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Brooklyn Community Services

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With more than **50 programs** across **25 sites** throughout **Brooklyn**, BCS served nearly **12,000 Brooklynites** in 2024.



2,000+ individuals accessed care from our health, housing, and homelessness programs, which provide equitable access to stable housing and essential healthcare resources. Among them, 268 individuals found stability through BCS supportive housing.

1,700+ individuals equipped with resources to connect with their community, find a job, and expand their education. At the BCS Education Center, more than 600 new Americans and immigrants enhanced their language and employment skills, with participation growing by 35% this year.

1,400+ students engaged in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) activities through after-school programs across the borough. BCS students outperformed their peers by 20% in math and 14% in reading.

700+ people living with mental illness or developmental disabilities found support through personalized services like job readiness training, social skills development, and mental health counseling. This includes 359 people with intellectual disabilities who acquired skills to secure employment and integrate into their community.



ENRICHMENT AND LEARNING FOR BROOKLYN'S FUTURE LEADERS

BROWNSVILLE

“It feels like family in our programs. We come together under one roof for one purpose: the kids,” shared Phillip Ashley, Lead Teacher at PS 284 After School.

At BCS, we run after-school programs in five elementary and three middle schools, where students are nurtured academically and creatively.

Our programs offer academic support and ignite creativity, leadership, literacy, critical thinking, and community service. Staff members are committed to meeting each child where they are and understanding how their circumstances may affect their ability to succeed in school.

“BCS helps children grow into their best versions,” added Nahshon Outten, Lead Teacher at PS 156 After School.

These after-school programs are a vital part of our Education and Youth Development Division. Our youth programs provide high-quality academic support, social-emotional learning, and enriching extracurricular activities to over 2,000 young Brooklynites annually. Whether developing future leaders, professionals, or entrepreneurs, we empower students from all walks of life to succeed academically and socially.



ENGLISH EDUCATION FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

SUNSET PARK

In Sunset Park, where over half the residents are foreign-born, BCS's Education Center is a lifeline for adults working towards their goals. For families who travel from around the world to New York, learning English is the first step to finding stable employment.

"We're providing the immigrant community with the tools they need to succeed in society and their new home," said Amani Janini, an ESL instructor at the center.

But the center's impact reaches beyond language. Students build confidence, foster relationships, and see new possibilities for themselves and their families. ESL student Yuneli Luciano shared, **"Now, I can help my son with homework and keep up conversations with customers at work."**

The BCS Education Center is just one of BCS's programs in our Families, Community Building, and Workforce Development Division. The center equips over 600 people yearly with language skills and the necessary resources to succeed. From case management to counseling, we're here to help new immigrants build lives of stability and connection, ensuring that Brooklyn is a welcoming and supportive home for everyone.



A COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN & FORT GREENE

Kim, a BCS Employment Specialist, leads 11 participants in BCS's Work Readiness Program. The program emphasizes soft skills like punctuality, respect, and appropriate workplace attire, helping participants prepare for interviews and gain practical job skills. Each month, participants engage in mock interviews, review their answers, and receive individualized coaching.

"I really like to see the adults I work with make progress and grow," said Kim. "I'm very proud of them."

Adults with developmental disabilities also thrive in the BCS Day Habilitation Program, where they develop life skills like household maintenance and healthy living and gain job experience through workshops and community volunteer opportunities.

Marquieta, a dedicated participant, continues volunteering at sites by assisting with cleaning, food preparation, and peer support.

"We get to train and volunteer in the community. We exercise, work, and learn job skills," said Marquieta. "It benefits me!"

BCS's Services for People Living with Disabilities, including Day Hab and Work Readiness, empower participants to live more independent, self-determined lives.



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MISSION

BCS partners with people to help them overcome obstacles on their pathway toward self-determination.

Since 1866, founded on the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, BCS has worked in neighborhoods impacted by systemic poverty. Today, we continue to strengthen communities by fostering the educational success of children, the leadership development of youth, the employment and housing stability of adults, the advancement of individuals living with disabilities, and the empowerment of seniors and families.

VISION

BROOKLYN FOR ALL.

BCS believes all Brooklynites should have the resources, education, opportunities, and safety they need to thrive. We envision healthy and sustainable communities, where members are engaged as leaders, neighborhoods draw from their strengths and generations flourish together.

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