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This report, published by MDRC, presents the final results of an evaluation of the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO), a New York City-based employment program for formerly incarcerated people. A [Vera spin-off](#), CEO provides temporary jobs and other services to improve participants prospects in the labor market and reduce the odds that they will return to prison. Staff from Veras Cost Benefit Analysis Unit prepared the cost-benefit analysis presented in Chapter Four. Veras analysis showed that CEOs financial benefits for taxpayers, victims, and participants outweigh its costs under a wide range of assumptions. The study found that most of the programs benefits resulted from reduced criminal justice system expenditures, generating an estimated \$1.26 to \$3.85 in benefits per \$1.00 of cost.

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