

CEO BREAKS THE CYCLE OF INCARCERATION

CEO is committed to breaking the cycle of incarceration for people returning from prison who are looking for work. Our experience and independent research shows that immediate, meaningful employment for formerly incarcerated people results in safer streets, healthier families, and stronger communities.

Securing steady work is at the core of building a constructive life. Yet studies show that the unemployment rate of formerly incarcerated people after one year may be as high as 60 percent because of multiple barriers to employment, including a lack of legitimate work history and employers' unwillingness to hire people with records.

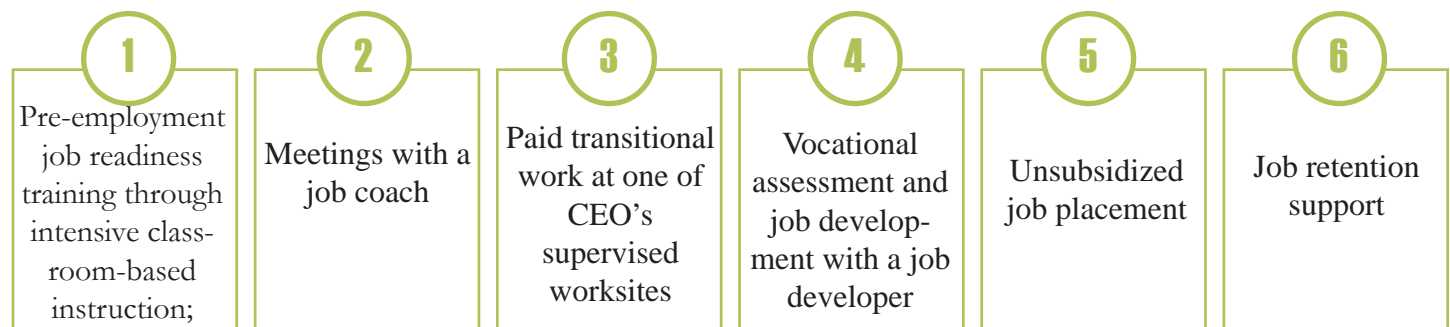
THE FACTS

Unemployment and Recidivism

There are currently more than **2 million** people behind bars across the nation. Each year, more than **700,000** state prisoners are released and return to their families and communities. In the state of New York, **89%** of all people who are on parole are unemployed at the time of violation. Moreover, a full two-thirds of all released inmates will be rearrested within 3 years, and more than **50%** will be re-incarcerated. At an average annual cost of **\$30,000** per inmate, we all have a stake in getting people coming home from prison into the workforce, instead of back to prison

HOW IT'S DONE

CEO targets recent parolees in order to initiate our program during the crucial first days of release. Our model includes:



OUR SUCCESS

CEO demonstrates that people who have been incarcerated have the motivation to find and keep stable employment. CEO prepares over 2,000 people each year to move into mainstream employment. Within 2-3 months, over 65% of CEO participants who begin a job search are placed in permanent jobs. In the past decade, CEO has made 10,000 placements of formerly incarcerated people into full-time employment. And results from an independent research evaluation reveal that people recently released from prison who come to CEO were 50 percent less likely to be reincarcerated for any reason.

OUR STRATEGY

CEO secures employment for people returning from prison, in order to provide the structure, the confidence, and the income necessary for them to lead productive lives within their communities. We believe that the most successful pathway to stable employment is through work itself, which is why we emphasize transitional employment immediately following release from prison or jail. By putting people to work, we are providing them with the foundation they need to address the complicated issues that arise from re-entry.