

ACES Launch First Celebration: A Chance for Entrepreneurial Success



Pictured from left to right: Donovan Beckford, Westchester Workforce Investment Office; Robbin Finney-Granston, RSFG Consulting Group; Hector Santiago, Ivan Castro, Bubbles By The Pier; Wiley Harrison, MWBE Connect, Inc.; Norman Gary, Legal Eagle; Winston Ross, Executive Director of WestCop; Eileen Mildenerger, Director of Westchester County Economic Development (who both are a part of the Workforce Investment Board); Cecily Robinson, Round About Transportation and Celerina Uy, Triple Cuisine Catering.



ACES (A Chance for Entrepreneurial Success) had its first launch celebration on June 3rd. ACES is a twelve month micro enterprise program created to train, guide and support the hard-to-employ, long term unemployed or public assistance recipient to create employment through microenterprise. The launch celebration is the result of hard work involving research, presentations, competitive analysis, break-even analysis, cost analysis and business plan preparation and competition performed by individuals who completed the six week classroom training. The classroom training is followed by nine months of mentoring, workshops, networking and Master Mind group work. ACES offers customized assistance toward the launch and establishment of the micro enterprise.

ACES is a collaborative project between RSFG Consulting Group and MWBE Connect Inc. When the concept was shared with Rosa Boone, Deputy Director of Department of Social Services, she immediately saw the vision. Ongoing conversations with Kevin McQuire, Commissioner of Department of Social Services and Donnavon Beckford, executive director of the Westchester County Workforce