

WSJC



ADVOCACY and PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Advocates and creates awareness of public policy issues related to employment for WSJC target population.

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Accomplishments 2013

1. Continued outreach communication with DuPage legislators regarding relevant issues, including raising the minimum wage and restoration of SNAP funding.
2. Linked WSJC initiatives to economic development issues in order to gain interest from more conservative legislators.
3. Participated in the Chicago Jobs Council Flash Advocacy meeting to communicate through video and print messages regarding the importance of funding for workforce development programs.
4. Contacted federal legislators to promote passage of WIA reauthorization.
5. Attended CJC Board meetings and Frontline monthly meetings to understand and participate in state-wide initiatives.
6. Began activities as member of 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Committee to develop and action plan including employer outreach, accessing funds, and developing tangible goals.

Goals 2014

1. Promote increase of the minimum wage and reinstating long term UE benefits.
2. Continue acting as fiscal agent for Care for Cars and promote Ventra
3. Promote funding for the 21st Century Workforce Development Fund Committee to provide more flexible workforce development opportunities, statewide for low income job seekers and employees.
4. Identify legislators that are supporters or potential supporters of our issues.
5. Promote support and funding for pre-bridge and bridge programs, as well as transitional jobs programs that include "best practice" components, including mentoring, interest assessments, cohort training, flexible or block scheduling, wrap around services, on and off ramps, and aggressive job placement.