



BronxWorks assists people who are unemployed, looking for their first job, or need help improving their careers. They also have targeted programs for immigrants and young adults.

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## BronxWorks--Providing Economic & Social Programs for Bronx Residents

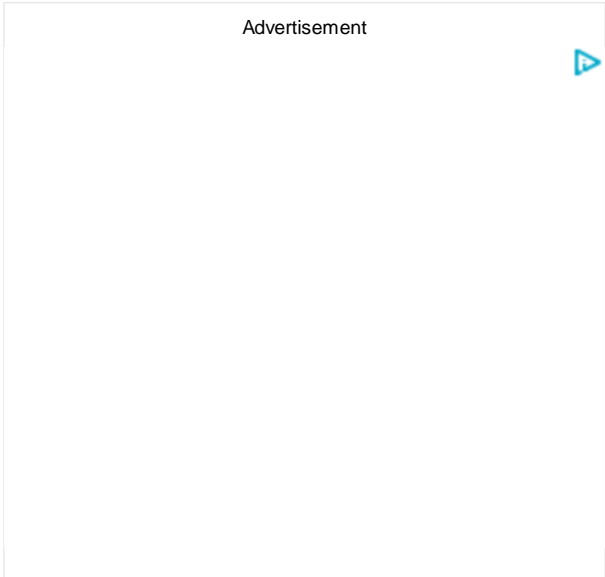
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If you are unemployed or need help improving your career, BronxWorks offers a variety of programs to assist Bronx residents. BronxWorks operates a Workforce Development Center (WDC) located on 391 West 149th Street in the Bronx, which is one of the busiest retail strips in New York City. Through BronxWorks' WDC, approximately 1,500 people came to seek some form of assistance last year. They also provide English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, pre-employment readiness workshops, resume writing skills and referrals to certified skills training programs or colleges. According to Ken Small, Development Director for BronxWorks, 1,104 people found jobs or internships through their Workforce Development Center.

Prospective enrollees are often referred to programs at the BronxWorks' WDC by a government agency like the Human Resources Administration. In other cases, prospective enrollees in the Young Adult Internship Program must be between the ages of 16 and 24 years old, live in selected Bronx community districts, and be out of school, out of work or a combination of both working and attending school. Each program has different eligibility requirements.

Through BronxWorks' Children & Youth Department, the Excel program helps disconnected youth between the ages of 16 and 24 years old by offering career training in various fields. In addition, they help young adults create resumes, prepare for job interviews, gain computer skills, and learn how to manage their finances. Excel also provides GED classes through group and individual instruction. For additional information about the Excel program, contact Shalima McCants, Program Coordinator for BronxWorks at 718-508-3075.

For additional information about the Workforce Development Center, call 718-993-8880 or visit [BronxWorks'](#) website.



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