

JUSTICE INITIATIVES

A history of involvement with the criminal justice system can pose a major challenge for men and women seeking employment and other opportunities. CEO program strategies focus on helping court-involved individuals build their education and job skills to promote employment and stability while reducing recidivism. Several programs use community benefit projects or mentoring to assist participants on their path toward self-sufficiency. CEO determines program success based on whether participants are attaining educational and employment goals and recidivating less often. Two new mentoring initiatives were launched in FY 13 through the Young Men's Initiative: AIM, an alternative to placement program, and Arches: Transformative Mentoring.

Employment Works (SBS & DOP)

START DATE: 08/2008 | **FY 2013 BUDGET:** \$2,950,000 (CEO) | **STATUS:** Implementation | **SITES:** 2

		FY 2013		FY 2012	FY 10-13
		Actual	Target	Actual	Trends
<i>Provides job-readiness training and support services to prepare adults on probation or with recent involvement with the criminal justice system for employment, with the goal of placing and retaining participants in employment and reducing recidivism.</i>	Program Participants	3,255	-	1,101	
	New Enrollees	1,616	-	758	
	Placed in Jobs	736	800	744	
	Placed in Jobs at \$10/hour or More	321	560	278	
	Median Hourly Wage at Placement	\$9		\$9	
	6-Month Job Retention	34% (219/632)	65%	62% (227/367)	
	12-Month Job Retention	15% (78/509)	50%	40% (187/470)	

Food Handlers Certification (DOC & DOHMH)

START DATE: 01/2008 | **FY 2013 BUDGET:** \$23,975 (CEO) | **STATUS:** Implementation | **SITES:** 1

		FY 2013		FY 2012	FY 10-13
		Actual	Target	Actual	Trends
<i>Provides Rikers Island inmates with a certification course in Food Handling and CPR, tangible employment assets for re-entry.</i>	Program Participants	714	600	601	
	Passed Certification Exam	675	600	571	

Justice Community (DOP)

START DATE: 01/2012 | **FY 2013 BUDGET:** \$2,037,626 (CEO & YMI) | **STATUS:** Newly Launched | **SITES:** 5

		FY 2013		FY 2012	FY 12-13
		Actual	Target	Actual	Trends
<i>Engages court-involved young adults in community benefit projects, education, subsidized work, and civic engagement, as well as youth leadership, peer mentorship, life skills training, and case management.</i>	New Enrollees	228	252	153	
	Number Completed Community Benefit Projects	181	252	102	
	Placed in Jobs	39		13	
	Placed in Jobs or Education ¹	26% (61)	50%	NA	
	Number Earned a HSE or High School Diploma	4	-	8	

Justice Scholars (DOP)

START DATE: 01/2012 | **FY 2013 BUDGET:** \$2,140,762 (CEO & YMI) | **STATUS:** Newly Launched | **SITES:** 6

		FY 2013		FY 2012	FY 12-13
		Actual	Target	Actual	Trends
<i>Serves young adults involved in the criminal justice system seeking assistance achieving their educational goals, such as a high school diploma, GED, or post-secondary education.</i>	New Enrollees	243	272	142	
	Percent who Gained 1 Literacy Grade Level or Above	21% (33/159)	50%	16%	
	Percent who Gained 1 Numeracy Grade Level or Above ²	11% (17/159)	50%	18%	
	Number Earned a GED or High School Diploma	14% (35)	30%	6%	

NYC Justice Corps (CUNY Prisoner Reentry Institute)

START DATE: 09/2008 | **FY 2013 BUDGET:** \$5,100,000 (CEO & YMI) | **STATUS:** Implementation | **SITES:** 4

		FY 2013		FY 2012	FY 10-13
		Actual	Target ³	Actual	Trends
<i>Brings young adults involved with the criminal justice system together with their communities to identify and address unmet community needs through reparative service, while also providing internships and employment or education opportunities.</i>	New Enrollees	332	255	217	
	Number Completed Community Benefit Projects	190	128	145	
	Educational Gain	75	122	58	
	Number Graduated the Program	84	47	126	
	Placed in Jobs or Education	45	31	48	

Programs Launched in FY 2013

AIM: Advocate, Intervene, Mentor (DOP)

START DATE: 07/2012 | **FY 2013 BUDGET:** \$2,053,027 (YMI) | **STATUS:** Newly Launched | **SITES:** 5

		FY 2013		
		Actual	Target	
<i>Pairs 13 to 18 year old youth on juvenile probation with paid advocates who provide intensive mentoring as well as the structure and guidance youth need to develop self-efficacy. AIM is an Alternative to Placement program.</i>	New Enrollees	55	100	
	Number Completed Community Service Project	13	-	
	Number Engaged in Recreational or Cultural Activities	28	-	
	Number Completed Program	3	-	
	Participants Not Arrested for a Felony While in the AIM program	87%	80%	

Arches: Transformative Mentoring (DOP)

START DATE: 07/2012 | **FY 2013 BUDGET:** \$4,700,000 (YMI Private Funding) | **STATUS:** Newly Launched | **SITES:**19

		FY 2013		
		Actual	Target	
<i>Pairs small groups of justice-involved youth with mentors who deliver an evidence-based curriculum designed to transform the attitudes that led to participants' criminal activity.</i>	New Enrollees	580	840	
	Number of New Participants Receiving One-On-One Mentoring	316	-	
	Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	51%	70%	
	Number Completed Program	23% (63)	65%	

See Also: *Cure Violence* (Health).

Footnotes:

¹ This indicator is new to FY 13 reporting and data is not available for FY 12.

² 159 participants were in the Pre-GED track. This subgroup was used to calculate the metric and target for educational gains, starting in FY13.

³ FY 13 targets were updated to reflect past performance and enrollment. The FY 12 targets were: Enrollment: 177, Community Benefit: 147, Educational Gains: 59, Program Graduates: 105, Placed in Job/Education: 74. The metric of "Educational Gains" aggregates multiple positive outcomes achieved during or upon graduation from the program, including literacy/numeracy grade level increases, high school completion or its equivalent, and post-secondary enrollment.

Appendix : Acronyms in the NYC Center for Economic Opportunity FY 2013 Performance Data

AIM	Advocate, Intervene, Mentor
ASAP	Accelerated Study in Associate Programs
BPL	Brooklyn Public Library
CEO	Center for Economic Opportunity
CEPS	Community Education Pathways to Success
CUNY	City University of New York
DCA	Department of Consumer Affairs
DOC	Department of Correction
DOE	Department of Education
DOF	Department of Finance
DOHMH	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
DOP	Department of Probation
DYCD	Department of Youth and Community Development
EITC	Earned Income Tax Credit
FEN	Financial Education Network
HHC	Health and Hospitals Corporation
HRA	Human Resources Administration
HSE	High School Equivalency
LPN	Licensed Practical Nurse
NCLEX	National Council Licensure Examination
NYCEDC	New York City Economic Development Corporation
NYCHA	New York City Housing Authority
NYPL	New York Public Library
OFE	Office of Financial Empowerment
QPL	Queens Public Library
RN	Registered Nurse
SBS	Small Business Services
SIF	Social Innovation Fund
VITA	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
YAL	Young Adult Literacy
YMI	Young Men's Initiative