WORC Newsletter

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Chyna Siller Success Story:

Meet Chyna Siller, a CHA resident. She enrolled in the Employment Placement Services (EPS) program, through UCAN, which offers CHA residents one-on-one career coaching, resume help, interview preparation, job leads, and follow-up support. With UCAN's assistance, Chyna found a position that aligned with her passion. She was hired as a CNA at Applied Home Health Network, earning $17.00 an hour—a major step toward her long-term goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. Chyna is now enrolled at Malcolm X College and pursuing her Associate Degree in Nursing, Chyna continues to push forward, breaking through barriers with the same determination she's shown all along. "I want to continue growing in healthcare," Chyna told her career coach. And she's doing just that. Chyna's story is proof that with the right support and hard work, you can turn any challenge into a career path. She's not just a CNA—she's a future nurse, a role model, and a true CHA success story. 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.

Join Us for our 3rd Annual Construction Trades & Apprenticeship Hands-On Expo

When: June 26th 2025 | 10:00am - 2:00pm

Where: Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center
4859 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615

Scan QR Code to Register

Visit: https://bit.ly/4kPvC8z

Upcoming Info Sessions

Join the WORC Information Session

When: June 5th at 11:00am
Where: Via Zoom

Scan QR Code to register

Visit: tinyurl.com/WORCINFOSESSIONJUNE

Construction Trades & Apprenticeships Expo Info Session

When: June 4th at 11:00am
Where: Via Zoom

Scan QR Code to register

Visit: https://tinyurl.com/usjwrshf

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Coquie Hughes Success Story:

WORC'S Resident-Owned Business Development Advisor, Gail Hampton, began coaching Coquie ("Cookie") Hughes, the remarkable Founder and CEO of POCKET SET STUDIOS, in the second quarter of 2021 through a partnership with World Business Chicago CASE. Their collaboration initially focused on reviewing pitch decks to help Coquie attract talent and investors for her film "Black Merry," but evolved into long-term mentorship that transitioned from weekly to quarterly meetings. Throughout their coaching relationship, Ms. Hampton supported Coquie through various endeavors—from applications to mHub's innovation center and participation in IJCE's "Pitch Perfect" event to brainstorming funding sources—witnessing Coquie's impressive evolution from passion film creator to horror genre explorer to smartphone storytelling innovator. Now leading POCKET SET STUDIOS at the Cinecity Studio Lot, this multi-talented CEO, producer, writer, and director is revolutionizing filmmaking with smartphone technology, launching workshops, hosting screenplay readings like "She Too Bad for History" at the Beverly Arts Center, and empowering young people through her Not-For-Profit Corporation, LIGHTS CAMERA YOUTH ACTION—successes the WORC Team attributes to her remarkable vision and adept problem-solving abilities. Her creativity-driven success with POCKET SET STUDIOS is making Coquie Hughes someone to watch, and the WORC Team is immensely proud to have supported her journey. If you want to learn more about the WORC Business Academy, or business development opportunities and trainings please contact the WORC office at worc@thecha.org for more information.

WORC Technical Assistance Workshops

Registering in the City Agency Procurement Portals

https://tinyurl.com/2yzsksz9

Responding to a Small Purchase Quote Request

https://tinyurl.com/2yzsksz9

WORC Table Talk with BMO Bank

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

WORC Table Talk with the City of Chicago

https://tinyurl.com/457r6z5u

M/WBE Certification with the City of Chicago

https://tinyurl.com/mr9xpp62

DBE/SBE Certification with CTA

https://tinyurl.com/4kzy86kj