



CHICAGO COOK WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP

**LAI D OFF WORKER
ASSISTANCE**

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The Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity's Regional Workforce Management Division administers the state's "rapid response" and "mass layoff" assistance programs by allocating federal job training funds to local Illinois workNet® Centers.

Staff at these offices provide "core," "intensive" and "training services" so as to improve the long-term employment outcomes for individuals receiving assistance.

The dislocated worker program is available in twenty-six Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) throughout Illinois. LWIAs are geographic service delivery areas determined by the Governor of each state according to the guidelines in the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

To learn more about laid off worker assistance, go to:
www.illinoisworknet.com/laidoffassistance



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Workforce Investment Act **DISLOCATED WORKER SERVICES**



**Providing dislocated workers with pathways
to success that lead to sustainable employment
in demand occupations.**

What is WIA?

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides the framework for a unique national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet both the needs of the nation's businesses and the needs of job seekers and those who want to further their careers. The most important aspect of the Act is its focus on meeting the needs of businesses for skilled workers and the training, education, and employment needs of individuals.

Key components of the Act will enable customers to:

- Easily access the information and services they need through the Illinois workNet® system
- Empower adults to obtain the training they find most appropriate through Individual Training Accounts, which allows adult customers to "purchase" the training they determine best for them
- Ensure that all State and local programs meet customer expectations

Who does WIA help?

Dislocated workers are individuals who:

- Have been laid off, or terminated, or have received notice of layoff or termination due to a plant closure or mass layoff
- Are unemployed through no fault of their own, are eligible for or have exhausted their unemployment compensation and are unlikely to return to their previous occupation or industry
- Were self-employed (including farmers and ranchers) and are unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in their community
- Are displaced homemakers

How does WIA help?

Core Services (with no eligibility requirements):

- Eligibility Determination
- Intake/Orientation
- Initial Assessment
- Job Search and Placement Assistance
- Employment Statistics Information
- Training Provider Performance / Cost Info
- Performance Information
- Information About Supportive Services
- U.I. Claims Filing Information
- Assistance Applying for Welfare-to-Work
- Assistance Applying for Financial Aid
- Follow-Up Services

Use Illinois workNet® to learn about assistance for laid off workers:
www.illinoisworknet.com/laidoffassistance

Services

Intensive Services

(for unemployed individuals who have been unable to obtain jobs through core services, and/or those who are employed but need additional services to reach self-sufficiency):

- Comprehensive Assessments
- Development of Individual Employment Plans
- Group and Individual Counseling
- Career Planning & Case Management
- Short-Term Pre-Vocational Services
- Out-of-Area Job Search Assistance
- Literacy Activities Related to Basic Workforce Readiness
- Relocation Assistance
- Internships
- Work Experience

Training Services

(available for those who met intensive services eligibility but were unable to find employment through those services):

- Occupational Skills Training
- On-the-Job Training
- Cooperative Education Programs
- Private Sector Training Programs
- Skill Upgrading and Retraining
- Entrepreneurial Training
- Job Readiness Training
- Adult Education and Literacy Activities
- Employer Customized Training





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Chicago Cook Workforce Centers

The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership (The Partnership) is a non-profit formed under the leadership of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emmanuel and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. The Partnership plays a key role in connecting job seekers, employers, and businesses to a variety of programs, resources, and services.

Please call in advance to get information about workforce center hours of operation, orientations and workshop. *Last updated August 2014.

Chicago Locations:

Daley Southwest Workforce Center

7500 S. Pulaski Road - Building 100
Chicago, IL 60652
(773) 884-7000

Garfield Workforce Center

10 S. Kedzie 1st Floor
Chicago, IL 60624
(773) 722-3885

Mid South Workforce Center

4314 S. Cottage Grove - Room 209
Chicago, IL 60653
(773) 538-5627

Pilsen Workforce Center

1700 W. 18th Street
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 994-8300

Northside Workforce Center (DESI)

5060 N. Broadway - Suite #690
Chicago, IL 60640
(773) 334-4747

Suburban Locations:

Arlington Heights Workforce Ctr.

723 W. Algonquin Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 981-7400 press 3

Chicago Heights Workforce Center

Prairie State College – ATOC Building
202 S. Halsted, Suite 148
Chicago Heights, IL 60411
(708) 709-7975

Cicero Workforce Center

2138 S. 61st Court - 3rd Floor
Cicero, IL 60804
(708) 222-3100

Maywood Workforce Center (E & ES)

1701 S. 1st Avenue
Maywood, IL 60153
(708) 223-2652

Oak Forest Illinois WorkNet Center

Building B - 2nd Floor
15900 S. Cicero Avenue
Oak Forest, IL 60452
(708) 633-2777



Layoff Recovery Resources and Tools

Achieve Your Training and Employment Goals

Helping with recovery from a job layoff.

<http://www.illinoisworknet.com/layoffrecovery>



- Watch the helpful video guide.
- Subscribe to receive informative news.
- Create a great resume.
- Find current job openings.
- File for unemployment insurance.
- Connect to assistance in your community.
- Participate with job transition events.
- Join the Virtual Job Club.
- Complete your Online Dislocated Worker Survey.
- Learn about other helpful services and benefits.



The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership represents the public workforce system and the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA 7) for Cook County. Access Laid Off Worker programs and services through one of the IllinoisworkNet Workforce Centers (and satellite locations) located in the City of Chicago and suburban Cook County.

Access Workforce Center location information here:

<http://www.workforceboard.org/career-resources/workforce-centers/>



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Illinois workNet®

Create an account to manage your career journey from wherever you are.



PREPARE

- Organize and set goals
- Find careers, wages, and trends
- Prepare for interviews
- Prepare your resume
- Improve your workplace skills

LEARN

- Learn about adult education
- Update basic skills and computer skills
- Find financial aid and scholarship information
- Search for education & training opportunities



STEP GUIDES

- Laid off worker assistance
- Company layoff pages
- Veterans resources
- Disability step guide



DISABILITY RESOURCES

- Illinois disability benefits estimator
- Work incentives
- Benefits & information
- Rights & advocacy



FIND JOBS

- Job search tools
- Get networking tips
- Learn about starting a business



SERVICES

- Child care
- Healthcare
- Housing
- Immigrant professionals
- Money management
- Public assistance & support
- Re-Entry services
- Apply for unemployment



www.illinoisworknet.com



ILLINOIS HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



The Illinois Healthcare Portal is the one-stop source for your healthcare needs. The Healthcare Portal can help families sign-up for affordable health insurance programs and help women find free breast and cervical cancer screenings.

www.health.illinois.gov



FamilyCare: Health insurance for parents and certain caretaker relatives living with children 18 or younger in Illinois.

1 (866) 255-5437 TTY: 1 (877) 204-1012

www.familycareillinois.com



All Kids: Health insurance coverage for Illinois children 18 or younger, regardless of family income.

1 (866) 255-5437 TTY: 1 (877) 204-1012

www.allkids.com



Veterans Care: Health insurance for uninsured veterans who have the least access to reliable healthcare.

1 (800) 226-0768 TTY: 1 (877) 204-1012

www.illinoisveteranscare.com



Illinois Warrior Assistance Program: Assistance for Illinois Veterans as they transition back to civilian life after serving their country.

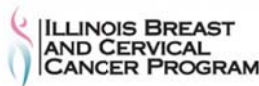
1 (866) 554-4927 / www.illinoiswarrior.com



Illinois Healthy Women: Covers family planning/birth control for Illinois women ages 19-44.

1 (800) 226-0768

www.illinoishealthywomen.com



Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program: Provides free mammograms, breast exams, pelvic exams, Pap tests, and treatment to all uninsured Illinois women ages 35-64, regardless of income.

1 (888) 522-1282 TTY: 1 (800) 547-0466

www.cancerscreening.illinois.gov



Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities: Working individuals with a disability pay a low monthly premium and receive full medical benefits.

1 (800) 226-0768 TTY: 1 (877) 675-8440

www.hbwdiillinois.com



Free or Reduced Healthcare Facilities: The US Department of Health and Human Services maintains a list of healthcare facilities nationwide that provide free or reduced care. Find out about local facilities by visiting the website or number listed.

www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton

1 (800) 638-0742

Want to learn more?

Go online to www.SET-Demo.com. You will go through a 30-minute online orientation presentation and can apply for the SET program online. You can access the SET orientation from computers in your local Workforce Center's resource room. But hurry! The SET program will only operate for a limited period of time.

Questions?

For more information you can email SET-Info@mathematica-mpr.com or call (800) 951-7359.



DOL/ETA has developed the SET program in partnership with Mathematica Policy Research, a nonpartisan policy research firm that has conducted important evaluations of employment, education, welfare, nutrition, and early childhood policies and programs in the United States.

For more information see
www.doleta.gov and
www.mathematica-mpr.com.



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Every year, more than
600,000 small businesses are
started in the United States.
One of these could be yours!



- ✓ Are you thinking of starting or developing a business?
- ✓ Do you want to be your own boss?
- ✓ Do you need help getting your business off the ground?

The Self-Employment Training (SET) program might be able to help!

The SET program is a new program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA), which seeks to help unemployed workers start businesses in their fields of expertise.

Services Offered by SET

The SET program will offer a customized package of free self-employment training and other services to each participant. Each participant will also have a self-employment advisor, who will provide ongoing guidance and support.

Services may include the following:

- **Microenterprise classes and training.** These can be on a variety of subjects, such as business planning, marketing, finance, and operations.
- **Individualized business development support.** This includes one-on-one guidance on the type of business that the participant is trying to establish.
- **Access to seed capital funding.** All participants are eligible for a seed capital grant of up to \$1,000 upon meeting certain milestones in opening a business.
- **Logistical support.** Participants might have access to computers, office space, specialized consultants, and other resources.
- **Peer groups.** Participants might be able to interact with others embarking on self-employment through group meetings and other networking events.

Who is eligible for SET?

To be eligible to apply for SET, you must have the following characteristics:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Qualify as a dislocated worker. You may be a dislocated worker if you have been laid off (or notified that a layoff is coming) through no fault of your own; if you were self-employed but are now out of work due to a poor economy or circumstances outside of your control; or if you are a homemaker who can no longer rely on financial support from a family member. (You do not need to be a registered customer of the local workforce agency.)
- Propose or be pursuing a legal business idea that relates to some area of your expertise or past experience.
- Agree to participate in a study related to the program. Because the number of program slots is limited, a lottery will determine which applicants get the opportunity to participate in the SET program.

