

Who are we?

Founded in 1980, Urban Resource Institute (URI) transforms the lives of domestic violence survivors and homeless families through safe shelter and programs that are comprehensive, innovative, client-centered, and trauma-informed. URI has grown to be the largest provider in the US of residential services for domestic violence survivors.

Where do we work?

URI provides shelter for 2,200 adults and children each night in 22 sites, including 9 groundbreaking People & Animals Living Safely (PALS) sites that allow co-living of people and pets:



- **Brooklyn**
10 sites (4 PALS)
- **Bronx**
5 sites (2 PALS)
- **Manhattan**
6 sites (2 PALS)
- **Queens**
1 site (PALS)

URI Mission

To empower individuals, families, and communities, especially communities of color and vulnerable populations, to break cycles of violence, homelessness, poverty, and trauma by increasing safety and resiliency.

URI works to:

- Reduce barriers to safety and healing
- End intergenerational cycles of poverty and violence
- Empower individuals to build safe, stable, and thriving lives and communities
- Drive sustainable, systemic change



The issues

Domestic violence, homelessness, and economic instability are intersecting issues:

- 98% of domestic violence cases include economic abuse
- Survivors report that financial dependence is a barrier to fleeing to safety and a main reason survivors return to their abusers
- A multitude of factors can drive a family to become unhoused, with domestic violence the single largest cause of homelessness for families
- Financial independence and economic security are critical to building a stable future

“URI was a grounding place for my life... I utilized all the tools and resources they’ve given me.”

— Obina, former client

“URI has been a very, very major impact in my life... I became the somebody I should have been years ago.”

—Christine, former client

URI Economic Empowerment Program

The EEP is an individualized, trauma-informed program that provides URI clients with training, tools, resources—and the confidence—to transform their lives through pathways to economic stability and financial freedom. There is a focus on living wage jobs and jobs of the future, with a portfolio of services delivered remotely and at the Economic Empowerment Center in midtown Manhattan.

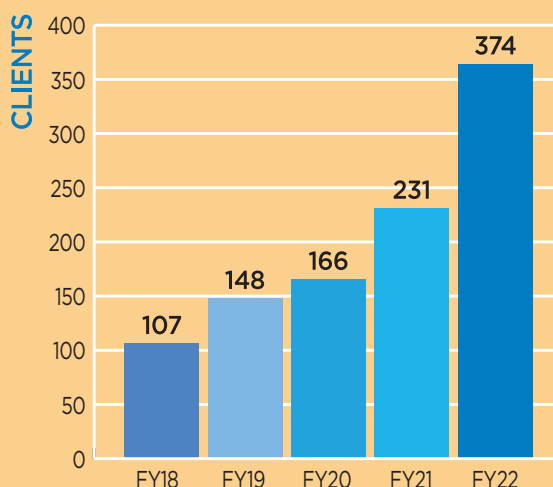
URI EEP Services:

- Job readiness
- Workshops
- Internships
- Financial education
- Credit repair support

Who do we serve?

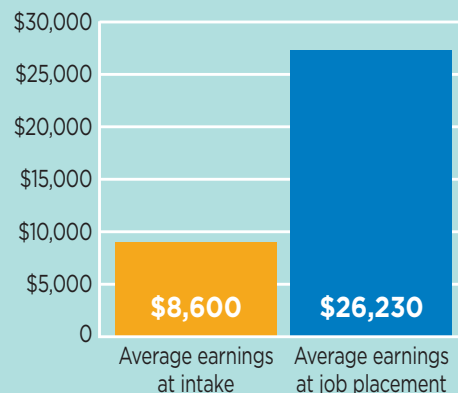
URI has tripled the number of adult clients served since the EEP launched in 2018. However, the demand for services outpaces resources.

Economic Empowerment Clients
2018–2022



Client Earnings

Clients placed in jobs **increased wages an average of 350%** (placing 80% of clients above federal poverty line).



Client Demographics

- 100%** homeless at intake
- 99%** in poverty
- 99%** persons of color
- 88%** women
- 77%** high school education or above
- 29** average age (range 13–54)
- 16%** undocumented

“URI gave me the courage and advice on what to do... I got the job!”

— Kerry,
former client

Introducing new Fab Lab:

In 2022, URI launched the Fabrication Lab (Fab Lab), an incubator of innovation, creativity and state-of-the-art high-tech training for adult and youth clients, including computer aided design and fabrication, electronics, robotics, film making, and more.

URI has the only Fab Lab serving individuals in shelter, helping break generational cycles of poverty.



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