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Newsletter

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## ACCESS NYC Training: Upcoming Dates

If you would like to attend a **FREE** ACCESS NYC training at our offices, please send an email indicating your preferred date, along with your name, title, email, phone number and name of your organization. Our training is from 10am-12 noon and is ideal for new staff members or as a refresher.

Our summer training dates are June 18, July 23 or August 20....so take the heat out of summer and come enjoy a cool view from our Brooklyn location and get great information to share with your colleagues and community.

## ACCESS NYC In The Community

Please share how your organization is utilizing ACCESS NYC to help New Yorkers connect to benefit information and programs. Organizations that are selected will be showcased in upcoming newsletters and photos can also be included.

For more information, or to nominate your organization, send an email to [accessnyc@hhsconnect.nyc.gov](mailto:accessnyc@hhsconnect.nyc.gov)  
Subject: ACCESS NYC in the Community.

## ACCESS NYC: A Resource for Workforce Development Organizations



In these challenging economic times, ACCESS NYC is proud to support and connect to workforce development organizations servicing the New York community.

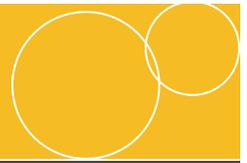
We have made important strides in our work to familiarize workforce programs with the ACCESS NYC resource, highlighted by:

- Presentations to all Workforce 1 locations citywide to staff, as well as to their Community Partners.
- Presentations and participation at job fairs and career development workshops, such as those held by Arbor,

The Citizen's Advice Bureau and the NYC Parks Opportunity Program.

- Supporting workforce sites to provide ACCESS NYC workshops on an ongoing basis to the public.
- Participation at professional development workshops and trainings tailored to workforce staff.
- Informational session at last month's NYC Workforce Development Summit & Expo.

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## Workforce Development

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Why ACCESS NYC and workforce development initiatives? ACCESS NYC is a single point of entry, online, to learn about and take action for many programs that can help a household to keep moving forward. Since the website can be used at any time, obtaining information to successfully apply for programs does not conflict with the time needed to focus upon a job search or skills improvement.

Additionally, the skills needed for a successful job search – problem solving, information search and action plan – are the skills utilized and reinforced when using ACCESS NYC.

ACCESS NYC is an important resource toward successful job retention that can connect New Yorkers to many work supports such as childcare, tax credits and insurance information and can help strengthen long term attachment to the workforce.

Successful workforce development and training models are integrating a broader and more holistic view of the needs of their clients towards achieving success in both job acquisition

and job retention. ACCESS NYC is a take action resource that can play an important role towards these objectives.

Our ACCESS NYC Training & Outreach Team stands ready to have your staff become familiar with the website and to support your workforce and job development program.



## ACCESS NYC In The Community:



**NEW YORK CITY  
COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY**

*the senior-level college of technology  
of The City University of New York*

New York City College of Technology (City Tech) of The City University of New York is the largest public college of technology in New York State. Located at 300 Jay Street in downtown Brooklyn, the College has an enrollment of more than 14,000 students in 60 baccalaureate, associate and specialized certificate programs.

In January 2009, the Student Wellness Center (SWC) at City Tech added the ACCESS NYC benefits screening program to its list of services available to students, faculty and staff. The original impetus behind applying for an ACCESS NYC computer terminal was to offer students another way to find out if they are eligible for low-cost health insurance. However, SWC staff quickly discovered that the wide range of benefits information available through ACCESS NYC was just as important in supporting the health of students and their families.

City Tech students have used ACCESS NYC to enroll their children for School Meals and to screen for WIC eligibility and other food assistance—important resources for helping low-income students and their families eat nutritious diets. Also, students have gained information on PCAP (Prenatal Care Assistance Program) eligibility that ensures they and their infants receive appropriate and timely medical care. Students have been able to learn about a tremendous range of benefits confidentially and autonomously.

The SWC has spread the word about ACCESS NYC to key departments in the college. SWC staff provides information and materials to other student services departments on how ACCESS NYC can help students find solutions to problems that may impede their academic success.



### Contact ACCESS NYC for Free Training and Materials

Send an email to: [accessnyc@hhsconnect.nyc.gov](mailto:accessnyc@hhsconnect.nyc.gov) to request training at your site, to receive brochures and other promotional materials or for help to add an ACCESS NYC link to your website.

For questions about using the website call 311, or click on the 'Contact Us' link located on the top part of every page on ACCESS NYC.