Employment is, for most, a prerequisite to escaping homelessness. And yet, for people who are homeless, the prospects for work are often dim: the individuals we serve compete for jobs in markets that are already saturated, and they do it in the context of complex barriers — survival, safety, stigma — that people who are housed simply do not face. It is nothing short of a tragedy: all too often, the population of people experiencing homelessness — a group that is rich with talent, ambition and potential — is deprived of the opportunity to contribute to our community.

The Hand Up program empowers jobseekers who are homeless or near homeless to find and maintain employment. We offer one-on-one employment support, operate a Career Closet, and partner with businesses that hire our participants (or support our participants in other ways).

Thank you,

Hand-Up Staff
Homeward Alliance

Since 2012, Hand Up has helped secure more than 1,000 jobs!
Hiring Partners

- 5280 Staffing
- A Place for Grace Boutique
- Arc Thrift Stores
- Bobo’s Bars
- Comcast
- Discount Tire Store
- Eco-Thrift
- Employment Solutions
- Green CO2 Systems
- Hilton Fort Collins
- Home Instead
- Horner Painting
- Houska Automotive
- Kelly Services
- Let it Shine
- Lindgren Landscape
- MTS Mobile Staffing
- NextJob
- Nesheim’s Cleaning Services
- Oliver’s All-in-One Landscaping
- PeopleReady
- Qualfon
- Recycled Cycles
- Restaurant Group
- Robert Half
- Snelling Staffing
- Valley Steel & Wire Company
- Waffle House

Program Overview

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How We Can Help

The program offers the opportunity for referred participants to access the following services and resources:

- Case management (goal setting, problem solving, resource connections, and more)
- Job search training
- Resume building
- Job Club with NextJob
- Employer connections
- Interview preparedness
- Career “Gear” Closet
- Colorado ID, Driver’s License & Birth Certificate Vouchers
- Transportation assistance
- Virtual workshops and career counseling with Larimer County Workforce Center
- Customized support for each individual’s circumstances

To Qualify

You must be an individual who is homeless or at severe risk of becoming homeless AND:

- Working with the Hand Up program, another agency/case manager, staffing company, or other entity that can verify that you are working towards gaining employment.

NOTE: If you need assistance with interview or work clothing, we can provide assistance on a case-by-case basis even if you don’t have a voucher or letter of verification.