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Mr. Hakiem Yahmadi, Chairperson said that before the presentation I would ask the members present to introduce themselves. I would like to introduce Mr. James Dunn, Assistant Director at BronxWorks is going to do a presentation about Excel Adult Literacy Program. Mr. Dunn you have the floor.

Mr. James Dunn, Assistant Director Excel Adult Literacy Program said thank you for inviting me and I'm here today to talk about the Excel Adult Literacy Program. We're on the Grand Concourse right next to the Bronx Housing Court it's located by the D and 4 trains. Essentially, we prepare students that have not achieved the High School Diploma in the regular route. We help them through classes to take the GED test, we offer courses in reading, writing, math, science, social studies for them to take the GED and pass to prepare them for college or the world of work presently our program services 16- to 24-year-olds. We have instructors that work with them on subjects they need to pass the GED exam also on time management, financial literacy, and resume writing.

A lot of times people drop out of school because it's hard to stay in school when you're trying to survive worrying about housing and shelter and those kinds of things so, we at BronxWorks try to offer services that will help students that are in our program stay in school so, if they're having issues with housing, facing eviction, no health insurance, with immigration we have services within the organization that can help them overcome those challenges.

Then one of the biggest parts of the agency is the Workforce Development so here we connect students, applicants with job opportunities and job training if they need that, the program runs all-year in 4-cycles winter, spring, summer, fall and runs from possibly 11 to 14 weeks with classes Monday through Thursday in the morning anytime between 9 AM to 1 PM. We also offer Metro Card to students with transportation issues. Metro Cards to get to class and to return home.