The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership

- Represents the public workforce system for Cook County
- Is the 2nd largest Local Workforce Innovation Area (LWIA) in the country
- Is the largest Not-For-Profit LWIA in the country
- Administers $50 million in federal and other grant funds
- Oversees Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) services offered through 49 affiliate agencies including 10 workforce centers, 2 satellites and a business intermediary
- Provides workforce development services to ≈140,000 people per year
- Creates employment initiatives based upon employer demand
- Synthesizes and disseminates regional labor market information to stakeholders
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LAID OFF WORKERS ASSISTANCE

The Goal of this Webinar

- Provide information & resources on Dislocated Worker Programs to prepare the unemployed to Re-enter The Workforce
- Advise affected workers facing layoff of educational & training opportunities for new skills that will help to assist job placement into Training Related Employment

Rapid Response Services

What is WIOA?

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

- Laid Off Worker Programs & Services for Dislocated Workers are available under the Federal Department of Labor (DOL) WIOA grant.

The WIOA grant provides employment assistance, employment placement, and related regional key sector training.

The WIOA grant is administered by the State of Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and facilitated throughout the State of Illinois through Local Workforce Innovation Area’s known as LWIA’s. (7-Cook County; 1-Lake County; 5-Kane County)
Dislocated Workers are individuals who:

- Have been laid off, or terminated, or who have received notice of layoff or termination due to plant closure or mass layoff through receipt of a WARN Notice.
- Are unemployed through no fault of their own, are eligible for unemployment, and/or are unlikely to return to their previous occupation and/or industry.
- The WIOA grant is designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the job market and to match employers up with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

Career Services & Resources

- Resource Center: Free Use of Computers with Internet access, Fax Machines, Copiers, and more
- Intake/Orientation/Assessment
- Job Search & Placement Assistance
- Labor Market & Employment Statistics Information
- Training Provider Information
- Supportive Service Information
- Unemployment Insurance (U.I.) Claims Filing Information
- Workforce related Training Workshops, Hiring Events, Job Fairs
Rapid Response Services
How does WIOA help?

Career Services & Resources

• Comprehensive Skill Assessments
• One-on-One Career Counseling
• Development of Individual Employment Plans (IEP) – Job Search
• Resume & Cover Letter assistance, Interviewing Preparation
• Short-Term Pre-Vocational Services
• Out-of-Area Job Search Assistance
• Literacy Activities Related to Basic Work-Readiness
• Relocation Assistance
• Internships

Training Services

• Occupational Skills Training (ITA)
• On-the-Job Training
• Industry Sector Training Programs
• Skill Upgrading & Retraining
• Entrepreneurial
• Job Readiness Training
• Adult Education & Literacy Activities
• Employer Customized Training
Illinois workNet is an online workforce development portal that helps individuals plan and move forward in their job and career search.

Dislocated Workers can access the Laid Off Worker Company Specific Page to learn more on how to move on from a Company Layoff as well as find Support Services and Resources to assist during this time of transition.

Follow the IllinoisworkNet Laid Off Worker Step Guide to achieve your re-employment success!
Search for a Cook County Illinois workNet Center / Resource Center near you:
https://www2.illinoisworknet.com/Connect/Pages/LocationSearch.aspx

Narrow your results by:
- Zip Code
- County
- LWIA
- Keyword
- Services
  (i.e. serves laid off workers, access to computers, offers workshops, etc.)