

GETTING 2 WORK

JOB READINESS PROGRAM



**“CHOOSE A JOB YOU LOVE, AND YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE.”—
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WHO WE ARE

The Queens Community Justice Center is a project of the Center for Justice Innovation. The Justice Center provides case management, leadership training, and a range of adult and youth development programming for justice-involved people and their families in Queens, as well as people who have not had contact with the justice system. The goal is to provide people with off-ramps from the justice system and help them build more productive, successful, and law-abiding lives.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Getting 2 Work is a workforce development program for youth, justice-involved youth and at-risk youth ages 14 through 17. The goals of the program are to prevent future justice system involvement and improve participants' life outcomes by providing participants with meaningful, developmentally appropriate opportunities to build employment skills, develop as professionals, and orient themselves away from the justice system and toward their future. Through this program, the Queens Community Justice Center will seek to:

- Provide participants with career exploration, soft skill development, and the support they need to secure meaningful work.
- Improve self-confidence and perception of efficacy among young people.
- Increase exposure to positive adult role models.
- Improve academic performance and school attendance.

HOW IT WORKS

Getting 2 Work will serve participants between the ages of 14 and 17. Getting 2 Work will be providing programming for youth who live in the borough of Queens. Participants will fill out the application and at intake the participant will be screened with a standardized assessment tool.

The assessment will explore various domains, including work, education, relationships, community, health, creativity, and self-expression. Participants will participate in workshops twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Workshops will build workforce readiness skills through hands-on project-based learning in an area of their interest, such as the arts or technology. Programming will utilize a positive youth development approach, which builds on youths' strengths and provides opportunities to positively interact with their community and peers, and project-based learning strategies to provide a transformative experience that will help youth become more employable and reduce their justice system involvement.



\$ EARN WHILE YOU LEARN \$

Participants can earn up to \$800.00 in stipends. The stipends will be distributed bi-weekly and will be based on engagement.

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