

COMMUNITY WORK SERVICES

April 2021 Newsletter



HOPES

What additional services does HOPES offer?

- > Education and training
- > Mentoring and support groups
- > Connections to substance use and mental health counseling
- > Connections to housing and food assistance
- > Employment assistance
- > Strategies for presenting criminal backgrounds to employers
- > Information on sealing or expunging criminal records
- > Family reunification and child-support assistance

EMPLOYER-PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Community Work Services is proud to partner with **Block by Block!** Since 2011, Block by Block, has served Boston's downtown area and financial district by managing aesthetic issues such as litter, landscaping, and graffiti. While also maintaining the beauty of our city, designated Hospitality Ambassadors actively engage the public to foster a welcoming presence for Bostonians and the 2 million tourists who visit the district each year. In the last few months, the company hired four CWS participants...**Thank you Block by Block for providing opportunities to CWS graduates!**



A team of Block by Block ambassadors

PARTICIPANT SUCCESS STORY

Lana Golinder moved to the United States from Russia when she was just 11 years old. At the age of 39, and after overcoming various barriers to employment, she joined CWS and enrolled in our Commercial Cleaning Training program which she successfully completed this past March! Her classroom supervisors describe her as "engaged, reliable, punctual, and an active class participant." After expressing interest in updating her resume and an eagerness to find a job with her new skill set, a CWS Case Manager worked with her to apply as a full-time Hospitality Carrousel Ambassador with Block by Block (BBB). Since working with BBB for over a month now, she expresses feelings of gratitude and happiness that she has a steady and enjoyable job. With a starting salary of \$18.00 per hour, Lana is able to gain more financial independence and stability to continue investing in herself and her future! **Thank you for your hard work Lana!**

