

# Announcements

*April 26, 2024*

## Chicago Jobs Council Updates

### Employment & Income Navigation Pilot

**Chicago Jobs Council hosted a webinar** to share knowledge gained from the **Employment & Income Navigation Pilot, a two-year pilot project that connected Chicagoans in Rapid Rehousing Programs to employment and income supports.** Our panelists, Lisa Parsons (Legal Council for Health Justice), Robert Guzman (scale), and Nancy Phillips (Inspiration Corporation) discussed the inspiration for the Employment Navigation Pilot and how participants were connected to services.

**The Pilot was designed to promote better service integration between the homelessness response system and the workforce development ecosystem.** Employment Navigators from scaleLIT connected participants to employment opportunities, education, and training programs, as well as

supportive services, while Benefit Navigators from the Legal Council for Health Justice offered SSI/SSDI disability benefits advocacy (SOAR advocacy).

The Employment & Income Task Force meets on the second Friday of the month. **If you want to learn more about this Task Force and how to get involved please email Angela Morrison at [angela@cjc.net](mailto:angela@cjc.net).**

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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 and training providers throughout Illinois. Responsibilities include project management, curriculum development, facilitation and training, and related technical assistance.  
[View the full description and apply here.](#)
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# Workforce Development Ecosystem Announcements

## ACCESS Project Paid Consulting Opportunity

The NASWA project team and APHSA are recruiting individuals with lived expertise in SNAP, TANF, Unemployment Insurance, Medicaid, childcare, and employment and training support to form our Customer Advisory Council (CAC) for the ACCESS project. This **paid** consulting opportunity, **running from May 2024 to March 2025**, invites you to share your experiences and propose solutions to overcome barriers. Interested? Check out this [overview](#) and spread the word to potential candidates and relevant organizations. Let's work together to create a more inclusive and effective support system!

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## National Skills Coalition

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**National Skills Coalition** is hosting the first [Expanding College & Career Possibilities](#) Virtual Learning Series. This inaugural session will showcase findings from NSC's forthcoming report – *College and Career Possibilities Rooted in Place: How Rural Community College and Industry Partnerships Help People, Communities, and Businesses Thrive*.

**It will explore the opportunities and best practices that characterize rural community college-industry collaborations and the policy strategies that can support and sustain them** through engaging panel discussions with the authors and a set of rural community college leaders and interactive breakout sessions to encourage learning and an exchange of ideas around how to support and strengthen these partnerships to benefit rural learners, employers, and communities.

**Event Details:** [REGISTER HERE](#)

- **Topic:** Rural Community College-Industry Partnerships
- **Date & Time:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024, from 1:00-2:30 pm ET
- **Location:** Zoom (link shared with registration)

**This series is tailored for leaders and staff across state higher education, workforce development, and human services agencies, community and technical colleges, community college systems and associations, workforce development organizations, community-based organizations, and NSC's SkillSPAN and BLU networks.** It is designed to strengthen relationships, facilitate knowledge exchange, share promising policy strategies, and encourage action for policy and systems change.

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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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# **Edrika Fulford Mutual Aid Fund Application**

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300 applications will be accepted beginning May 1st at 11 A.M. Applications can be completed online or over the phone. One application should be submitted per household—multiple applications from the same household will be disqualified. All applications submitted will be subject to a lottery and a review process. Please note that submission of an application is NOT a guarantee of funding.

Phone applications can be submitted 11 A.M. – 2 P.M. on business days until the application cap is reached. Internet applications can be submitted at any time while the fund is open.

Link to application: [chicagohomeless.org/MAF](http://chicagohomeless.org/MAF)

Phone: (312) 641-4148

Email: [mutualaid@chicagohomeless.org](mailto:mutualaid@chicagohomeless.org)

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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.)

[Revolution Institute](#) | [Workforce Development Coordinator](#)

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

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

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

[Access Living](#) | [Housing Coordinator](#), [Health/HCBS Policy Analyst](#)

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

## What We're Reading

These are a few articles we are reading and following lately.

[How to Help Reduce Elder Poverty](#) | Chicago Sun-Times

[Chicago and Illinois to receive \\$19M from feds to help with migrant crisis](#) | Chicago Tribune

[NASW-IL Policy Position Statement on Compensated Practicum Education](#) | NASW-IL

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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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