



Work Experience Program

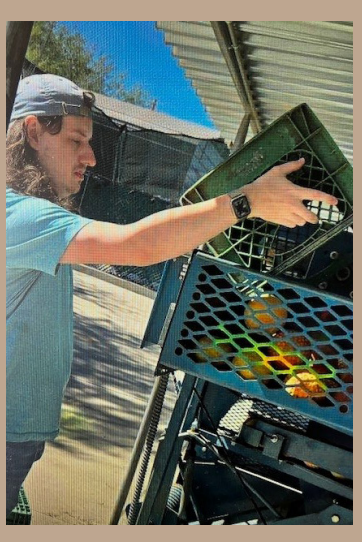


Community Options, Inc. is a non-profit agency that provides employment services to help local participants determine their career goals, gain work experience, obtain and utilize leadership, professionalism, and self-sufficiency skills. In today's competitive job market, people must be better prepared to enter the workforce to succeed.

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Services Provided

Participants may go through any or all of the following steps in the Work Experience Program.



Work Readiness Training

Lessons & Observation of Soft Skills

Participants meet with an Employment Specialist to complete activities that lead to the acquisition of soft skills including etiquette in the workplace, resume creation, interview preparation, and understanding job requirements & employer expectations.



Work Experience Development

Job development will be performed by the Employment Specialist to secure an employer-based work experience opportunity for participants in the community.

Employment Specialists will work with the participants and business owners to find the right match.

Community Work Experience

- Paid internship by Community Options, Inc. for individuals after completing soft skills training
- Up to 160 hours of paid work experience per person

Coaching Support

- Individual assistance and support on or off-the-job on a short-term basis
- Coaching includes job orientation, teaching basic tasks, supervision at worksite, supervision consultation, etc.



Participating Businesses:

Arrowhead Parable
Blackbears
Broome County Parks & Rec
Chenango Ambulance
Dog Dayz Inn
Garage Taco
Guthrie Fitness
Gap
Helping Celebrate Abilities
H&M
Learning Ladder
Legion
Olive Garden
Our Country Hearts
Price Chopper
Red Lobster

Ross Park Zoo
Rumble Ponies
SANYS
Sodexo
Southern Tier Aids Program
Stable Movements
The Humane Society
Thrifty Shopper
Tioga Downs Casino
Tioga Gardens
UHS
Weis Markets
Willow Point Nursing Home
Yankee Stadium
YMCA - Norwich



Participants are referred from ACCES VR to Community Options, Inc. to gain work experience in their communities.

Participants have individualized plans, and one-on-one job coaches to aide them through their work experience.

Internships provide participants with the opportunity to plan for their future, and gain skills to obtain successful permanent employment.

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