



# Workforce Development Community News

## CJC Updates

### BLOG SPOTLIGHT

## A Major Win for Illinois Workers: Failure to Appeal Signed into Law



In a significant victory for workers and communities across Illinois, Governor JB Pritzker signed HB277 into law, marking an important step forward in the fight against unjust penalties that disproportionately harm low-income individuals and people of color. Starting January 1, 2025, Illinois will no longer suspend driver's licenses for failure to appear in court for minor traffic violations. This overdue change will have far-reaching positive impacts on families, businesses, and entire communities.

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**BLOG SPOTLIGHT**

# **The Intersection of Voting and Workforce Development Funding**



The Chicago Jobs Council (CJC) proudly stands with the dedicated frontline workers who form the backbone of our workforce community. We recognize the power of worker's voice through voter participation and workers' critical role as voters. **There is also a fundamental connection between voting and workforce development funding. The future of legislation like the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Illinois's Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) depends on the choices made at the ballot box.**

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A promotional banner for the Chicago Jobs Council's 'Fall Fundraiser Brews & Ballads' event. The banner has a black background. On the left, there is a vertical column of five maple leaves, alternating in color between yellow and white. In the center, the Chicago Jobs Council logo is displayed above the event title 'Fall Fundraiser Brews & Ballads' in a large, bold, yellow font. Below the title, the date 'Tuesday, October 1st' is written in a smaller white font. On the right side, there is a yellow illustration of two beer mugs clinking together, with a hand holding a glass and a small explosion of light above the point of contact.

 Chicago Jobs Council

## **Fall Fundraiser Brews & Ballads**

Tuesday, October 1st

# Fall Fundraiser Registration Open

Registration for our Fall Fundraiser is now LIVE! **We would love for you to join us October 1st, at 5:30pm and invite your friends.** Our Fall Fundraiser is one of our favorite events because it allows for a more casual time of extended networking and building relationships among workforce development peers. **This year, we will be on the rooftop of Midwest Coast Brewing Company,** a newly built addition to this favorite location.

**Also, if you haven't heard, this year's theme is Brews & Ballads.** We have added a Karaoke experience to the list of fundraising activities that will be taking place, so if you are passionate about raising money for a good cause and singing, this is the event for you. **There is more information to come on that, but for now, save your spot by registering today!**

**REGISTER**

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## Last Chance to Attend September Training

### Introduction to Workforce Development Systems Webinar

This webinar introduces the workforce development system to program staff, interns, or volunteers who are new to workforce development. Registered attendees will receive a recording following the session.

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 18, 2024

**TIME:** 10am-12pm CST

**COST:** \$40 member | \$50 non-member

The registration cut off 8 am CST **TOMORROW**, September 17th.

REGISTER

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## The Goodwill Workforce Development Leadership Forum

### *Navigating The Future of AI In Workforce Development*

Goodwill is partnering with Comcast and the Chicago Jobs Council to take part in an engaging conversation around the topic of **workforce development in the age of artificial intelligence (AI)** at The Metropolitan inside the Willis Tower in Chicago.

Join us for this breakfast program to discover how AI is shaping the future of work and gain actionable insights for driving innovation in your organization to impact future career paths and support people looking for jobs. Hear from industry leaders including Microsoft and Google on topics such as how AI can enhance workforce capabilities, and what AI challenges and opportunities exist in workforce development along with best practices.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 26

**TIME:** 8:30am-10:30am CST

**COST:** FREE

REGISTER

## Member Updates

### Member Spotlight

**Hello, CJC Members!** We want to spotlight your organization and all that you do for the workforce development community. **Share your story with us and how Chicago Jobs Council has supported you along the way.** If you would like to be spotlighted in an upcoming newsletter and blog fill out this [form](#).

## October Workforce Convo Invite

All CJC members were just sent an email invitation to the second Workforce Convo on October 9th, which will be ***Bridging Expectations: Enhancing Job Satisfaction and Retention for Young Workers***. If you have not received it, you may need to [Renew Membership](#). Contact [cheryl@cjc.net](mailto:cheryl@cjc.net), if you have any questions.

## Workforce Development News



*You're invited!*

*third annual*

CHICAGOLAND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

# Symposium

**Fostering Collaboration:  
Bridging the Gap Between Workers, Employers, and Community**

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024**

Breakfast and networking starting at 8 AM.  
Presentations from 9 AM to 4 PM. Reception and networking until 6 PM.

**Malcolm X College, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago**

Featuring keynote by   
**Karin Norington-Reaves**  
*CEO, i.c.stars*

Workforce development practitioners share policies, practices, and partnerships promoting equity in Cook County during a day of learning and networking

Register soon! Space is limited. Limit 4 tickets per organization. Tickets \$40 per individual.

**[Register at TheInnovationNexus.org/symposium2024](https://TheInnovationNexus.org/symposium2024)**



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## Clean Energy Grant Opportunity

The Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's Office of Energy & Business Utility announced the release of the [Equitable Energy Future Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO).

This program provides seed funding and pre-development funding opportunities to eligible contractors to support the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects benefitting businesses, community organizations, and the workforce in historically disadvantaged communities. Grants are designed to remove barriers to project, community, and business development caused by a lack of capital.

You're invited to read the press release from Governor Pritzker and visit the opportunity's notice of funding page by clicking [here](#).

Next steps...

1. Attend the Bidder's Conference | Thursday, September 19, 2024 | 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM | [Register](#)
  2. Review the NOFO and application documents – [Equitable Energy Future NOFO](#)
  3. Access the [Q & A Page](#) or [submit your own questions](#)
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**Illinois Center for  
Rehabilitation and Education  
Roosevelt**

**JOIN US FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR**

**DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2024**

**TIME: 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**LOCATION: ICRE-R  
1950 W. ROOSEVELT RD  
CHICAGO IL 60608**



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TO SIGN UP**



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**Job Openings**



## Find a Job Friday



Ready to move your career forward? CTA updates our career page every Friday so visit [transitchicago.com/careers](https://transitchicago.com/careers) to start your search today!

¿Listo para empezar tu carrera? La CTA actualiza su página de empleos cada viernes, ¡así que visita [transitchicago.com/careers](https://transitchicago.com/careers) para comenzar tu búsqueda hoy!

Czy chcesz ruszyć do przodu ze swoją karierą? CTA aktualizuje naszą stronę poświęconą rekrutacji w każdy piątek, więc odwiedź [transitchicago.com/careers](https://transitchicago.com/careers) i rozpocznij poszukiwania już

您准备搜寻事业发展机会吗?

CTA每周五更新其职业页面, 请访问 [transitchicago.com/careers](https://transitchicago.com/careers), 立即开始搜索!

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A **benefit of CJC Membership** is the ability to highlight open positions in your company to our audience. **If you are a Member and would like to list a job for us to share on our website and in our newsletter, please email [jobs@cjc.net](mailto:jobs@cjc.net).** We will include all CJC member job postings that offer at least \$16.20/hr and have the compensation included in the listing. (Please ensure this information is included in the PDF or link.)

## What We're Reading

1. [The Hidden Costs Of Black Employment In Transportation](#)
2. [Governor Pritzker awards \\$6 million in grants through workforce pilot program](#)
3. [Green jobs can go hand-in-hand with protecting workers' rights](#)

4. DOE Report Shows Clean Energy Jobs Grew at More Than Twice the Rate of Overall U.S. Employment



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