

WORC Newsletter

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Meet Candice McGhee

Candice McGhee connected with UCAN through CHA WORC in 2025. She brought a fierce determination to build a better future. Candice became a regular at the UCAN office, consistently working on job applications and refining her interview skills. Her efforts paid off in April 2025 when she landed a role at Northwestern Memorial Hospital as a Resource Coordinator. That position ended earlier than expected but Candice didn't let the setback define her. Reflecting on her journey, Candice shared: "From the moment I walked through UCAN's doors, I was met with care, structure, and encouragement. They didn't just help me find a job — they helped me find myself. Through their personalized coaching and empowering career modeling, I gained courage, confidence, and stability. Thanks to their tireless efforts, I recently landed an incredible position in the medical field that has truly been life-changing." If you're looking for employment and ready to start building your own success story, email worc@thecha.org to learn more about our workforce programs.

CHW (Community Health Worker) Graduation

This year, several dedicated Community Health Workers proudly earned their certificates and graduated from the program! At the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA), our Workforce Opportunities Resource Center (WORC) remains committed to connecting residents with meaningful career pathways that strengthen and uplift our communities.

To date, 19 CHA residents have successfully completed the Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification Program a milestone we're proud to celebrate and eager to grow. Through this year's program, participants gained hands-on experience by completing practicum hours with our incredible partners—TCA Health, Kindness Campaign, and UCAN. In addition, CHWs completed clinical hours at CHA senior properties, putting their training into practice while making a direct impact on residents' well-being. We're excited to continue building opportunities that empower our residents and strengthen the health of our communities.



Upcoming WORC Events

WORC Info Session

Date: Thursday, September 4th, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

Visit Link to Register

[WORCINFOSESSIONSEPT](https://thecha.org/WORCINFOSESSIONSEPT)

Fall Hiring Event

Date: Thursday, October 2nd, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: 4859 S. Wabash Ave,
Chicago, IL 60615

Visit Link to Register

tinyurl.com/FallHiringEvent

Navigating a Hiring Event

Dates and times:

- September 10th 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- September 24th 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

Visit Link to Register

<https://bit.ly/3HzXvmO>

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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Join Us at the 2025 Business Resource Fair!

Calling all Entrepreneurs, Small Business Owners, and Section 3 Businesses!

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to connect with business support professionals who are ready to help your venture grow and thrive.

Whether you're seeking expert advice, funding opportunities, or strategic partnerships, this event is designed to equip you with the tools and connections you need for long-term success.

You'll participate in three dynamic workshops covering Succession Planning, Access to Capital, and Procurement Opportunities with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and other government agencies.

Throughout the day, you'll also discover tailored support services, gain practical strategies, and network with peers and professionals who understand your journey.

This is your moment to learn, connect, and take your business to the next level.



Register today by
scanning QR Code
or Visit Link
bit.ly/WORCResourceFair2025

When & Where

September 24, 2025
10:00am - 3:30pm

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

Who should attend?

Resident-Owned Businesses and Section 3
Businesses looking to strengthen and expand
their operations.

What to Expect?

Explore tools and support services tailored to
help your business thrive. Get insights from
experienced professionals and attend three
dynamic workshops designed for business
success.

Workshop Topics:

**Access to
Capital**
Learn how to secure funding
and financial resources,
leveraging your assets,
including your intellectual
property, to scale your
operations.

**Procurement
Opportunities**
Learn how to do business
with the Chicago Housing
Authority (CHA). Discover
how to connect and work
with other government
agencies as well.

**Succession
Planning**
Prepare your business for
long-term sustainability and
leadership transition. It
also identifies strategies for
the "what next" moments in
your business.

Contact the WORC office at worc@thecha.org



The WORC Business Resource Fair will take place on September 24, 2025, at the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center (4859 S. Wabash Ave.), 10:00am until 3:30pm. Scan the QR code or click the link below to register.

<https://bit.ly/WORCResourceFair2025>

WORC Technical Assistance Workshops

Navigating the WORC Portal for Businesses

<https://forms.office.com/g/kx1qMEBaBq>

Registering in the Cook County Supplier
Portal

<https://tinyurl.com/3em5vsrp>

Registering in the Chicago Public Schools
Portal

<https://tinyurl.com/3em5vsrp>

Responding to a Small Purchase Quote

<https://tinyurl.com/3em5vsrp>

Registering in the City of Chicago Portal

<https://tinyurl.com/3em5vsrp>

How to apply for W/MBE certification with the
City of Chicago

<https://forms.office.com/g/Zhukv2a8D1>

How to apply for DBE certification with the
CTA

<https://forms.office.com/g/PUWAgYM2hv>

Creating an Effective Capability Statement

<https://bit.ly/EffectiveCapabilityStatement>