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Founded in 1877, CWS helps people who face barriers to work obtain employment and achieve self-sufficiency through innovative job training, placement and support services.

[Learn more about our recent Job Club, new CWS interns, and participant success stories.](#)

Job Club Providing Support During Job Search



Personnel coordinator Silva Lorensian from Star Market speaks to Job Club participants on September 16 about available jobs and skills the market looks for in new hires.

Job searching can be stressful when you do it on your own. In order to help participants with their job searching, CWS hosts an in-person Job Club event every two weeks on Thursdays at 10 am. During the Job Club, participants who have completed their skills training and job readiness training meet to talk about their current job searches. The Job Club allows participants to share tips on job searching and cheer each other on as they land interviews and jobs. The Job Club also hosts employers from around Boston to talk about job opportunities at their business.

CWS Hosts Star Market Personnel Coordinator

On September 16, the Job Club hosted personnel coordinator Silva Lorensian from Star Market, who spoke about the skills Star Market looks for in new hires and encouraged participants to apply for available jobs.

Employment specialist Jen Radden was excited to host Silva, saying, "Our guest employer Silva Lorensian started her career at Star Market in

an entry-level position and she worked her way up to her current job as Personnel Coordinator. It was a story that all our participants could relate to and it was very inspirational!

"It also was a great opportunity to meet Silva and strengthen our partnership with Star Market. We are optimistic that several participants will get jobs at Star Market as a result of this Job Club."

CWS Welcomes New Intern and Volunteer Class

New MSW Interns

CWS welcomes four new interns to the staff this fall. Interns will work with case managers, instructors, and employment specialists to work with participants and learn skills to advance their social work careers.

Joining the staff from the Boston University master of social work (MSW) program are Amani George-Luis, Savannah McCarter, Cora Wright.

Also joining us is Chloe Proietto, a first-year MSW student at Lesley University, who said, "I am eager to learn more about what it means to be a social worker. I want to focus and learn more about assessment, case management, policy development, and basic counseling skills."

Cora, a 2021 graduate of Niagra University, said she hopes to learn more about program planning, and youth development and empowerment. We look forward to all of their contributions and are excited to help them grow professionally.

New Undergraduate Pulse Program Volunteers

In addition to the MSW interns, CWS will host undergraduate volunteers from the PULSE Program at Boston College. The mission of the PULSE Program is to educate "students about social injustice by putting them into direct contact with marginalized populations and social change organizations." The year-long volunteers participate in a service-learning program that



Employment Specialist Nicole Stewart (l) speaks with intern Chloe Proietto (r).

will allow them to work with our participants and gain skills relevant to their educational goals.

We are excited to host students from around the Boston area this year and look forward to hearing what they have learned from their experiences!

Participant Success Story



Culinary arts program graduate Paul Landrum, Sr.

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Paul Landrum, Sr. enrolled at CWS in July 2021, to enroll in the culinary arts program. A veteran of restaurants and catering kitchens around Boston, Paul had significant gaps in his employment and needed support in entering the employment market. Even with his extensive experience, Paul was prepared to learn new skills to highlight his cooking abilities. Paul shared, "I knew my trade, but in the job readiness class, the most important things I learned while I was there were acing the interviewing process, how to properly interview, what expectations employers were looking for and how to answer tough questions in the interview."

Joseph Rios, job readiness training instructor, described Paul as thoughtful and giving in the class, sharing, "Paul gave great advice on what chefs look for in new hires in the kitchen, which helped everyone in class looking for food prep jobs."

Since completing his training at CWS, Paul has worked at Gourmet Caterers as a catering chef. One of the premier catering operations in Boston, Paul is responsible for managing catering menus for events held at locations such as the JFK Library and the Moakley Federal Courthouse. But Paul recognizes the importance of CWS for people in similar situations as his. If he were to meet others who needs support, Paul said, "I would encourage them to take one of the CWS programs because it teaches you team work, it gives you a foundation to start with and gives you help to start in the workforce." We are excited about Paul's recent successes and wish him the best as he continues his career in catering!

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