

CWEE

CENTER FOR WORK EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING SINCE 1982

Mission

“CWEE fosters personal and professional transformation for low-income single parent families through confidence building, customized skills training, and career advancement.”

“CWEE is leading Colorado in overcoming the constraints and disparities of poverty, cultivating self-supporting families, and optimizing collaborative partnerships.”

Vision



Alazia at CWEE's Luncheon, 2015

Alazia is a 25 year old single mother of two young daughters. She came to CWEE after a difficult separation from her youngest daughter's father. Alazia was working a demanding schedule and was unable to afford childcare, transportation and housing after her separation. Alazia was attending community college, working part-time at Catholic Charities and attending CWEE's classes. She was determined to lift her family out of poverty and become self-sufficient. CWEE assisted her with resources to get back on her feet. She completed all requirements and was a very positive role model to other participants. In her time with Catholic Charities, she shined and was promoted to Human Resources Administrative Assistant. Alazia is now working full-time. Alazia won CWEE's 2015 Outstanding Alumna Award at the Annual Luncheon for excelling in CWEE's program. In her acceptance speech, she said, *“There is no way I would be where I am now if it wasn't for CWEE's help and support. As a single parent, there are days when I truly struggle, but this award means the world to me because it means I'm on the right path.”*

Issue

Single Mothers with children account for **10.7%** of families in Colorado, but are **42%** of all families in poverty. (State of

Working Colorado, 2015)

Impact

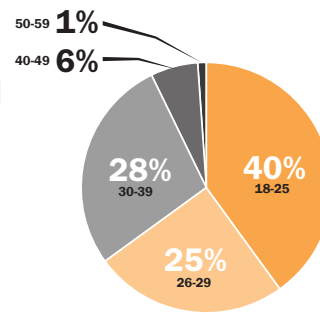
Annually, CWEE helps nearly **300** single parents gain employment; resulting in an estimated **\$6 million** in wages that are invested back into the Denver Metro economy.

CWEE has assisted more than **13,000** single parents lift their families out of poverty.

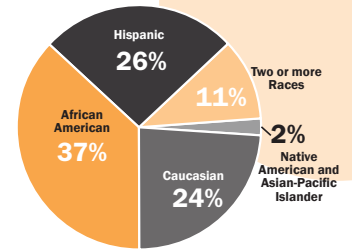
FY15 Success

- CWEE served **616** participants, more than twice the number that were served last year
- CWEE experienced a **62%** increase in the number of individuals who gained employment from last year
- CWEE's average starting wage for full-time employment was **\$11.36**

Age of Participants

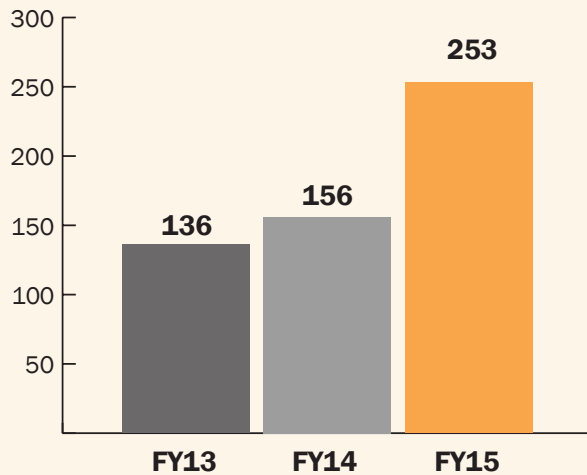


Ethnicity of Participants



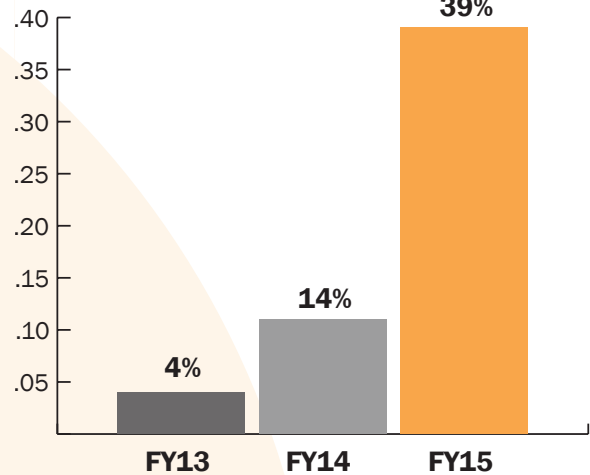
Job Placement

Number of participants who gained employment



Job Retention

Over 12 Months



CWEE Program

Participants attend CWEE's program 30 hours a week for an average of three to six months. As they progress through the three core program phases, they learn both the soft skills and the credential-backed technical skills they need to obtain and maintain long-term employment. Intensive case management support and resources help participants overcome barriers to success, while they progress along their education or employment pathway.

CWEE Program Map



Center for Work Education and Employment was established in 1982 as the first program in Colorado dedicated to helping low-income women gain employment as means to transition off of public assistance.