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NYC:ATWORK Program

MOPD's employment program recruits, pre-screens and connects unemployed and underemployed New Yorkers with disabilities to job opportunities with our established business partners in the public and private sectors

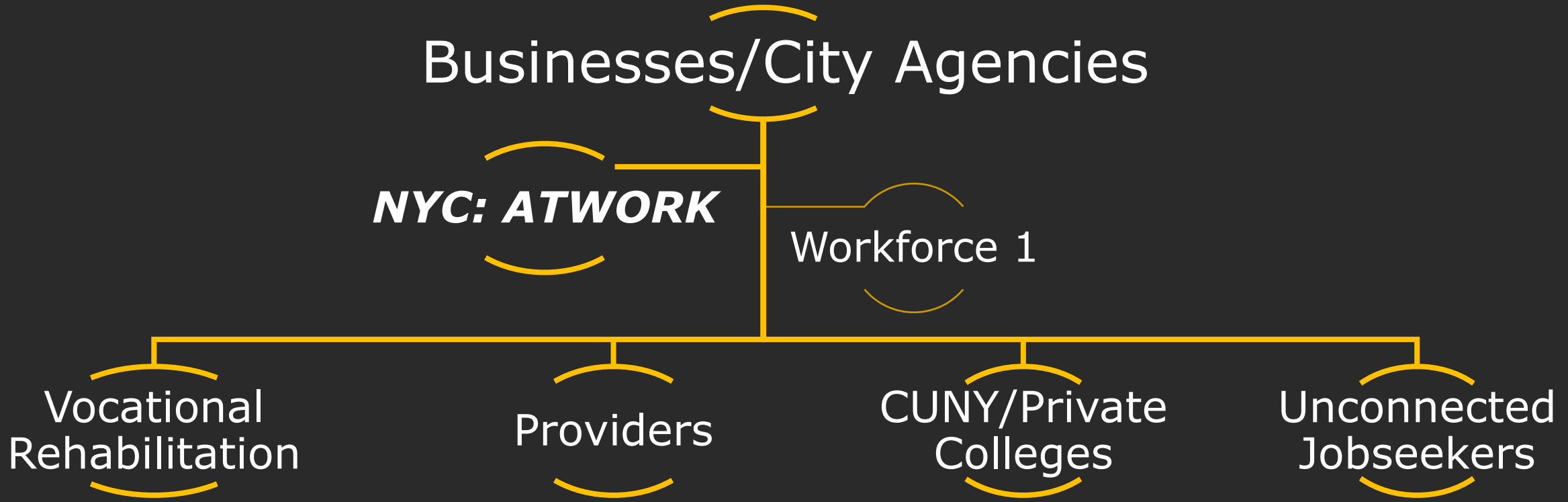


Our Goals

Reduce barriers to employment for people with disabilities by:

- Working with employers to educate them on accessibility and best practices to create a more inclusive workforce
- Supporting jobseekers to become more competitive candidates through guidance, training, and access to opportunities

NYC: ATWORK Structure





Jobseeker Eligibility

- Authorized to work in the United States
- New York City resident
- Documented disability
- Must be 18 or older
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Established career goals
- Ability to job search with or without provider assistance
- Experience writing resumes and cover letters
- Basic computer skills: word processing, internet searches, email
- Professional communication skills



Services for Jobseekers

- Advice on conducting an effective job search
- Tips to tailor and strengthen job application materials.
- Interview prep
- Access to jobs on our Job Board and referrals to employers.
- Information on using the 55-a program for City government jobs.
- Guidance on disclosure and reasonable accommodation
- Referrals to resources including financial counseling, assistive technology assessments, SSI & SSDI Benefits Counseling, other resources
- Retention support
- Invitations to specialized recruitments & hiring events.

Voluntary and Self-Driven

- Participation in NYC: ATWORK is voluntary, and more importantly, self-driven
- We offer guidance to improve hiring chances. However, it is up to you to implement our tips and proactively look for opportunities.
- Placement is not guaranteed

How to Access Our Services

- Jobseekers can gain access to the program in a few ways:

1. Find us online and complete the **Job Seeker Referral Form**
2. Jobseekers can be referred by one of our 65+ community partners.
3. Jobseekers can also come into the Brooklyn Workforce1 Center and complete a Customer Information Form to gain access to services and employment from WF1.



Why Does NAW Screen Jobseekers?

Career Advisors screen jobseekers for each position through phone, in-person, and virtual processes. We do this to ensure you are being referred to the jobs you are most qualified for

- Must meet all minimum qualifications in the job description and 75-80% of the preferred qualifications
- Resume demonstrates how their experience meets the job criteria
- Can perform the functions of the job with or without a reasonable accommodation
- Application materials are reviewed and formatted based on employer specifications

Public Sector Employers

- The 55-a program is a section of New York State Civil Service Law
- It allows municipal agencies to hire individuals with documented disabilities in competitive roles without taking an exam
- Competitive roles vary from entry-level to managerial
- We have connected jobseekers to competitive and non-competitive jobs and internships within City government agencies such as: DCWP, DOHMH, FDNY, DOF and DCAS

Private Sector Employers

- We have worked with The Frick Collection, Uniqlo, Uncommon Goods and more
- Recent roles include Retail Associate, Housekeeper, Warehouse Associate, Manufacturing Associate and News Assistant
- Pre-screened jobseekers has participated in career explorations, workshops and mock interviews with employer partners

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