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Training Opportunities

Impact Behavioral Health Partners

Specialized career exploration, resume building, interview preparation, and job search services.

- **Who:** Individuals with a diagnosed mental illness with unstable employment
 - *Those not authorized to work in the US are offered all services except job matching.*
- **Contact:** Chris Knoper 617-276-7801
- **Address:** 565 Howard St, Evanston, IL 60202

Safe Haven: Education and Training Academy

Weeks-long training in areas of culinary service, custodial engineering, security, and welding. GED classes and social services to support completion of training offered.

- **Who:** Individuals that are English language learners or don't have a secondary education.
 - *Social Security or work authorization in US needed*
- **Contact:** Main Desk (773) 435-8361
- **Address:** 2750 W Roosevelt Rd, Chicago, IL 60608

Youth Job Center

Training and youth education programming to earn job certifications (truck driving, certified nursing assistant and other career pathways in IT and healthcare) with financial support for other educational costs. Job placement assistance.

- **Who:** Youth from all backgrounds
- **Contact:** Intake Line (847) 864-5627 Monday-Friday 8-4pm or fill online form scan/visit LinkTree at top of this guide
- **Address:** By appointment only in Pilsen, Englewood, Chicago Heights & Evanston.

Cara Collective

Specialized program offering training and certification courses (job skills, digital/financial literacy, and industry jobs) with supportive resources (professional clothes, transportation).

- **Who:** All backgrounds
- **Contact:** Front desk: (312) 798-3309
- **Address:** 237 S Desplaines St, Chicago, IL 60661

African American Christian Foundation's Youth Employment & Entrepreneurship Program

Apprenticeship, vocational training, and job placement opportunities in fields like nursing, customer service, commercial driving, electronics, digital manufacturing, insurance sales, and security.

- **Who:** Individuals ages 16-24 living in Cook County that satisfy income requirements
- **Contact:** Felicia @ (708) 848-1700
- **Address:** 6707 North Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302

Greater West Town Job Placement

Job readiness training, job placement & follow-up support, and seminars on resumé writing, job search strategies, and interviewing techniques and support to overcome a wide range of employment barriers, including ex-offender status, homelessness, transportation issues and more.

- **Who:** All backgrounds
- **Contact:** (312) 431-1300
- **Address:** 500 N Sacramento Blvd. Chicago, IL 60612

Safer Foundation

Skills training and job placement for immediate employment and long-term employment across many types of positions for formerly incarcerated individuals

- **Who:** Individuals with a prior arrest or conviction history
- **Contact:** (312) 922-2200
- **Address:** 571 W Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60661

National Able Network

Career coaching, developing new skills. Online training available.

- **Who:** All adult individuals
- **Contact:** Fill online form scan/visit LinkTree at top of this guide

Education Opportunities

PODER English Works

Virtual and in-person ESL classes with a focus on occupational skills, computer software navigation, and financial literacy. Development programs offered for jobs in finance and licensed sales. Enrolling for January 2024 Classes now!

- **Who:** 16+ year old Spanish speakers
- **Contact:** Front Desk (312) 226-2002
- **Address:** 3357 W 55th St Chicago, IL 60632

Olive-Harvey College Professional Development and Workforce Training Courses

Courses are open to all members of the community. Classes include: Aviation Technology, Grant Writing, Public Chauffeur License: Limo & Taxi, CDL Passenger Endorsement, Urban Agriculture Cannabis and Hemp courses, Business and Entrepreneurship, Bicycle Repair and Maintenance, Math Boot Camps, Expungement and Sealing, Computer Basics English and in Spanish, Cyber-security, American Sign Language, Conversational Spanish, Arts and more!

- **Phone:** 773-291-6490 or email mtroutman@ccc.edu
- **Address:** 10001 South Woodlawn Ave Chicago, IL 60628
- You may register online or in person.
- Taxi and Limousine Registration is in-person only must bring valid driver's license minimum age is 21.
- You may want to call first to schedule an appointment for in-person registration

Job Placement Opportunities

All job placement opportunities listed require authorization to work in the US

Windy City Harvest

Closely mentored, full time, paid (\$16/hr) transitional jobs with an opportunity to earn food handler and/or environmental literacy certificate.

- **Who:** Individuals with justice system involvement or veteran status
- **Contact:** Britt Calendo (847) 835-6807
- **Address:** 3555 W Ogden Ave, Chicago, IL 60623

All applicants must complete the following steps:

- Complete the Windy City Harvest Apprenticeship interest form
- Attend an information session (dates in interest form)
- Attend a work shadow day (dates in interest form)
- Complete an official application and provide two previous employers or professional references
- Participate in a 30 min interview with WCH staff

Association House Kitchen

8-Week food prep training for positions in restaurants, ghost kitchens, catering kitchens, etc. In addition to skills-training, our team provides one on one support and wrap-around programs to ensure your success. You'll have access to our Income Support Specialist, Case Managers, Career Navigator, Mental Health Counselors, and more. Here, we get to know you and invest in you as a whole person. Graduates will also earn their ServSafe Illinois Food Handler certificate. In this program you will learn: culinary terminology, classical knife skills, proper food preparation, techniques for maximum yield, use of most common professional kitchen tools and equipment, and industry standards and expectations

- **Who:** Chicago residents with justice system involvement due to non-violent offenses
- **Contact:** (773) 772-7170 ext. 1050
- **Address:** 116 N Kedzie Ave, Chicago, IL 60651

Association House BankWork

10-Week training and job support placement to become a bank teller. Comprehensive training provides you with the skills needed for any entry-level position in banking with career potential—including teller, customer service representative, relationship banker, and personal banker. BankWork focuses on hard skills for on-the-job success in banking, and the soft skills needed to succeed as a professional anywhere.

- **When:** Current Class Schedule: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Format: 10 Week Program, 5 Hour Class, hybrid (50/50 in-person and online)
- **Who:** All backgrounds
- **Contact:** (773) 772-7170
- **Address:** 1116 N Kedzie Ave, Chicago, IL 60651

Young Manufacturers Association

Established in 2016, The Young Manufacturers Association (YMA) serves as both a network and a program for young adults, aged 18-29, who are pursuing careers in manufacturing, in-between jobs, in training or interested in starting a career in manufacturing.

- **Contact:** To sign up for an upcoming training, email signup@mfgren.org or Scan/visit LinkTree at top of this guide
- **Address:** Manufacturing Connect & Young Manufacturers Association Program Office 5250 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60651

Re:Work Training

A Chicago-based non-profit organization dedicated to increasing diversity in the tech industry. Our free, 12-week sales training and placement program is designed to help Black and Brown people from overlooked communities break into the tech industry and start successful careers in tech sales.

- **Who:** All backgrounds, no minimum work or educational requirements
- **Contact:** Scan/visit LinkTree at top of this guide to complete the “Get Hired” intake survey
- **Address:** 1 S Dearborn St Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60603

Other Helpful Resources

CEDA FsACE (Family Support and Community Engagement) Program

- *Case management program promoting self- sufficiency among participants through services such as transportation support (car repairs, bus cards). Scholarships for post-secondary education, job prep, counseling, and placement. Social Security card for all household members, state ID, previous 30 days income needed.*
- **Who:** Suburban Cook County residents outside of Chicago
- **Contact:** Front Desk @ (312) 795-8948
- **Address:** 567 W Lake St Ste 1200, Chicago, IL 60661

West Side Health Authority

Job readiness training, vocational training programs, and job placement in fields like machine operation, animal care & control, and culinary arts.

- **Who:** All backgrounds
- **Contact:** (773)786-0226
- **Address:** 5417 West Division, Chicago IL 60651