



## Announcements

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### **"Damage Done" Report Highlights Lasting Harm of Budget Fight**

Voices for Illinois Children and a coalition of other partners released the latest report on the devastating impacts of the budget crisis, reporting: "Illinois' most vulnerable residents, including low-income women of color and their children, continue to bear the burden of the state's two-year impasse, which delayed payment of contracts to social service providers and resulted in significant cuts in staff and services that cannot be quickly replaced." Read the full report [here](#).

### **Ventra Offers Online Bulk Ticket Purchases**

Have you heard? After years of paper forms, snail mail, and long wait times, CTA now offers bulk Ventra orders online! You can register your organization to purchase in bulk on the Ventra website [here](#). As always, we want to know how this process is going, so please respond to this email if you have any feedback. Finally, we've been asking for this for a long time, and now it's time to say THANK YOU! [Click here](#) to tweet a thank you to CTA, or let them know on their [Facebook](#).

### **Solar Training RFP**

The Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act is expected to drive a significant increase in solar installation in Illinois. \$3 million are available to organizations to train individuals from diverse communities to join this workforce. To learn more, or apply, [click here](#).

### **Survey: Help Heartland Support CDBG**

If you're an employment services provider funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Heartland Alliance would like to hear more about your work. Your input will influence their suggestions to providers on

implementation strategies, and to legislators on increasing CDBG funding and its capacity for employment services. Take the survey [here](#), or pass it on to someone you know who does use CDBG funding!

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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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