



foodWorks@ Kate's Kitchen 2017

EMPOWERING PEOPLE IN NEED THROUGH HEALTHY FOOD AND JOB TRAINING

A PROGRAM OF PROVIDENCE MINISTRIES

Putting People To Work

Who we are

foodWorks@Kate's Kitchen is a twelve-week culinary job training & placement program offered to individuals with barriers to education and employment, and provides transferable life and job skills for continued employment.

Certificates Earned

- ServSafe for Managers
- ServSafe for Food Handlers
- Nutrition and Allergen Certification

Other Skill Training includes:

- Life skills: teambuilding, social interactions, personal grooming
- Resume writing
- Financial literacy skills
- Interview preparation
- Time management

Job Placement

Since 2013, we have been successfully putting people to work. Our placement rate is over 88%. In 2017, we graduated two classes of 17 students and ALL have had job offers & nine are working in the field. We have graduated 60 to-date.

Careers

This training allows those under and unemployed the opportunity to imagine a path to self-sufficiency.

Some graduates choose to pursue a career in food service.

Others graduate with a vision to run their own food service business.

Some graduates gain the skills they need to work elsewhere in the workforce. For example, one graduate has been employed at Smith & Wesson for the past two years since graduating from foodWorks.

Annual Training Dates

Classes meet daily for 12 weeks at 51 Hamilton Street in South Holyoke.

January through March

April through June

August through December

Punctuality and attendance are a priority.



Mission

Our mission at foodWorks@Kate's Kitchen is to empower, train, and provide nutritious meals to people in need.



To enroll or support foodWorks:

Providence Ministries/foodWorks
51 Hamilton Street | Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 536-9109
Contact: Ralph Webb
rwebb@provministries.org

We are an equal opportunity program.

On the job training

Curriculum

Every evening, the class prepares 25 dinners for the men in recovery at Loreto House. We also participate and prepare food for local events.

Event venues have included:

Holyoke YMCA fundraiser

The Holyoke Rotary Taste of the Valley

The CDBG City Event at City Hall

Partnering Organizations

Holyoke Credit Union

Holyoke Health

Log Cabin and Delaney House

Massachusetts Fair Housing

New England Farm Workers Council

Pioneer Valley Chefs Association

Smith College

SnapChef

Thrive@HCC



Requirements

The Client must be eighteen years old at the time of graduation.

Must be able to commit to twelve weeks, Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Should be able to read and do simple math.

Must be able to lift fifty pounds and be in general good health.

No record of arson or sex offenses.

Partnering Placement Organizations

Career Point

Log Cabin/Delaney House

Massachusetts Access to Recovery

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

SnapChef

YOU Benefit

Build your self-confidence | Build your skill set | When you improve yourself, your family benefits

Referral Agencies:

foodWorks@Kate's Kitchen program accepts referrals from the following organizations:

Career Point

Massachusetts Access to Recovery

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission

Veterans Services

Students can self-refer as well.

Community Benefits

Contribute to tax-base

Reduce unemployment

Reduce crime

Scholarship Opportunities

Original funding from the Kellogg Foundation and Sisters of Providence made this program possible. The Davis Foundation has signed on with educational support. We rely on grant funding and public support to make this program sustainable. Please consider these levels of support:

Full scholarship \$2,500.00

Six-week scholarship \$1,225.00

Three-week scholarship \$ 600.00

Books and materials \$ 500.00

Serv-safe test book/ exam \$ 200.00

Transportation -Bus pass \$ 150.00

Meet our Instructors

Ralph B. Webb, *Executive Chef Educator*
Certified Executive Chef, Certified Culinary Educator, Fellow of the American Academy of Chefs

Dalton Clarke, *Culinary Arts Instructor*
Culinary Arts Certificate, HCC

