



# Announcements

*March 29, 2024*

## Chicago Jobs Council Updates

### Employment & Income Navigation Webinar

We're excited to invite you to an exclusive webinar on **Thursday, April 11th**, where we'll introduce the Employment & Income Navigation Pilot. Hosted by All Chicago, this two-year pilot program has been instrumental in connecting recently housed Chicagoans to vital employment and income support amidst the challenges posed by the pandemic. We're thrilled to have representatives

from ScaleLIT and the Legal Council for Health Justice join us to share their insights and experiences.

Here's what you can expect:

- Gain valuable insights into the development of the Employment & Income Navigation model.
- Discover key learnings and challenges faced during the pilot program.
- Learn about the future prospects and endeavors envisioned by our esteemed speakers.

[Register now](#) to secure your spot for this free webinar. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Careers at CJC

- **Program Manager IDHS Initiatives:** This 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. [View the full description and apply here.](#)
  - **Program Coordinator IDHS Initiatives:** This position supports the development and delivery of the Chicago Jobs Council's Capacity Building programming, including organizing training sessions; and
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coordinating with consultants, facilitators, vendors, etc. Required skills include managing evaluation tools and analyzing data. [View the full description and apply here.](#)

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## **Workforce Development Ecosystem Announcements**

### **CEJA Updates**

- DCEO announced the release of a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) for the Community Solar Sovereignty Grant Program](#). This program will provide grants to organizations to plan, develop, and execute community solar projects throughout Illinois. The program provides upfront capital to support the development of community solar projects and provides seed capital and pre-development funding to support community ownership of renewable energy projects. Applicant teams that meet program eligibility requirements are invited to submit an application for funding by July 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Information on the
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program and application materials can be found at the [DCEO Grant Opportunities page](#).

- Join DCEO and Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition (ICJC) for an educational presentation on Wednesday April 3rd on Illinois' Equitable Energy Future Grants. They will cover the importance and economic benefits of the grants ranging from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 you may be eligible for. They'll provide the information and contacts you need to apply for these grant opportunities successfully. [Click here to register](#).
- To build stronger, more inclusive partnerships, DCEO is hosting a local networking event in Danville on Monday April 15th from 1-3 pm at the Danville Area Community College Bremer Conference Center. This event will raise awareness of the funding opportunities and provide a venue for organizations to network. [Click here to register and learn more](#).

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## **Current Water RFP for Workforce Consultant**

Current is seeking a Workforce Consultant to support the development and design of a wastewater sampling job training program and map related career pathways. This is a 2-year contract role for the planning phase of the project and does not include curriculum delivery and implementation. The primary goal

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for this role is to form and lead a working group to advise on the project, develop inclusive curriculum for the training program, and collaborate with partners to map career pathways for wastewater-based epidemiology. **Expressions of interest are due 5:00 pm CT on Friday, April 5, 2024** and full proposals are due 5:00 pm CT on Monday, April 15, 2024. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

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## People for Community Recovery Webinar

Do you rent in Illinois and are interested in saving money on utility bills and participating in eco-friendly programs, such as solar? Join People for Community Recovery on **Thursday, April 11th, 6pm CT** to learn about programs for Illinois residents that help you cut costs while making your home more comfortable and green. [Register for the free webinar here.](#)

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# Hospitality Hires Chicago

The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership will host the [7th annual Hospitality Hires Chicago 2024 \(HHC2024\)](#) on **Tuesday, April 16, from 9 am to 3 pm** at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago's Loop. Both [employers](#) and [job seekers](#) must pre-register for HHC2024. The fee for employers to register is \$200. This year's theme is Hospitality is a State of Mind. Having a positive attitude and finding a career that you enjoy with good wages and benefits is what leads to success! HHC2024 gives employers a chance to make their next great hire and gives work-ready career seekers the chance to land their next great offer—sometimes on the spot! [Click here to register and learn more.](#)

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# Pathways to Cook County Summit

Cook County is hosting the [2nd Annual Pathways to Cook County Summit](#) on **April 9, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the UIC Dorin Forum, located at 725 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL. The Summit is a special one-day, county-wide initiative designed to bring the County to residents, businesses and non-profits. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn about the County and network with local,

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state and federal agencies. This year's keynote speakers will be Lou Sandoval, President and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and Arielle Johnson, CEO of the Business Leadership Council (BLC).

Through interactive workshops, the Summit will present opportunities to learn about the County's operations and available resources. Whether you are seeking guidance on obtaining certification with the County, accessing capital and grant opportunities or launching a career in public service – the Summit is your one-stop shop for partnering with Cook County. [Click here to register.](#)

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## Illinois Works Bid Credit Program

Earlier this week, Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced that contractors can now apply for the Illinois Works Bid Credit Program. The program is part of the state's multipronged effort to increase equity and opportunity in capital construction jobs through the Illinois Works (ILW) Jobs Program. The Illinois Works Bid Credit Program is designed for contractors working on or interested in working on State of Illinois-funded capital projects. The program offers eligible contractors the opportunity to earn bid credits by hiring and retaining Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program graduates. **To view application**

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information and apply for the Bid Credit Program, please visit the [DCEO website](#).

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## **One Summer Chicago Application Period Now Open**

**The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services announced that the One Summer Chicago program is now taking applications.**

The Summer Youth Employment Program provides employment and internship opportunities for individuals aged 16 - 24, earning \$15.80 an hour. They have partnered with organizations such as the Chicago Park District, the Lincoln Park Zoo, and Lurie's Children's Hospital to provide these valuable opportunities. [Learn more and apply 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.)

[IDES](#) | [Labor Exchange Manager](#)

[Revolution Workshop](#) | [Director of Development](#)

[OAI, Inc.](#) | [Program Director, Business Worker Training Program](#)

[PODER](#) | [Vice President of Impact](#)

[Youth Guidance](#) | [Director of Government Relations](#)

[Healing to Action](#) | [Organizing Manager](#)

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

[Erie Neighborhood House](#) | [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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