WORC Newsletter

Meet Umeko Brownlow

Umeko Brownlow is a resident who was doing traffic control and working outside but was more interested in advancing her career. She enrolled in the CHA Employment Placement Services (EPS) program through Employment and Employer Services (E&ES). Umeko was interested in customer service. The WORC office established a partnership with the Chicago Lighthouse to fast-track residents as Customer Service Agents. Her Career Coach encouraged her to apply, and she immediately submitted an online application. Within days she was interviewed, hired and started working immediately.

"First off, I would like to give a big thank you to the EPS workforce program for giving me an opportunity to advance in a career and set goals. I went from working outside in cold weather without any benefits and little time for my child to being accepted for a full-time job as a customer service representative with the Chicago Lighthouse. Now, I can work from home with full benefits and have the time to take my daughter to school. The training that was provided for me through this service helped me sharpen my interview and resume skills. Shout out to my career coach for believing in me and giving me the proper help and resources to find a job..." If you want to learn more about workforce programs, trainings or need assistance finding a job, please contact us at worc@thecha.org for more information.

Spring Hiring Event Register Here:
https://bit.ly/SpringEvent2025

WORC Information Session Register Now:
https://tinyurl.com/mwvjnfx

ComED Market Development Initiative

The ComEd Market Development Initiative provides a complimentary eight-week training program aimed at fostering a diverse workforce in energy efficiency. Participants will acquire practical skills, earn three certifications, and discover various job opportunities.

Register Here:
https://tinyurl.com/6vahu92j

National Apprenticeship Day April 30th Register Now

Bethel Family Resource Center Pre-Apprenticeship Webinar at 11:00am
Register Here:
https://bit.ly/BNLPreApprenticeship

Carpenter's Apprenticeship Union "Open House" Webinar at 3:00pm
Register Here:
https://tinyurl.com/CarpenterUnion

Business Development

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Meet Lavone Starling

Burgundy Star Massage and Wellness LLC is dedicated to helping our clients feel their best by alleviating pain, reducing stress, and combating exhaustion through the healing power of therapeutic touch. Our therapists use their expertise to ease muscle tension and promote relaxation. We offer massage therapy at our spa, in clients' homes, at offices, conferences, and private events.

The CHA Resident Services programs have played a key role in supporting my journey. They provided the resources, guidance, and encouragement I needed to overcome obstacles I didn't even realize were holding me back. With the support of CHA staff, I was able to take a leap of faith, rent an office space, and grow my practice into what it is today. Their programs have empowered me as a business owner, allowing me to expand my services and reach more people in need of healing and wellness. "I am grateful for the opportunities CHA has provided and excited to continue making a difference in my community."

If you want to learn more about Business Development opportunities and trainings, please contact the WORC office at worc@thecha.org for more information

WORC Technical Assistance Workshops

How to Register in the City of Chicago Supplier Portal

https://forms.office.com/g/G2vLLKpC3U

How to Apply for M/WBE Certification with the City of Chicago

https://forms.office.com/g/Y0tmG3CN1n

How to Register in the Cook County Supplier Portal

https://tinyurl.com/2m8xx78c

How to Register in the CPS Supplier

Portal https://forms.office.com/g/BGfmUgNCPr

How to Apply for DBE Certification with CTA

https://forms.office.com/g/McGCKSbDhj