

# REFORM

## EDGECOMBE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

### BACKGROUND



In 2021, when the Less is More legislation passed, over half of individuals released from prison in New York City were paroled to shelters. These shelters often face bed shortages, increasing the risk of unemployment, victimization, and recidivism for this population. Formerly incarcerated people are nearly **10 times more likely** to experience homelessness compared to the general public, due to discrimination and systemic barriers. In major cities, **30 and 50%** of parolees face homelessness.

As the Less is More legislation takes effect, fewer New Yorkers are subject to revocations for technical violations, allowing more people to return and remain in their communities. This progress highlights the critical need for stable, affordable housing for the thousands no longer trapped in the parole-to-prison cycle. Housing is a fundamental need that allows individuals to address other essential areas like employment, benefits, and treatment. To address this need, the **Edgecombe Transitional Housing pilot program** launched in 2022.

### About the Program

Edgecombe Transitional Housing provides a stable and supportive environment for individuals transitioning from incarceration back into society. In partnership with Odyssey House and the New York Department of Community and Corrections, Edgecombe offers comprehensive services, including housing, job training, life skills development, and support services.

### Restaurant Ready Training

To enhance residents' job readiness, Edgecombe has partnered with the National Restaurant Association to offer the Restaurant Ready training program. This six-week course equips participants with industry-recognized skills and certifications, preparing them for successful careers in the hospitality sector. Upon completion, residents participate in job fairs to connect with potential employers.

### Edgecombe Residents

Edgecombe residents are individuals eager to turn their lives around and become productive members of society. Despite facing challenges like limited employment opportunities and housing instability, they possess a strong desire to succeed. By providing stable housing and comprehensive support, Edgecombe empowers residents to overcome obstacles and achieve their full potential.

### Partner with Us

Your company can make a significant difference by partnering with Edgecombe Transitional Housing. By offering employment opportunities, you provide residents with the chance to build a sustainable future while contributing to your companies/organization's success. We invite you to participate in our job fairs or explore internship programs to discover the talent and potential of our residents.

Along with employment support, partners can also provide assistance in the following ways:

- Hygiene Products
- NY Metro Cards
- Undergarments
- Laptops
- Professional Attire

