Employment Works expanded services through the Young Men's Initiative, and during FY 12 Employment Works selected and transitioned to new provider organizations following an RFP.

<sup>35</sup> Retention measures for Employment Works were not available until FY 10.

<sup>36</sup> Justice Community was launched in 2012. The enrollment target is prorated; full-year outcome targets will be available in FY 13.

## JUSTICE SCHOLARS

A program by the NYC Department of Probation.<sup>37</sup>

Start Date: 01/2012 | FY 12 Budget: \$1,555,000 (CEO & YMI) | Status: Newly Launched | Sites: 6  
*Serves young adults involved in the criminal justice system seeking assistance achieving their educational goals, such as a high school diploma, GED, or post-secondary education.*

	FY 12 Actual	FY 12 Target
Number of New Enrollees	142	136
Percent who Gained 1 Literacy Grade Level or Above	16%	-
Percent who Gained 1 Numeracy Grade Level or Above	18%	-
Number Earned a GED or High School Diploma	9	-

## NYC JUSTICE CORPS

A program by the CUNY Prisoner Reentry Institute.

Start Date: 09/2008 | FY 12 Budget: \$3,465,000 (CEO & YMI) | Status: Implementation | Sites: 4  
*Brings young adults involved with the criminal justice system together with their communities to identify and address unmet community needs through reparative service, while also providing internships and employment or education opportunities. In FY 12, the program was in the process of expanding through the Young Men's Initiative.*

	FY 12 Actual	FY 12 Target	FY 11 Actual	FY 09-12 Trends
Number of New Enrollees	217	177	208	
Number Completed Community Benefit Projects	145	147	157	
Number who Gained 1 Literacy or Numeracy Grade Level or Above	68	-	58	
Number Graduated the Program	126	105	116	
Number of Job Placements	55	-	29	

See also: **CURE VIOLENCE** (Health).

<sup>37</sup> Justice Scholars was launched in 2012. The enrollment target is prorated; full-year outcome targets will be available in FY 13.