

## Consider joining these GSW partners

- Center for Community Alternatives
- Children's Consortium
- Hiscock Legal Aid Society
- Legal Aid Society of Mid NY
- Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES
- Southwest Community Center
- Spanish Action League
- Syracuse Housing Authority
- Westcott Community Center

*Is your organization interested  
in becoming a GSW member?  
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GREATER SYRACUSE WORKS



**Working together for a  
better community**

*A community partnership of  
non-profit community-based organiza-  
tions, educational institutions, govern-  
mental agencies, businesses, and  
community residents.*

**Greater Syracuse Works (GSW)** was founded in 1997, and is a collaborative association of community organizations and agencies involved in employment & training activities with persons who are disadvantaged. GSW activities include:

- Focusing on community policy and practices that will improve the lives of Syracuse area residents.
- Developing opportunities to link member organizations with new or emerging employment services initiatives.
- Managing projects that provide the highest quality outcomes for individuals served through its member agencies and linking with other community entities to ensure a seamless service delivery system.

## **GSW projects include...**

### ***The Parent Success Initiative (PSI)***

PSI is funded by the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability assistance as one of several statewide pilot projects through OTDA's Responsible Fatherhood Initiative. PSI assists non-custodial parents to find and keep employment or improve their employment situation and improve their parenting skills in order to increase child support payments and improve their relationship with their kids. Services are provided through contacts with community based non profit agencies, with OCM BOCES as the lead agency. PSI was originally operated from 2000—2004 through a USDOL Welfare to Work grant.

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### ***SHA Works***

Through a contract with the Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA), GSW operates SHA Works. SHA Works provides long-to-short term employment case management services to assist Syracuse Housing Authority residents find employment and/or advance in their current employment. Services include: job readiness, job placement/retention, training, family & life skills, civic restoration and financial planning. SHA Works is funded by a HUD ROSS grant.

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### ***Employment Readiness Class***

Through a contract with the Center for Community Alternatives (CCA), GSW has developed a 20 hour soft skills curriculum to prepare participants in CCA's Reintegration and Empowering A Life (REAL) program, to successfully obtain the National Work Readiness Credential (NWRC). The classes focus on improving communication, listening, and conflict management skills. REAL is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. It was developed by CCA in collaboration with Crouse Chemical Dependency Treatment Services, GSW and On Point for College. REAL offers relapse prevention counseling & treatment referrals, employment services, educational support and civic restoration assistance.

## **GSW offers:**

**Access to qualified workers trained through member organizations**

**Opportunities to shape community policies and activities**

**Input into a forum formally recognized throughout the greater Syracuse area**

## **Please Join Us!**

- Become a GSW member.
- Serve on a committee of interest
- Invite us to present to your staff and administration
- Tell us about your needs—give us information about your community
- Share job orders and requirements with us so we can serve you better
- Work on collaborative projects