



## Announcements

*July 21, 2023*

### Construction Union Trades – Exam Preparation Course

Courses

From **July 25 to 27**, Midwest Business Consultants and the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership are hosting a **free, virtual class** to help unemployed and underemployed Illinois residents interested in joining the construction trade union. The **18-hour exam preparation course** covers careers in the skilled

trades and helps prepare participants to successfully pass a number of trade union entrance exams, including:

- Electricians
- Carpenters
- Ironworkers
- Heavy equipment operators

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

# Young Adult Power & Policy Summit

Events

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**Wednesday, July 26, 5:00 - 7:30 PM CST**

**637 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, IL 60605**

Young Invincibles's Young Adult Power & Policy Summit is an opportunity for young adults (18-34) to reflect on the impact of Illinois legislative reforms. Young Invincibles will use participant feedback to lead their 2024 legislative plans, including what systemic reforms are urgently needed in health care, higher education, and the workforce. Register [here](#).

# CTA Career Fair & Disability Pride Month Panel

Events

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**Wednesday, July 26, 12:00 PM CST**

**Zoom**

CTA's Diversity Task Force is hosting a virtual [Disability Pride Month Panel & Career Fair](#) to commemorate the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), celebrate CTA's work with the disability community, and share ways participants can join the team. Register [here](#).

# Illinois Broadband Lab Summer Webinar Series

Events

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The Illinois Broadband Lab and University Extension—in collaboration with the Illinois Office of Broadband, University of Illinois System, and the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society—will host a **webinar series on Thursdays at noon throughout July and August.**

The series will help communities and Internet service providers across the state **learn about best practices and available grant opportunities for how to increase broadband access, adoption, and application.**

Click [here](#) for more information, including webinar dates and topics and registration information.

## Upcoming Trainings

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### **Coaching Fundamentals** **Intensive Virtual Training**

*Tuesday, August 1, 8, 15, & 22*  
*1:00 PM - 4:00 PM CST*

Build your coaching values, skills, and tools, and explore how to apply them in your work with job seekers.

### **Introduction to the Workforce** **Development System**

*Wednesday, September 20*  
*10:00 AM - 11:30 AM*

Demystify what the workforce development system is: who's involved, how it operates, and more.

**Making The Right Employment  
Match In-Person Training**

*Wednesday, October 18  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST*

Discover how finding the best employment match for your job seekers leads to better retention.

**Remote Group Facilitation  
Virtual Training**

*Tuesday, November 7 & 14  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST*

Cultivate the necessary personal and professional characteristics to be an effective group facilitator.

View the full August-December 2023 Course Catalog [here](#).

# Digital Equity Capacity Kickstarter Grant

Funding

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The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the [Digital Equity Capacity Kickstart \(DECK\) program](#) is available. The DECK program provides an opportunity for community-based organizations, nonprofits, political subdivisions, public libraries, and public schools to apply for **up to \$50,000 in project-specific grant support to assist with:**

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- Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) outreach and broadband adoption;
- Digital skill building, online navigation, and use;
- Community technology centers; and
- Broadband access expansion feasibility studies.

Applications are due **by August 5 at 5:00 PM**. For more information, interested organizations can view the [recording](#) and [slides](#) from a July 6 webinar about the NOFO.

# DOE Renew America's Nonprofits Grant

Funding

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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced a first-of-its-kind investment to fund energy-efficiency improvements in the nonprofit sector. The [Renew America's Nonprofits program](#) will reduce carbon emissions, improve health and safety, and lower utilities costs at buildings owned and operated by 501(c)(3) nonprofits, allowing critical funds to be redirected to mission-focused work. **Applications are due by August 5 at 5:00 PM.**

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# CEJA NOFO Release

Funding

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The Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity released the Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the following CEJA programs:

- The [Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program](#) creates 13 regional Clean Jobs Workforce Hubs throughout the state to provide clean energy and related workforce and training opportunities to participants. **Applications are due by September 1 at 5:00 PM**
- The [Energy Transition Navigators Program](#) will provide grants to community-based providers to serve as Energy Transition Navigator Teams to recruit eligible individuals to participate in the Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program and the Illinois Climate Works Pre-apprenticeship Program. **Applications are due by August 15 at 5:00 PM**

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## Job Openings

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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.)

[Chicago Women in Trades](#) | [Director of Communications and Marketing](#)

[Greater West Town Community Development Project](#) | [Job Developer](#)

[Lloyd A. Fry Foundation](#) | [Grants and Operations Coordinator](#)

[Northwest Center](#) | [Executive Director](#)

[World Relief](#) | [After School Club Coordinator \(Part-time\)](#)

[World Relief](#) | [Children & Youth Specialist \(Aurora\)](#)

[World Relief](#) | [Children & Youth Specialist \(Carol Stream\)](#)

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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.

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## 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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