



Human Resources Administration
Department of Social Services
Robert Doar, Commissioner

HRA Hosts Spring 2011 Job Fair

On Tuesday, April 12, the Agency hosted its annual Spring Job Fair, which brought 105 New York City employers and over 3,000 job seekers to the Jacob Javits Center in Midtown Manhattan. This year's theme was "Drive to Success."

"HRA is proud to run employment focused programs that are a key component of the agency's work first strategy leading to a low cash assistance caseload and thousands of job placements, even during tough times," said Commissioner Robert Doar. "Our job fairs are unique opportunities to reaffirm our commitment to help those New Yorkers who are the most vulnerable and connect them directly with our strong partners in the New York City business and non-profit communities."



An HRA Business Link representative greets a fair attendee



An attendee speaks with representatives from Non-Traditional Employment for Women

HRA's Employment Services, a Division of the Family Independence Administration (FIA), used a sector-based approach to job development for this year's fair. Employment Services matched HRA clients with employment in high-growth industries such as home health care, technology, security, retail, transportation, food services and tourism. Some of the private and public employers attending the fair included Greater New York Home Care, Filene's Basement, Harlem's Children Zone, Time Warner, Access Healthcare Services, AT&T, Brightside Academy, FedEx Ground, Sovereign Bank, US Security and the US Customs and Border Protection Department.

In addition to applying for jobs, the job fair presented an opportunity for HRA clients to learn about work support programs like Food Stamps, which can help them make ends meet while they find employment and begin working toward self-sufficiency. The fair also featured presentations for New York City employers on benefits like tax rebates and wage subsidies they can receive by hiring HRA clients given by Employment Services' Business Link, which works to connect local businesses in need of employees with qualified HRA candidates.