

CWS Fall Graduation & Celebration

--Successful celebration of participants' achievements and National Disability Employment Awareness Month

The CWS 2019 graduation ceremony on October 11 was a great success. Students graduated from Food Arts, Commercial Cleaning, Commercial Production, At Your Services or Power of Possible, and earned their certificates. This year, we also celebrated many of our participants as part of National Disability Employment Awareness Month and hosted a Job Fair. Many thanks to Encore, Chief of Staffing, VPNE, Per Scholas, CARD, Boston Children's Hospital and JobGet for attending. Family, friends, employers, and our staff celebrated participants' great accomplishments at CWS. We saw a lot of smiles, a few tears of joy and look forward to working with participants in Placement Services.



Community Partner Award – Access to Recovery



Executive Director Craig Stenning handed the inaugural Community Partner Award to Rebecca Starr, Program Director of Access to Recovery (ATR), a project of Advocates for Human Potential and the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services. Rebecca and her team received the award for making CWS' success possible and for supporting our vision for Employment First. A key tool of ATR is helping individuals to regain or initiate a career and employment goals. ATR has partnered with CWS and several of our participants are supported through ATR funding. Our involvement with ATR has grown significantly over the past eight months. The Opioid Crisis gripping our country cries out for real recovery approaches such as ATR and CWS is so fortunate to be involved in this program.

Representative Russel E. Holmes visits CWS



We are very proud and honored that Representative Russel E. Holmes visited CWS. Representative Holmes represents Massachusetts' Sixth Suffolk District, which includes a portion of the communities of Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Roslindale, and Jamaica Plain. Many participants who walk through the doors of CWS live in these areas. Our leadership team and Representative Holmes exchanged ideas on how to best serve the population in these communities and toured our training programs.

We look forward to continuing our conversation on empowering members of the communities Representative Holmes represents, and thereby improve the lives of all our participants.