Who We Are

We believe that people living with mental or emotional health challenges deserve equal access to educational opportunities as well as access to the resources they need in order to reach their educational goals. We believe that access to these opportunities will empower individuals to lead independent and fulfilling lives, both financially and personally.

We are a trauma-informed program, which recognizes the widespread impact of trauma and seeks to resist re-traumatization by practicing transparency, sensitivity, and ensuring that each participant has voice and choice in every aspect of service.

Community Links counselors and management is made up of people with lived experience who have survived and thrived through their own mental health and education experiences, and use this shared experience to inform their work and connect with students.

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Community Links
Empowerment Through Education

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Our Mission

Community Links is a **Supported Education** (SED) service which assists individuals living with mental health conditions in pursuing educational goals and successfully completing **TASC/GED, college, certification, licensing, or vocational degrees**. Community Links supports participants in realizing their full potential through educational achievements which promote independence and improve long-term work opportunities.

Community Links Supports Individuals who are ...

18 years or older; living in NYC; and live with a mental health condition.

What We Offer

- **Career planning** including vocational assessment, career exploration, **Educational Goal Plan Planning**, school selection, course selection, support, and counseling

- **Academic survival skills** development including information about college and training programs, disability rights and resources, **school readiness development**, tutoring and mentoring services, time and stress management, and social supports

- **Direct assistance** including help with enrollment, **TASC/GED programs, financial aid, education debt, and alternative funding**

- **Outreach** including contact with campus resources, disability services, wellness supports, and other agencies such as vocational supports

- **Systems Advocacy** to challenge stigma and discrimination through raising awareness about disability rights and advocating for students experiencing discrimination in education settings

Our Approach

Community Links follows the “**choose-get-keep**” model which helps participants make **choices** about their path for education and training, get the right opportunities and resources, and keep their status as students until they achieve their goals.

We support students in using and developing their innate talents and abilities and help students **build new skills and connect** to needed resources.

Our services are **mobile, flexible and tailored** to each individual’s need and based on the person’s own desires and choices.