



## WSJC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Expansion from 12 agencies to 38 agencies** that assist low income job seekers within DuPage County
- Annual membership surveys indicating **high satisfaction for the value of WSJC membership** providing networking, advocacy and professional development activities.
- An **all-volunteer organization**, providing bi-monthly member meetings, full and half day workshops, up to date on-line communication, and professional development opportunities for both new and experienced job coaches.
- An **active email distribution list** for members, sharing hundreds of job leads and agency information.
- Over **sixty professional development sessions** for job coaches focusing on client needs and advocacy issues related to special populations including the homeless, immigrants, ex-offenders and victims of domestic violence; as well as topics on affordable housing, childcare, and transportation, dealing with job search depression, and generational poverty.
- **Annual employer panel discussions** from retail, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, and business service sectors.
- Ongoing **member networking opportunities** including round table discussions, agency spotlights, and member agency site visits.
- Development of electronic and hard copies of **job search tool kits** for clients including, *Your First Ninety Days* for job retention, *Employment Strategies for Special Populations*, *Get Hired Not Fired!*, and *Cultural Barriers to Interviewing*.
- **Strong partnership with the Chicago Jobs Council** to provide advocacy for low income job seekers through both state and federal programs.
- An **affordable agency membership fee** that has provided support for member meetings and special events such as Employer Appreciation and Lunch & Learn sessions, as well as, access to Chicago Jobs Council's highly regarded Frontline Institute workshops.