



## HRA's Employment Services Hosts Job Fair for Health and Human Services Positions

On January 28, 2014 over 250 job-ready candidates joined 21 employers for HRA Employment Services' first Job Fair of 2014. The fair focused on jobs in the growing healthcare and human services industries, and included representatives from a diverse group of employers, including non-profit groups like the Children's Aid Society and Safe Horizons and companies such as CVS.



Most clients came to the fair through the newly-redesigned Back to Work (B2W) program, which helps public assistance clients connect to and find employment from the time they apply for public assistance to months after they are hired; and the Jobs-Plus program, which connects residents of New York City public housing with employment.

The job fair began with an Employment Services presentation on job application tips and strategies for getting the most out of the fair. Besides employer booths, the fair featured quiet space for applicants to fill out forms and prepare their pitches, space for employers to conduct one-on-one interviews, and a computer room for clients to complete online applications.



Job seekers could also learn more about other HRA services at the Job Fair, including services available to both custodial and noncustodial parents through the Child Support Program. HRA's Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) gave a presentation to attendees about services like employment assistance for unemployed noncustodial parents and free or low-cost mediation to resolve visitation and other disputes.

HRA's Employment Services conducts industry-focused job fairs throughout the year.