Do not let your background define your future, get skills for a career with PACE.

What is PACE? Promoting Access to Credentials and Employment

PACE is a free program offered by Towards Employment for people with criminal justice involvement. It is meant to prepare and connect people for in-demand jobs by providing opportunities for living wage employment, credential training, and other educational opportunities.

PACE is focused on job industries with growing demand for skilled workers, especially in manufacturing, construction, and culinary/hospitality.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you are...

An Adult (25+)
- Previously incarcerated
- Released within 2 years of enrollment or currently under supervision
- Come from Cleveland or Cleveland suburb

A Young Person (18-24)
- Involved in juvenile or adult justice system or do not have high school diploma or GED
- Come from Cleveland or Cleveland suburb

...AND have interest in starting a career in manufacturing, construction, and culinary, or hospitality!
1. Attend orientation
   • Learn what to expect
   • Fill out the necessary paperwork

2. Meet with a case manager
   • Discuss and develop a plan of action for your career path

3. Attend career readiness training
   • Create a Personal Career Map
   • Obtain National Career Readiness Certification (NCRC)
   • Coordinate career planning with training and employer partners
   • Learn how to keep your job and advance in your career

4. Connect to a job and career
   • Learn on the job with paid work experiences and/or apprenticeships
   • Obtain industry recognized credentials
   • Get job placement assistance
   • Receive ongoing support from a career coach to help you retain employment and advance in your career

Learn more about Towards Employment
Connecting people to careers.

Towards Employment (TE) is a Cleveland-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower individuals to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency through employment.

TE helps individuals prepare for jobs, get jobs, keep jobs, and advance into a career.

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