



# Announcements

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## Oppose Stricter Time Limits to SNAP!

Leaders in Washington have proposed federal regulatory changes that would expand work requirements for people benefiting from SNAP. But here's the deal: work requirements take food away from hungry people. They don't magically transport people to work. And they don't sustain people while they learn a new skill or look for a job.

In Illinois, these rule changes would newly subject an estimated 344,000 people to strict work requirements, putting them at risk of losing SNAP benefits and going hungry. We know that food insecurity is often a barrier to employment and overall well-being. We also know there are not enough quality jobs or employment training services in Illinois to meet the needs of 344,000 people. The proposed regulatory changes would only further entrench barriers to employment and overwhelm an already underfunded workforce development system in Illinois.

Stay tuned for further ways to speak out against this dangerous proposal. In the meantime, you can already [submit a comment today](#) to oppose the expansion of harmful work requirements for SNAP beneficiaries.

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## Join Us for Upcoming Workforce 360 Meeting: Career Pathways

Join the Jobs Council for our first Workforce 360 meeting of 2019! January's topic revolves around the "newly" established career pathway definitions and the way these definitions are manifesting themselves on the ground and in practice with practitioners and participants. Check out the [Career Foundations Story](#) to learn more about how the Jobs Council and partners collaborate around building career pathways in the past, present, and future!

**When:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 8:30-11:00 am

**Where:** ICNC, 320 N. Damen Ave., Chicago, IL 60612

[Register Here!](#)

## Ready to Vote for Racial Equity? [Vote NOW!](#)

Chicago has a deep history of racism. What should our next elected leaders do about it? Chicago United for Equity (CUE) has launched their [ChicagoForAll](#) website to collect votes on the top racial equity priorities for Chicago. Vote on the racial justice issues that matter most to you and help set the agenda for the next political leaders of our city. Top voted issues will be sent to candidates. [Voting](#) is open now through January 31st, 2019.

## New Year, Brand New FFTI Training! "Making Employment Accessible for All"

Job seekers with disabilities often struggle with multiple barriers to finding employment. Through this training, learn to recognize the internal and external barriers your participants face, connect them to vital resources, and better support them in securing a quality job. [Find more details and register here!](#)

## Check Out Our New Apprenticeship [Webpage!](#)

With the support of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Chicago Jobs Council and [Young Invincibles](#) are leading a series of Apprenticeship 101 Workshops all across the state of Illinois. Our new webpage provides details on upcoming workshops and will provide resources for those interested in exploring the apprenticeship model in Illinois. [Check out the webpage here!](#)

## Upcoming Free OAI Environmental Career Worker Training Program

One of Opportunity Advancement Innovation (OAI, Inc)'s core programs, Environmental Careers Worker Training (ECWT), offers hands-on, entry-level preparation for careers in environmental remediation, construction, hazardous waste handling, restoration, and related industries. Job placement assistance is also provided. The 12 week training is Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm with free lunch and transportation assistance provided. Call 312-528-3518 for more details and to sign your clients up for orientation. Must have high school diploma or GED.

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CJC moves people out of poverty through employment using on-the-ground expertise, advocacy, and capacity building. Since its establishment in 1981, CJC's membership has grown to include over 100 organizations and individuals who work together to influence the development and reform of public policies and programs designed to move people into the workforce.

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