



# **Career Readiness Curriculum Announcement**

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**The CJC team is excited to announce the upcoming release of a free, open-source Career Readiness Curriculum. This curriculum provides workforce programs with a customizable, ready-to-use career readiness training for job seekers. We've taken the traditional "Job Club" lessons and framed these topics within knowledge of behavioral science, trauma informed care, a client-centered mindset, and racial equity.**

**As a CJC Member, you can download the Career Readiness Curriculum today; ahead of our official release of the Curriculum on October 12, 2023 at the [2nd Annual Chicagoland Workforce Development Symposium](#).**

**As we begin to share our [Anti-Racist Workforce Development System Framework](#) and Implementation guide this month, the Career Readiness Curriculum offers a practical tool that moves us towards our goal of strengthening the capacity of service providers to build equitable systems for job seekers marginalized by racism. The curriculum explicitly addresses issues of racism in the workforce system and provides resources and facilitation tools for facilitators guiding these conversations with job seekers.**

**This curriculum includes facilitator lesson plans, slide decks, and handouts for participants. Agencies can use the curriculum lessons sequentially or choose to implement a smaller set of lessons based on their program structure and time with participants. It is our intent that training around curriculum delivery and facilitation (the how) coupled with concrete job search curriculum and activities grounded in brain science research (the what) will positively impact outcomes for people of color in the workforce development system.**

**The Career Readiness Curriculum is available at the link below. You will also find it in the [Resource Library](#) on our website on October 12. We look forward to hearing from you about how you implement the Career Readiness Curriculum at your agency!**

# Download The Curriculum

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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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