

THE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE FOR EMPLOYMENT (COPE) PROGRAM

COPE is a collaboration between The City University of New York (CUNY) and The City of New York Human Resources Administration (HRA) that provides information and support services to CUNY students receiving public assistance. Assistance is also offered to parents with a dependent child who meet certain income guidelines.

COPE offers a variety of services that help students meet college and HRA requirements so that they can graduate and get jobs that will lead to long-term economic self-sufficiency.

COPE Program Contact Information:

- 🎓 Borough of Manhattan Community College:
(212) 346-8481
- 🎓 Bronx Community College: (718) 289-5861
- 🎓 College of Staten Island: (718) 982-2398
- 🎓 Hostos Community College: (718) 518-4363
- 🎓 John Jay College: (212) 237-8017
- 🎓 Kingsborough Community College: (718) 368-4660
- 🎓 LaGuardia Community College: (718) 482-5479
- 🎓 Medgar Evers College: (718) 270-6480
- 🎓 New York City College of Technology:
(718) 260-5187
- 🎓 Queensborough Community College:
(718) 281-5174

Family College Program Contact Information

- 🎓 Kingsborough Community College: (718) 368-5170

Call the COPE Central Office - (646) 344-7340 for general information about the COPE program, or to obtain services for students at the other CUNY colleges (Baruch, Brooklyn, City, Hunter, Lehman, Queens and York).

or visit our website www.cuny.edu/cope

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The College Opportunity to Prepare for Employment (COPE) program is funded by and operated in collaboration with the Family Independence Administration of the City of New York Human Resources Administration (HRA). Services are available to anyone who is a current or former CUNY student or applicant, and who is either receiving public assistance cash benefits (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Safety Net Single Assistance), or who meets federal income guidelines for families with income under 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.



COPE SUPPORT SERVICES

COPE provides Family Assistance and Safety Net Assistance recipients enrolled in or applying to CUNY undergraduate degree programs with a variety of services designed to help them meet both HRA and college requirements. Assistance is also provided to students with a dependent child who meet certain income guidelines.



Services include:

- ☞ assistance with registration and scheduling
- ☞ informational mailings and seminars
- ☞ assistance with accessing childcare and carfare supplements, preparing for HRA appointments, meeting workfare obligations, etc.
- ☞ tutoring, academic and personal counseling
- ☞ referral to job preparation, job placement, workstudy and internship
- ☞ access to technology



Contact Information

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COPE JOB PLACEMENT

Job placement assistance is available to current CUNY undergraduate students and recent CUNY graduates who are receiving Family Assistance or Safety Net benefits Assistance or have a dependent child and meet certain income guidelines.



Services include:

- ☞ full or part-time job openings in a wide variety of fields
- ☞ assistance with resume writing and interview preparation
- ☞ individual and group counseling
- ☞ workshops and seminars
- ☞ full-time job search available
- ☞ post employment follow-up for at least 90 days

Contact information:

For Employers: Barry Cohen
University COPE Employment Coordinator
(646) 344-7343 - fax: (646) 344-7349

For Students: Georgina Brown
University COPE Employment Specialist
(646) 344-7346 - fax: (646) 344-7349



EDITH'S PLACE



Located at LaGuardia Community College (NY Designs), Edith's Place provides free new outfits for students going on job interviews, and additional clothing when they begin working. Students are seen by appointment only and must be referred by COPE or Family College staff.

FAMILY COLLEGE



Available at Kingsborough Community College, Family College serves COPE eligible students who have a child between 4 and 7 years of age. Participants pursue an associate degree while their children attend an on-campus satellite elementary school that is operated by the local school district. General and special education children are accepted. Comprehensive counseling and academic support services are provided to family college parents.

Contact Information

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COLLEGE AND RELATED EXPERIENCE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



CARE WEP allows full-time Family Assistance (TANF/Safety Net) students to meet their work – related activity obligation in specially developed WEP assignments that do not interfere with college attendance. CARE WEP is operated in collaboration with the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island (JCCGCI). On campus assignments are available to students enrolled at: Bronx, Kingsborough, LaGuardia, and the College of Staten Island. Students at other colleges are assigned to a not-for-profit agency near their home or college. Students should ask HRA to be assigned to WEP site P2R04.