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HRA Hosts Job Fairs in Staten Island and Queens

In an effort to move away from a one-size-fits-all approach to connecting New Yorkers with jobs, HRA has been hosting local-oriented job fairs in each of the five boroughs, helping job-ready clients find work with local employers. On October 26 and 28, HRA hosted local job fairs for clients in Queens and Staten Island. The Queens event drew 131 clients to speak to 25 local employers, while the Staten Island event included 112 clients and 13 employers.

Employers offered jobs in a variety of fields, including security, retail, food services and many more. While most jobs offered are entry-level, HRA looks to match clients to industries that are growth-oriented and provide advancement and salary growth opportunity.

HRA staff were on hand to help clients with an orientation that focused on tips to get the most out of the job fair. Clients then had the opportunity to speak with employers, fill out applications and provide their resumes. Both job fairs included special areas for employers to hold interviews on-site.

Borough-based job fairs are just one of many ways HRA is working to help New Yorkers in need find quality employment that is a way out of poverty. By offering local job fairs, HRA helps clients build contacts in the community and find employment that is conveniently located, decreasing the hardship and expense of long commutes and making issues like child care easier. HRA has also expanded options for education and training in the Cash Assistance program, including support for four-year college in a work-study program as an approved work activity.

Clients who want to hear about job opportunities throughout the city directly on their mobile phones can sign up for HRA's [TEXT-2-Work](#) messaging service. You can specify what boroughs you are able to work in, and what industries you are interested in.