



Announcements

February 16, 2024

Chicago Jobs Council Updates

Upcoming Trainings

[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.

Communities of Practice Recap

On January 24th, 2024, **Chicago Jobs Council hosted the first of a three-part series of Policy Community of Practice events.** Held at CJC's downtown office, the gathering aimed to provide a collaborative space for the co-creation of innovative and inclusive policy designs under the theme of **addressing historical and intergenerational disparities for people of color.** The ultimate goal was to encourage workforce professionals and policy advocates to reimagine their approaches, envisioning a future where policies are not only equitable but also just, where people of color can thrive, and where anyone can find pathways out of poverty. [Read the full recap on our blog.](#)

CJC Board Member Featured in Forbes Magazine

A new article in Forbes Magazine highlights the work that **CJC Board Member Loren Dinneen** has implemented at BMO about enhancing their hiring practices and working towards a more inclusive society. The article states: "With the bank's business goals and social impact mission in mind, he believed it could leverage its leadership in the banking industry beyond philanthropic investment in underserved areas by actively sourcing talent directly from the communities it serves." [Read the full article here](#). Great work, Loren!

Workforce Development Ecosystem Announcements

CWFA February Learning Community

The Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance next virtual Learning Community is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 28th from 9-10:30am** and

will highlight the report "**Working for Post-Secondary Equity**" from [Bridges to Brighter Futures](#), a partnership between Kinship Foundation and The Chicago Community Trust. Research demonstrates that focusing on community colleges and getting students through postsecondary education will drive economic growth, induce a more educated workforce, and lessen income gaps. However, students and the organizations supporting them still face incredible barriers. [Click here to register.](#)

SHIFT Proposals Deadline Extended

The National Fund for Workforce Solutions is inviting organizations to submit a proposal to present at their SHIFT convening on September 24-26 in Memphis, TN. They are looking for sessions that align with the National Fund's vision for an equitable future where **workers have the resources required to thrive, race does not dictate employment outcomes, and all jobs are good jobs**. The deadline to submit a proposal is February 23rd. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Employer Engagement Cohort

The Chicagoland Workforce Funders Alliance is inviting employers interested in hiring, retaining, and advancing young talent – particularly employees of color ages 18-29 – to take part in a cohort beginning April 2024. Companies will work alongside experts and other companies to launch a pilot centered around **inclusive hiring and building a more resilient workplace**. One of the participating employers from a previous cohort published an [article](#) about their own experience. Those who are interested in participating or want to learn more should contact CWFA's Cyndi Bergstein at cbergstein@cct.org. Deadline to apply is March 15th.

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.)

[Young Invincibles](#) | [Midwest Regional Director](#)

[Moraine Valley Community College](#) | [Student Success Specialist](#)

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

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

[Access Living](#) | [Multiple Positions Available](#)

[Erie Neighborhood House](#) | [Multiple Positions Available](#)

[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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