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The Brooklyn Transition Center is a District 75 High School in Bed Stuy Brooklyn serving students with special needs. Our young adults display a range of disabilities including autism, mental retardation, and various other psychologic challenges.

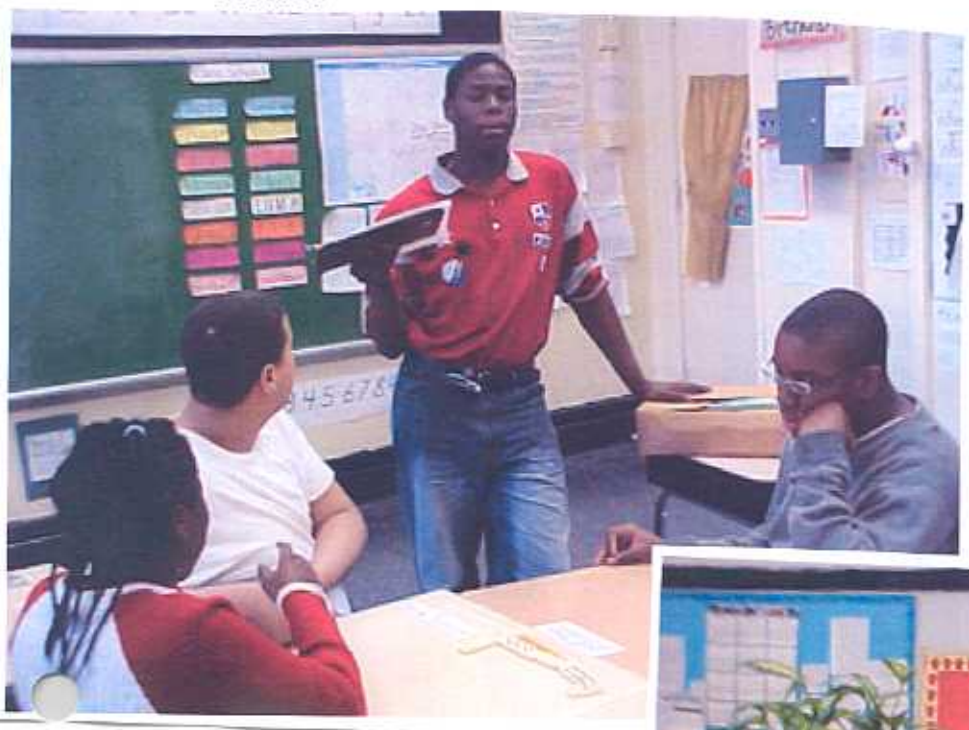
The school motto is "Bridging the Gap From School to Work."

Each classroom has a "recycling helper". The "recycling helper's" job is to help their classmates separate clean mixed paper from non recyclable waste. Our school has a student Recycling Coordinator named Lloyd Thompson, and three assistant recycling coordinators.

Our school has been recycling throughout the year. In early October, Lloyd conducted an inventory of recycling receptacles and gathered the names of each classroom's recycling helper. Lloyd performed this task independently. Only one classroom opted out of the program because of a student that likes to eat paper. If a classroom needed a receptacle, Lloyd worked with the custodial staff and brought the room a receptacle. Below is evidence of Lloyd's survey.

TEACHER	ROOM #	DO YOU HAVE A BLUE PAIL?	NAME OF RECYCLING HELPER
122 122	SACZYNSKI	NO Yes	
123	MATTHIAS	NO	Rashan Artis
125	PASCUAL	NO	Jocelyn Martinez
126	CHU	Yes	Cordell Peters
202	WILSON	NO	Arthur
203	MACCORMACK	Yes	Ivan Soriano
205	JACKSON	Yes	Marshall
208	COX	NO	Jonathan Myers
210	CHUKUEKE	Yes	Mark Augusto
211	BALY	Yes	James Manuel
222	MACDONALD	Yes	Alex / Mansour ^{Mohammed}
223	MORRIS	Yes	Berry Francoeur
301	LIFLAND	Yes	Jamel Shelton
302	RATTENBURY	NO	Melvin Otero
304	PAIGE	Yes	Mauvo Toco
305	LEHAT	Yes	Vance Kirkland
308	MACAYA	Yes	Santos
311	VANRABENSWAY	Yes	Chester Melny
313	DICKERSON	Yes	Chaya Blanker
317	DROZ	Not today	Alex Coombs
320	WRIGHTS	Yes	Alex Coombs
322	BARKER	Yes	Arnaldo Cantilla
323	VALENTIN	Yes	KELVIN MORENO

Lloyd conducts trainings with the recycling helpers, distributes blue bags, and affixes stickers.



Lloyd has made remarkable emotional and social progress since he became the school recycling co-ordinator. He takes pride in his work, and enjoys the responsibility. Lloyd and his team of assistant recycling coordinators also help to manage recycling in the cafeteria. There is a large Recycling Mural in the cafeteria, painted by students this year, that helps to remind students and staff to source separate their recyclables from non-recyclable waste.



Our school recycling program pays Lloyd and the assistant recycling coordinators a small salary. The weekly salary that Lloyd, Lavon, Kelvin, and Jason earn is an incredible motivator. These four students have entered the world of real employment for the first time. Employment builds their self-esteem, and provides a model for other students.

Our school recycling program is fulfilling our school mandate to bridge the gap from school to work.

Summary

The Brooklyn Transition Center consistently source separates it's recyclable materials, and it is the work of the Recycling Coordinators, Classroom Recycling Helpers, and the peer to peer contact, commitment, and encouragement that they provide that is getting the job done.

