



**Barriers to Employment**

- 100% Chronically Ill
- 31% Disabled (SSI/SSDI)
- 91% Mental Illness
- 63% Substance Use
- 43% GED or Less
- 37% Felonies

**\$700/mo.**

Average Household  
Income at **INTAKE**

**\$1,598/mo.**

Average Household  
Income at **EXIT**

**31%**

Working and/or  
in school at **INTAKE**

**57%**

Working and/or in school within  
**FIRST 6 MONTHS OF ENTRY**

**51%**

**Employment Rate**

[National Average for  
People with Disabilities: 32%. An Office of  
Disability Employment Policy statistic.]

**50%**

**Job Retention Rate**  
[At least 6 months in job]

**31%**

**Increased Education  
Status** while in Gaining  
Ground

**\$10.39/hr.**

**Average Hourly Wage**  
[Minimum Wage \$8.25]

**“The program has provided me with the stability I need to better my situation... I finally have the stability I need to keep this job and I hope to stay long enough to become a manager.”**

*- Participant of the Gaining Ground Program*

**Industries of Employment:**

Food Service

Security

Maintenance

Retail

Health Care

Transportation

Social Services

Customer Service

Construction

Office Management

Salon Services

Child Care

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