Greyston Early Learning Center
Open Hiring™ requires childcare—so parents can work to support their families.

By providing a safe, stimulating, nurturing and educational environment, the Early Learning Center (ELC) enables parents of very young children to seek employment and keep a job. The ELC coaches and supports parents as they strive to balance getting ahead in their own lives with providing for their children during their most vulnerable and important early years. To help children prepare for school, the ELC uses the Creative Curriculum, aligned with New York State’s pre-kindergarten guidelines and Common Core standards. To accommodate the schedules of working parents, the ELC also offers after-school homework and recreational programs. Since 1991, the ELC has served over 2,000 children, helping launch them on pathways to becoming healthy, secure, and responsible members of our community.

The Open Hiring™ Model supports families by giving kids a chance to be kids—and parents a chance to work.

Greyston Workforce Development
Open Hiring™ is not just a job but a pathway.

Greyston Workforce Development provides skills training, career counselling, and job placement as well as job retention services for people who are often excluded. Courses are designed to be responsive to the current needs of employers in the local community and thus change from time to time. Current offerings include building maintenance, culinary and pastry arts, and security guard training. Program graduates receive certifications required by employers—such as ServSafe licensing in the food sector. Greyston Workforce Development offers soft skills coaching, resume preparation, and interview practice sessions. Operating since 2009, Greyston Workforce Development has trained over 500 people and placed more than 300 with local companies, agencies, and organizations.

The Open Hiring™ Model provides job training and life skills, supporting Open Hiring™ employees as well as all members of our community.
Greyston Community Gardens
Open Hiring™ supports parks, gardens, and healthy eating.

A community center without walls, Greyston Community Gardens manages ten patches of relaxing, safe, and productive green space in a dense urban environment, nurturing a healthy and sustainable community. Offering community based environmental education, running the Enviro-Earth Club, and creating special community projects, Greyston Community Gardens supports the overall Greyston mission: creating thriving communities. Cultivating an ethos of personal responsibility, community participation, and mutual respect, Greyston Community Gardens harvest and share over 14 tons of fresh produce annually. Since 1995, the program engages nearly 1,000 local citizens annually.

The Open Hiring™ Model creates opportunities, teaches skills, encourages healthy living, and builds community.

Greyston Housing & Issan House
Open Hiring™ employees need affordable housing

Access to safe and affordable housing is critical for members of often excluded populations and vulnerable people who are working hard to get and keep jobs. In the mid-1980s, Greyston pioneered the concept of affordable permanent housing for homeless individuals, combined with on-site tenant services. As the revitalization of our Yonkers community progresses, Greyston continues to provide low and moderate-income families with opportunities to remain in the community. Over the past 30 years, Greyston's housing portfolio has expanded to over 200 units of workforce, low-income, and permanent housing.

Issan House is our 35-unit supportive care housing facility for formerly homeless people living with HIV/AIDS, 95% of whom have also been diagnosed with mental illness and drug/alcohol addiction. Issan is the only facility of its kind in Westchester County. Each year, 40 to 50 tenants are provided with an array of specialized services that include wraparound case management, counseling, benefits assistance, life skills training, advocacy, appointment escorts, referrals to other services, and three nutritious meals daily. Individuals in Issan House have a permanent home and access to ongoing services while striving toward personal self-sufficiency.

Open Hiring™ generates community housing and economic development.

To learn more about Greyston’s community programs, Greyston Bakery, or the Center for Open Hiring™ at Greyston please visit us at www.greyston.org or contact Patrick James, patrickj@greyston.org.