

Announcements

June 28, 2024

Chicago Jobs Council Updates

43rd Annual Meeting Celebration



On June 14th, we celebrated a great year and some major CJC accomplishments, such as the passing of House Bill 277 and CEO Dr. Lisa Bly-Jones' testimony on Capitol Hill. The theme was reframing the narratives

around workforce development and learning to think through a different lens regarding how we provide services, starting with more intentional collaboration.

Guests flooded into the UIC West Student Center and were met with a delicious breakfast spread. The morning began with tasty eats and light networking. Guests found their tables, and the program soon began.

[Read Full Blog Here](#)

WIOA Testimony on Capitol Hill



On June 12th, CJC CEO Dr. Lisa Bly-Jones took to the Hill to testify on behalf of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). She testified in front of the Senate HELP full committee led by Senator Bernie Sanders, emphasizing the reauthorization of WIOA, the expansion of Pell Grant eligibility to include short-term training programs and the need for policies promoting racial equity in workforce training.

Dr. Bly-Jones also highlighted the unique challenges faced in Illinois, including significant skills mismatches and high unemployment rates among people of color. She uplifted the need to view support services from a more holistic perspective by expanding the definitions of support services to include mental health.

The House and Senate have presented proposed amendments to the Bill and are working toward reauthorization. However, some of our recommendations from the testimony were not considered, and so we are now working through what the next action step should be. Follow our social media and continue to read our e-newsletters to learn the latest on WIOA.

[Watch the Full Testimony Here](#)

Careers at CJC

IDHS Training & Development Program Manager: 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.

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Workforce Development Ecosystem Announcements

NLEN's Peace in the Streets

Join NLEN for the upcoming Peace in the Streets Hiring and Resource Fair on June 29th from 12 PM to 3 PM at the North Lawndale Employment Network

(1111 S. Homan Ave, Chicago). This event is sponsored by 104.5 WGCI and 1800truckwreck.

We love this event because it is focused on providing a space for those who are committed to inclusive hiring directly from the North Lawndale and West Side communities.

- ◇ Date: Saturday, June 29th
- ◇ Time: 12 PM - 3 PM
- ◇ Location: North Lawndale Employment Network

Register your organization by clicking the button below.

[**Register Here**](#)

Erie Neighborhood House

Can you believe it is almost that time of the year already? It feels like Summer just got here. Well, it is never too early to do good for the community. Erie Neighborhood House is hosting a Back-To-School Drive and they are looking to start collecting donations. You can donate today to give students everything

they need to succeed this school year. You can choose your way of giving by clicking one of the buttons below.

[Donate Here](#)

[Amazon Wishlist](#)



What We're Reading

These are a few news updates we have been reading and following lately.

Block Club Chicago | [Walmart Donates Chatham Training Academy To Chicago Urban League A Year After Abruptly Closing](#)

Chicago Sun-Times | [Johnson announces dates, times for budget forums](#)

NSC | [WIOA Recommendations](#)

The New School | [The Color of Wealth in Chicago](#)

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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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