The Mission of the School of Professional and Community Development (SPCD) is to support life-long learning and provide caring environments to enrich the academic, social and professional development of youth and adults. We provide opportunities for community residents to improve the skills needed for new career opportunities, enhance the skills that lead to promotional opportunities, improve their basic skills in preparation for higher education and explore cultural and artistic workshops that enhance personal development. SPCD responds to the needs of the community through four divisions: Academy for Youth, Academy for Career Pathways, Adult and Continuing Education and Research and Advocacy Centers.

Both children and adults can find activities through the SPCD that pertain to their interests. We continue to work on expanding our programs to enhance the experiences of participants. For many, these programs and services are the next great step in the journey through life.
The Academy for Youth includes a host of programs and services to meet the cultural and academic needs of children in kindergarten through 12th grade. They are:

- Young Adult Borough Center/Learning to Work
- Upward Bound Program
- The After School Corporation (TASC)
- Science, Math & Robotics Program (SMRP/STEP)
- Science & Technology Entry Program (STEP)
- Prep for Success
- Liberty Partnerships Program (LPP)
- Educational Talent Search Program (ETSP)
- College Opportunity to Prepare for Employment (COPE)
- Bridge to Education, Training & Advancement (BETA)
- Preparatory Program for under-prepared students
- Prep for Success
- Science & Technology Entry Program (STEP)
- Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
- The After School Corporation (TASC)
- Upward Bound Program
- Young Adult Borough Center/Learning to Work (YABC)

The Academy for Career Pathways assists displaced, untrained, or under-trained workers and community residents in re-entering the job market or obtaining a college degree. The Academy works closely with businesses to ensure that the training provided meets workforce standards and that trainees are prepared to be exceptional employees.

The Bridge to Education, Training & Advancement (BETA) is an innovative educational and workforce development partnership between Medgar Evers College and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). It was established to help out-of-school youth between the ages of 16-21 prepare for the workforce by providing occupational skills training in Graphic Design, General Equivalency Diploma test preparation and paid internships.

The College Opportunity to Prepare for Employment (COPE) program is designed to assist current or former Medgar Evers College students or applicants; individuals receiving and/or applying for public assistance cash benefits; receiving food stamps; and pursuing a vocational degree.

POISED for Success (Perfect Opportunity for Individual Skills and Educational Development) is an exciting program sponsored by the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) and The City University of New York (CUNY). It is specifically designed for women who are recipients of family assistance benefits, are between three and six months pregnant or have a child under three years of age. GED preparation and job training skills are provided.

The Welfare to Careers project works to influence welfare policy by demonstrating, through a replicable model, that a career-focused Bachelor’s degree with comprehensive support services will enable low-income, under-served people to achieve economic self-sufficiency.

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- Black Male Initiative (BMI)
- Young Male Initiative (YMI)
- CUNY Workforce Development Initiative (WDI)
- CUNY Start

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CUNY Start is a low-cost ($15) semester-long program for CUNY students who may be required to take development courses in at least writing and math. Students begin their academic careers stronger in college by improving their reading, writing, and/or math skills and reducing the amount of time they have to spend in required remedial “catch-up” classes. For more information, visit www.cuny.edu/cunystart.

The Adult Literacy and GED Program has been serving the communities of Central Brooklyn with outstanding programs for more than 20 years and pursuing our passion of nurturing students in a student-centered environment. Services provided by the Adult Literacy Program include English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), and High School Equivalency (GED).