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Announcements

November 09, 2023

Chicago Jobs Council Updates

Upcoming Trainings

Youth Careers Pathways Webinar

Tuesday, December 5

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST

Learn about apprenticeships, job training programs, service year programs, military pathways, and affordable college options.

Equity-Eligible Contractors Roundtable

Monday November 20th, 2023

9:00 am CST

[Register Here](#)

As 2024 approaches, **the rollout of the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) is picking up speed.** Workforce organizations and clean energy contractors across the state eagerly await the release of the Returning Resident Clean Jobs NOFO as the end of the Clean Energy Contractor Incubator application deadline approaches. Those with extensive capacity and grant management experience are especially well-positioned amid the program announcements. On the other hand, Equity-Eligible Contractors (EECs) – a group whose success is directly linked to CEJA’s overarching goals – have reported facing barriers to applying for CEJA funding.

To promote EEC participation in CEJA programs, CJC will host a roundtable event to identify and address the needs of EECs. The session aims to boost participation in CEJA programs, share best practices, address challenges, and raise awareness of CEJA programs and their equity focus. The hybrid event will feature presentations by workforce development and clean

energy jobs insiders, as well as a Q&A session. Anyone interested is invited to attend; [learn more and register here](#).

Career Readiness Curriculum

As workforce development practitioners and educators, our primary responsibility is to build and strengthen our communities. One of the ways we do this is through providing Career Readiness training. Career Readiness can help job seekers continually build on their existing skills and attributes, thus helping them navigate the workforce arena. [Read more and download the curriculum on our new blog post](#).

CJC is Hiring

Chicago Jobs Council is hiring for the following positions:

- [Marketing & Communications Manager](#): The responsibilities of this position will include organization-wide communications and marketing, as well as support for the communications and marketing needs of the policy team and capacity-building team.
- [Administrative & Operations Coordinator](#): This position is responsible for supporting the financial, human resources, office operations, and administrative areas of the Chicago Jobs Council.

**Save the Date: Giving Tuesday,
November 28th, 2023**



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Together we give.

Nov 28, 2023

For more than 40 years, CJC has advocated for policies that lead to more equitable access to employment and created innovative tools and resources that help to advance the workforce development field. As we continue to reimagine our workforce development system with a focus on anti-racism, we hope that you will support this critical work with a [donation between now and Giving Tuesday](#).

Workforce Development Ecosystem Announcements

Financial Opportunity Center Report from LISC

Discover how Financial Opportunity Centers® (FOCs) are at the forefront of closing the racial wealth gap. This white paper explores the innovative FOC model, its impact on empowering communities, and practical strategies for implementation. In 2019, LISC Chicago decided to share their learnings with other organizations through the FOC Model Implementation Academy. Five

Chicago-based organizations participated, tailoring the model to their community needs. This white paper explores how this model works and how organizations can take what we have learned to have deeper and more meaningful impact with their clients. [Read the report here.](#)

DFSS RFP Announcement: Service Coordination and Navigation Model

To address the COVID-19 pandemic-related effects on youth, communities, and violence in Chicago, the **Service Coordination and Navigation for Youth at the Highest Risk of Violence (SCaN) Request for Proposals (RFP)** seeks to provide funding for delegate agencies to assist youth ages 14-24 in accessing and navigating the appropriate services needed to meet their complex needs and achieve substantive goals. This work will include pairing youth with a full-time “Navigator” who will develop an individualized service and goal plan alongside youth, connect youth with relevant services to support their immediate needs and goals, and provide continual support to youth to ensure they can access and complete the services necessary to meet their needs and complete their goals. For more information, please refer to the application posted on the [City of Chicago’s eProcurement page under current bids.](#)

AMBE Manufacturing Month Zoom Meeting

Friday November 17th, 2023

2:00pm CST

[Zoom Link](#)

Join Advanced Manufacturing Bilingual Educators (AMBE) Manufacturing Month Zoom meeting on Nov. 17th at 2 p.m. CST. **This month's topic is "Pre-apprenticeships: A Path to Success for English Language Learners."** This presentation will explore the benefits of pre-apprenticeships for English Language Learners (ELLs) and how to remove barriers that impede their self-empowerment. Attendees will learn about the resources available to support ELLs in pre-apprenticeships. This webinar is aimed at employers who are interested in hiring ELLs through pre-apprenticeships and workforce development professionals who are interested in helping ELLs in pre-apprenticeships. Register at the Zoom link above.

CWFA Learning Community

Wednesday, November 29th

9:00am CST

The Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance next virtual Learning Community on **Wednesday, November 29th from 9-10am CT** will highlight the first year of the [Good Jobs Challenge](#). The [Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership](#) and the [Network of Employer-Led Workforce Solutions](#) (NEWS) will share an update and what's ahead in its second year. [You can register here](#).

Cara Collective Beyond the Case Sessions

Think fireside chat meets idea incubator: a new series of *Beyond the Case* discussions unpack the inclusive employment journeys several

companies took, so that you'll gain the knowledge, learnings, and inspiration to begin building or growing an inclusive employment initiative at your firm. Come to the inaugural two-part discussion, centered around learnings from [Breaking Barriers in Banking: The Case for Skills-Based Hiring](#), focused on the steps BMO took to build and grow a skills- and community-based hiring initiative. These sessions will take place in January and February 2024; [you can learn more and register here](#).

Job Openings

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

[National Latino Education Institute](#) | [Workforce Specialist](#)

[National Latino Education Institute](#) | [Program Specialist](#)

[Manufacturing Renaissance](#) | [Research and Instructional Design Project 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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