Katie Townsend, our Job Coach, explains to the class how to set up weekly appointments at the office.

“CEO participants stand out in the interview particularly because of their willingness to work. They are so eager to get back on their feet and provide for their families” - Elizabeth Marek, Human Resource Specialist at Multisorb Technologies. Partnered with CEO since 2011.

**ORIENTATION**

Every month, our office receives about twenty-five new referrals. Before participants can begin working one-on-one with their assigned Job Developer or Coach, they must complete a four-day Life Skills Education (LSE) course. After completing preliminary intake paperwork, the class learns more about each other, CEO’s “Principles of Success” and the importance of setting and achieving goals.
Habitat for Humanity

Site Supervisor: Irwin Smith

Habitat for Humanity is an international non-profit organization that works to build safe, green, affordable homes for low-income families across the globe. In collaboration with Habitat for Humanity and People United for Sustainable Housing (PUSH Buffalo), this work crew has built numerous sustainable homes for families across the City of Buffalo. Many start with limited experience but finish with marketable residential construction skills and a sense of pride.
Rachel, Job Developer and Katie, Job Coach visit the West Side to take a look at the solar panels on a recently built home by CEOs on our Habitat for Humanity transitional work crew.
Katie, Job Coach, stands with a class of new graduates from the Life Skills Education course.

Since opening our doors in 2009, we have worked with over 960 Buffalonians to find employment.

OUTCOMES

CEO remains committed to providing quick and reliable employment search assistance to those with criminal histories. After just five short years, $4 million in total earnings have been generated and reinvested back into the Buffalo community. CEO Buffalo has helped almost 1000 formerly incarcerated workers to become “job start ready”.
Rachel Hargett, age 42, is originally from South Carolina and joined the CEO program in 2011. Due to her hard work and dedication, she was able to find employment with Lite Labs as an assembly worker, a job in which remained for almost three years. For a brief period, Rachel moved back to the South but soon returned to Western New York, ready and willing to reenter the Buffalo workforce. Almost everyday of the week, Rachel could be found in our computer lab actively searching for and applying to jobs. If you ask Rachel, she is most proud of her change thinking and living and now makes a conscious effort to make positive, worthwhile decisions.

“What you do today will affect you tomorrow. Think before you make decisions because it affects your future. “-Rachel Hargett
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Do 

remove hat, 

large 

earrings, 

chains, etc.
Do give a firm handshake
Do ask questions
Don’t be too honest*
“I don’t have a weakness”