New Arrival Project
Updates and Accomplishments
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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), scaleIT, 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).
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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 Arrival Services

- TPS and EAD Workshops
- Data Collection and Referrals Tracking
- Career Navigation
- Workforce Training
- Adult Education and ESL Classes
- Employer Engagement
- Hiring Events

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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
### Front-line Initiatives

**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 AIC orientations

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<td>1701 South 1st Avenue Suite 10 Maywood, IL 60153</td>
<td>7500 South Pulaski Road Campus, Building 100 Chicago, IL 60652</td>
<td>1145 W Wilson Ave. Suite 1917 Chicago, IL 60640</td>
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<td>7222 Carmak Rd North Riverside, IL 60546</td>
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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
American Job Center in Pilsen

Example of Career Exploration:

- May 29th - Culinary Tour
- June 26th - TDL and Manufacturing Tour
American Job Centers are providing a series of Pre-screening sessions in May and June.

This will help prepare New Arrivals for future Hiring Events.
Hiring Events

Cook County CAREER CONNECTOR
Connecting Talent & Employers

FABRICATE YOUR FUTURE

Career Opportunities Available
- Manufacturing
- Machinists
- Assemblers
- Laborers
- Welders
- Forklift Ops.
- Crane Ops.
- Machine Ops.
- Security
- Electricians

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 paths 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

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Key Events

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

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.
Employers can register for the Job Fair Employer Registration.

**Next Steps - Employer Flyer**

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
2000 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/3y6vcd0t

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

- 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.
Questions?