



## Announcements

*January 05, 2024*

## Chicago Jobs Council Updates

## Upcoming Trainings

[Preparing & Assessing for Career Readiness Virtual Training](#)

*Thursday, January 18 & 25, 2024*  
*10:00 AM - 12:00PM*

[Retention In Your Program Virtual Training](#)

*Wednesday, February 14 & 21, 2024*  
*1:00 PM - 3:00 PM*

Discover how to better support job seekers experiencing challenges identifying, matching, and developing employment and/or career goals.

Cultivate strategies to increase your program completion and placement rates.

**Engaging & Deepening Business Relationships In-Person Training**

*Tuesday, March 12, 2024*

*9:00 AM - 12:00 PM*

Learn how to focus your outreach efforts, improve your job-retention strategies, and create stronger relationships with quality employers.

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## Careers at CJC

The **Program Manager IDHS Initiatives** is a full-time, grant-funded position designed to implement and oversee the training of SNAP and other Employment & Training providers throughout Illinois. Responsibilities include project management, curriculum development, facilitation & training, and related technical assistance. The Program Manager position reports to the Director of Capacity Building. [View the full description and apply here.](#)

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## Workforce Development Ecosystem Announcements

### 2024 Poverty Summit

On January 18th, the **Shriver Center on Poverty Law** will present the **2024 Poverty Summit** with a keynote speech from Matthew Desmond, author of *Poverty, By America*. This annual Poverty Summit marks the 60th year of the War on Poverty, the national commitment that led to the formation of the Shriver Center. This one-day summit convenes leaders across all sectors to reflect on the progress we've collectively made, examine the current systems that perpetuate poverty in America, and drive toward more equitable solutions. The program agenda will include in-depth, interactive sessions, where attendees will amplify efforts happening now while identifying opportunities for future solutions. [Learn more and purchase tickets here](#) (in-person and virtual options available).

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## National Mentoring Month

January marks [National Mentoring Month](#) across the United States. The annual campaign is aimed at expanding quality mentoring opportunities to connect more of our community's youth with caring adults. [Mentors make an impact](#) by providing young people with the tools to make responsible choices, attend and engage in school, and reduce or avoid risky behavior. [Click here to learn more](#) and explore Illinois workNet resources and articles on mentoring.

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## Opportunity Works Cohort Openings

**Opportunity Works** is a paid internship program for opportunity youth (young adults who are not in school and not connected to employment) in suburban Cook County. The program aims to connect young adults to career

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pathways in high-demand, high-growth industries. The paid internships expose young adults to viable family-sustaining careers, expand their skill sets, and connect them to the training and resources they need to achieve long-term employment in sectors such as Manufacturing; Information Technology; Healthcare; Construction; and Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics. Interns are engaged in activity 30 hours per week and will earn \$15 per hour. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

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## Navigating Uncertainty in the Non-Profit Sector

Over the past year, ongoing economic volatility, inflation-driven increases in operating costs, and intense competition for talent have challenged the functional and financial well-being of social sector organizations. As leaders plan for the future, **it is imperative to reflect on the threats they face due to economic uncertainty and consider strategic pivots to remain resilient.** During this session, Hilda Polanco, Market Managing Principal of BDO Nonprofit & Grantmaker Advisory, will unpack the unique challenges that the social sector is facing. This timely conversation will include special guests Aisha Benson, INP alum and President and CEO of the Nonprofit Finance Fund, and Donna Murray-Brown, Vice President of Strategy and Development at the National Council of Nonprofits. [Learn more and register here.](#)

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## UIC Career Fairs

The University of Illinois-Chicago Business Center has several upcoming career fairs with a variety of focuses including: Accounting, Finance, Marketing and Sales, Management and HR, and Analytics and Technology. **View the [full calendar and register here](#).**

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## Job Openings

We hear about a lot of open positions. The most recent ones are below. Send yours to [jobs@cjc.net](mailto:jobs@cjc.net) with a link to the job description and pay range. (Note: only positions paying at least \$15/hour will be shared.)

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[Manufacturing Renaissance](#) | [Manufacturing Instructor](#)

[Manufacturing Renaissance](#) | [Program Coordinator](#)

[Jumphire](#) | [Case Manager \(Success Coach\)](#)

[Illinois Department of Human Services](#) | [Multiple Positions Available](#)

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### **Our Mission**

Together with community and institutional leaders, Chicago Jobs Council is re-imagining our workforce system so all people can thrive through employment.

### **Our Vision**

Our vision is to create an anti-racist workforce development system and employment equity so that everyone can realize their unique pathway out of poverty.



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