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# **New Arrival Project**

## **Updates and Accomplishments**

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# Meet William Mijares



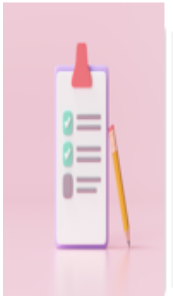
# New Arrivals Project



- Biden Administration grants Venezuelan (New Arrivals) Temporary Protection Status (TPS) for those that arrived prior to July 31, 2023. Also granting New Arrivals to apply for Employment Authorization Documentation (EAD)



- Initially New Arrivals were housed in 22 local shelters. Currently, shelters have closed and many New Arrivals have moved out and found housing in the community.



- Since November 2023 Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership (The Partnership), scaleLIT, and Illinois Department of Employment and Security TPS and EAD Workshops capturing New Arrivals interest forms for Workforce and Adult Education & ESL services (Title I & II services).



# Key Partners

## Workforce Group Collaborative Agencies & Partners

<b>Illinois Department of Commerce &amp; Economic Opportunity</b>	<b>United States Citizenship and Immigration Services</b>	<b>Illinois Department of Human Services</b>
<b>Illinois Department of Employment Security</b>	<b>The Resurrection Project</b>	<b>Chicago Family &amp; Support Services (Shelters)</b>
<b>Metropolitan Family Services</b>	<b>One Stop Operator</b>	<b>City Colleges of Chicago</b>
<b>Illinois Community College Board</b>	<b>Employers</b>	<b>Cook County Bureau of Economic Development</b>

# The Partnership's Role

- The [Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership](#) is coordinating with government agencies and key partners to collect information from new arrivals, provide resources, and connect individuals with the public workforce system
- Job readiness preparation, skills training and placement assistance through American Job Centers

## New Arrivals Workforce Team



# New Arrival Services

TPS and EAD  
Workshops

Data Collection  
and Referrals  
Tracking

Career  
Navigation

Workforce  
Training

Adult  
Education and  
ESL Classes

Employer  
Engagement

Hiring Events

# Service Integration

- Collaboration between The Resurrection Project and Illinois Department of Human Services to bus New Arrivals from shelters to workshops
- Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Family Services provided onsite legal aid and pro bono attorneys, and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services offered onsite intake and biometric services for applicants
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic supported connections to the local workforce services
- 3,467 workforce interest survey forms collected at TPS/EAD Workshop
- Hiring Events and Resource Fairs



# Leverage Funding

- 1,720 New Arrival customers have been engaged and tracked by The Partnership and our One Stop Operator, scaleLIT
- Career Pathway Navigators funded by Cook County's ARPA Program assisted with referrals to ESL
- National Dislocated Worker Funds were leveraged by The Partnership to provide outreach to New Arrivals and connect them to workforce services and is composed of 12 New Arrivals recently hired on temp status (Community Outreach Teams) who obtained work permits
- Supplement Grant Funding used for sector-based training of 60 New Arrivals

# New Arrivals Data Overview

AGGREGATED INTEREST FORMS  
TO DATE:  
3467

AGGREGATED TOP THREE  
INDUSTRIES:  
Laborer 22%  
Manufacturing 10%  
Transportation. Log. Dist. % 10%  
Hospitality 10%

AGE:  
51% Age 25-35  
22% Age 36-45  
19% Age 18-24  
6% Age 46-54

EDUCATION:  
46% High School/Equivalent  
30% Less than High School  
19% Some College  
6% Trade School

## PRIORITY WELCOMING AMERICAN JOB CENTERS

Career seekers and employers can contact one of the Priority Centers listed below. Additional service providers stand ready to help empower new arrivals by connecting them to Illinois' workforce opportunities. For Cook County, career seekers and employers can visit [levelupajc.org](http://levelupajc.org) or call (800) 720-2515 to connect to the nearest location. [English/Spanish](#) AJC orientations



American Job Center in Maywood	American Job Center at Daley College	American Job Center at Truman College
1701 South 1st Avenue Suite 10 Maywood, IL 60153  Phone: 708-223-2652 TTY/TDD: 800-526-0844 <a href="https://www.eesforjobs.com">https://www.eesforjobs.com</a>	7500 South Pulaski Road Campus, Building 100 Chicago, IL 60652  Phone: 773-884-7000 TTY/TDD: 773-884-0269 <a href="https://www.eesforjobs.com/">https://www.eesforjobs.com/</a>	1145 W Wilson Ave. Suite 1917 Chicago, IL 60640  Phone: 773-334-4747 TTY/TDD: 773-334-9804 <a href="https://equusworks.com/">https://equusworks.com/</a>
American Job Center in Pilsen	American Job Center in North Riverside	Central States SER, Little Village Workforce Center
1700 W. 18th Street Chicago, IL 60608  Phone: 855-994-8300 TTY/TDD: 312-738-0766 <a href="https://www.nationalable.org/">https://www.nationalable.org/</a>	7222 Cermak Rd North Riverside, IL 60546  Phone: 708-222-3100 Ext 1300 TTY/TDD: 800-526-0844 <a href="http://www.centralstatesser.org">www.centralstatesser.org</a>	3948 W. 26th Street Suite 213 Chicago, IL 60623  Phone: 773-542-9030 TTY/TDD: 800-526-0844 <a href="http://centralstatesser.org/">http://centralstatesser.org/</a>

# Front-line Initiatives

## Ongoing Initiatives and Events

- 87 Integrated legal processing and workforce workshops supporting eligible new arrivals

## American Job Centers in Pilsen and North Riverside

- Provides Resume Development
- Application Practice
- Digital Literacy
- ESL Classes
- Job Readiness
- Career Exploration

**SER**  
CENTRAL STATES  
JOBS FOR PROGRESS, INC.

**TALLERES PARA NEW ARRIVAL**  
INICIA 29 ABRIL 2024 LUNES Y  
MIERCOLES 10:00 A 1:00

**¡Se darán incentivos por asistencia!**

**Central States SER**  
Jobs for progress, Inc  
www.centralstatesser.org  
FBeltran@centralstatesser.org

3948 W. 26 th Street, Suite  
213 Chicago IL  
773- 542- 9030

**APRENDERAS:**

- Crear curriculum
- Modulos de computacion
- Como perfeccionar un curriculum
- Como buscar empleo
- Tips para asistir a las entrevistas de trabajo
- Practicas de entrevista

**MODULOS DE COMPUTACION**

- Correo electrónico
- Word
- Huella digital
- Google Docs
- Navegación en internet
- Windows 10
- Mac OS
- Alfabetización informacional

**iHOLA CAREERS!**

Explore career opportunities in the culinary industry!  
Everyone is welcome!

Meet Industry Experts • Learn About Different Career Paths  
Interactive Workshops • Networking Opportunities  
Career Resources • Lunch will be provided!

**MAY 30, 2024 | 8AM – 2PM**

PICK UP AT: **AMERICAN JOB CENTER IN PILSEN**  
1700 W. 18TH STREET | CHICAGO, IL 60608

Complimentary transportation will be provided from our Pilsen office to the event.  
Attendees will also receive a transportation card for their journey home.

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# Front-line Initiatives

## American Job Center in Pilsen

### Example of Career Exploration:

❖ May 29<sup>th</sup> - Culinary Tour

❖ June 26<sup>th</sup> - TDL and Manufacturing Tour



# Front-line Initiatives

American Job  
Centers are  
providing a series  
of Pre-screening  
sessions in May  
and June

El Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership  
y los Centros Americanos de Empleo (AJCs)  
les invita a participar en los eventos para:

## PREPARACION PARA EMPLEO



ESTOS EVENTOS SON LIBRE DE COSTO Y PARA LA PARTICIPACION  
EXCLUSIVA DE CLIENTES DE NUEVO ARRIVO & RECIEN LLEGADOS  
CAPACIDAD ES LIMITADA | RESERVE SU ESPACIO HOY!

Lunes, 5/20/2024  
Central States SER  
3948 W. 26th St Ste 213  
9:00am – 12:30pm

Lunes, 6/03/2024  
AJC North Riverside  
7222 W. Cermak Rd  
9:00am – 12:30pm

Lunes, 6/10/2024  
Southwest AJC (Daley)  
7500 S. Pulaski Rd #100  
9:00am – 12:30pm

Lunes, 6/24/2024  
West Suburban AJC Maywood  
1701 S. 1st Ave, Maywood  
9:00am – 12:30pm

Lunes, 6/24/2024  
AJC in Pilsen  
1700 W. 18th Street  
9:00am – 12:30pm

PARTICIPANTES DEBEN POSEER SU PERMISO DE TRABAJO  
DE ESTADOS UNIDOS (EAD). REGISTRACIÓN ES REQUERIDA  
ENLACE DE REGISTRACIÓN: <http://tiny.cc/AJCprescreen>



These events have been made possible by funding provided by  
the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Workforce 24 and Quest grants.

This will help  
prepare New  
Arrivals for future  
Hiring Events

# Hiring Events



## FABRICATE YOUR FUTURE



### Career Opportunities Available

Manufacturing	Machinists
Assemblers	Laborers
Welders	Forklift Ops.
Crane Ops.	Machine Ops.
Security	Electricians

\*Open positions are in the manufacturing/industrial sector

**When:** Thursday, June 20, 2024, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**Where:** Moraine Valley Community College, 9000 College Pkwy, Palos Hills, IL. 60465



Career Connector consists of in-person programs and events throughout suburban Cook County that connect residents to quality career path opportunities and employers to a skilled and diverse talent pool. This program is brought to you by Cook County and The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership ([The Partnership](#)).

**Scan Me or Register Here:**  
[CookCountyCareerConnect.org](http://CookCountyCareerConnect.org)

# Key Events



- Ongoing New Arrivals workshops at the Metcalfe Building
- February 14<sup>th</sup> at Community and New Arrival Resource Fair at Malcolm X College
- February 8<sup>th</sup> “Integrating New Arrivals in the Workplace: Considerations for Illinois Employers Webinar” for employers open to hiring new arrivals
- April 16<sup>th</sup> Hospitality Hires Chicago
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Careers de Mayo at American Job Center at Pilsen
- May 29<sup>th</sup> Hospitality Hires North in Evanston
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Job Fair at Arturo Vazquez Institute City College

Visit:

<https://chicookworks.org/> for a list of upcoming hiring events  
[HIRING AND CAREER EVENTS - Cook County Career Connect](#)





# Sector-based Training

- Through [Jane Adams Resource Center](#) (JARC) cohorts will earn a **Manufacturing Certificate (CMfgA)** and the opportunity to engage in hands-on-training and on-site learning at Freedman Seating.



- [Food Hero](#) Culinary Program cohorts earn **Basic Culinary Certificate** and **Servsafe Food Handling Certification** and gain kitchen practical experience. Graduates receive support with employment in food industry.



- [Pyramid Partnership](#) and **Illinois Restaurant Association-ServSafe Food Handling Certification**

## FREEDMAN SEATING COMPANY

- All JARC Manufacturing training with New Arrivals takes place within Freedman Seating Company (FSC).
- Freedman Seating has been actively involved in helping shape the curriculum for the JARC Manufacturing Program. One of the projects for trainees is assembling a Fold Away seat much like the seats that are assembled on their shop floor.
- FSC has also expressed interest in hiring our program graduates
- New Arrivals hired are placed into entry-level position in manufacturing, including assembly.

## Center of Changing Lives (Labor Advocate)

- Provides JARC Manufacturing trainees with financial literacy

# New Arrival Persona: Maribel Sanchez

May 2022 - Maribel, a former lawyer and public defender, fled from Colombia and found asylum in Chicago. In 2023, Maribel and her family sought out TPS/EAD and other supportive services.

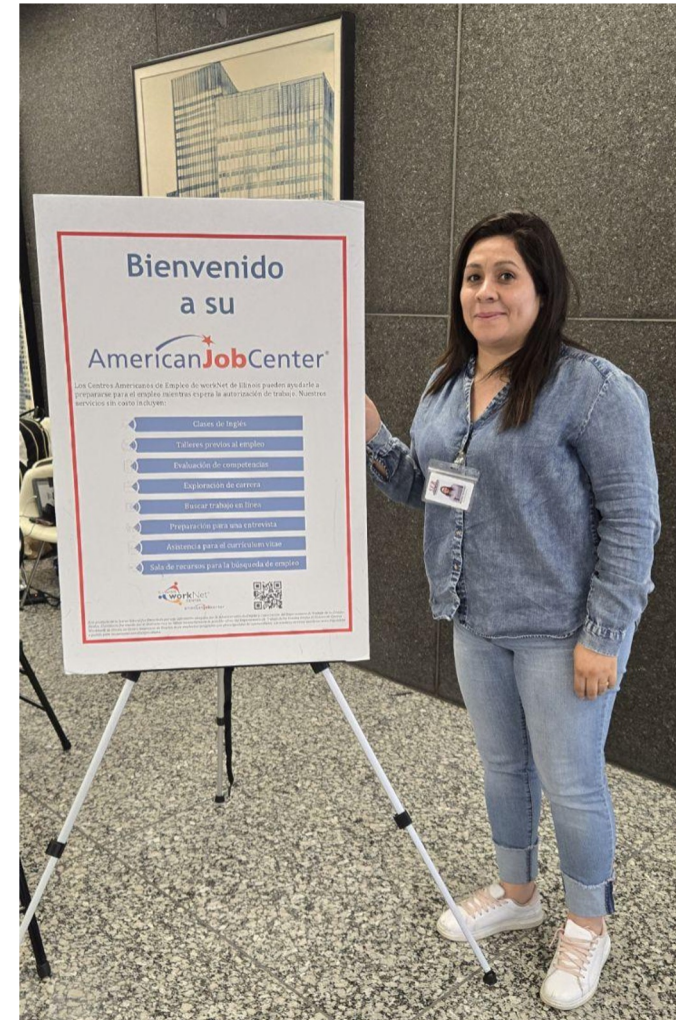
January 2024 - Maribel received her US work permit and began looking for work yet was having trouble securing a job interview.

February 2024 - Maribel met with a scaleLIT Navigator at the New Arrivals Resource Fair on February 14th. The Navigator introduced her and referred her to Central States SER for work readiness services. Maribel was interviewed by SER in March for a Quest funded staff position.

April 2024 - Maribel was hired by SER to be part of the QUEST Team. She reconnected with the Navigator team and was on boarded as Community Outreach staff.

May 2024 - Maribel has been engaging with New Arrivals at Metcalfe, Central States SER, community wide events and providing resource follow ups with TPS/EAD recipients. Maribel is exploring a legal career pathway with the Immigrant Justice Leadership Academy provided by The Resurrection Project.


“It is great to experience the outreach work that I do and how this country encourages us to help each other out.” - Maribel Sanchez.



# Next Steps -Employer Flyer

Employers can register

Job Fair Employer  
Registration



**CHICAGO**


The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership & partners invite employers to participate in this exciting event:

## CHICAGO RESIDENTS & NEW ARRIVALS JOB FAIR

**WHEN**  
Wednesday, July 31st, 2024  
10am - 2pm

**WHERE**  
Arturo Velasquez Institute (AVI),  
Conference Center, Room 1203  
2800 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60608

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
Complete your employer registration by scanning the QR code or registration link included below by 7/26/2024



<https://tinyurl.com/3y6vcd8t>

\* This event has been made possible by funding provided by the Workforce Opportunity Innovation Act (WIOA).

**ADMISSION, PARKING AND INTERNET ACCESS ARE FREE**


**MEET JOB READY CHICAGO RESIDENTS & NEW ARRIVAL JOB SEEKERS ONSITE**


**SHARE ALL YOUR AVAILABLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**PARTNERS**

- City of Chicago
- City Colleges of Chicago
- SERCO

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# State Support and Recognition

- The Partnership applied for and was awarded \$1.4 million from DCEO to expand these services
- The Partnership and the New Arrival Workforce Initiative partners were recognized with an Excellence in Collaboration Award at the Statewide WIOA Summit in late April



# Stakeholder Engagement

## US DOL Roundtable Highlights

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- US Department of Labor and Acting Secretary Julie A. Su, hosted “A Roundtable Discussion on Newcomers and Access to Good Jobs” on Thursday, May 23, 2024, in Chicago.
- The Roundtable discussed the region’s workforce needs in partnership with DOL and other stakeholders.





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# Questions?