



## CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Bridges to Careers Provides Careers for Residents In-Need** *Literacy Training, Courses Provide Low-Income Families the Tools for Success*

**What: Bridges to Careers Fall Semester Registration**  
**When: August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 3-7 p.m.**  
**Where: City Colleges Locations Throughout Chicago**  
**Cost: Free for CHA Residents**

CHICAGO (July 27, 2006) – Fall not only signals the beginning of school for children, but also an opportunity for adults looking to earn a degree and gain technical training to achieve their goals. The Bridges to Careers program, offered through a partnership between the Chicago Housing Authority and City Colleges, prepares residents in need for a new or first job. Courses in the health care, banking, cosmetology and truck driving fields, among others, are set to begin at City Colleges locations throughout Chicago on August 28.

In preparation, CHA and City Colleges are offering registration for all programs and all education levels on **August 17** at **the Dawson Technical Institute, 3901 S.State St. Registration will run from 3-7 p.m.** Registration will provide residents information on available courses, remediation and literacy training information and job placement services for anyone who has completed technical training.

Low-income residents searching for a new career can also attend a Bridges orientation session at Dawson, making them eligible for training, courses and placement services. Orientation sessions for residents interested in Bridges courses are held every month on the second and third Wednesdays at Dawson. The orientations begin at 9 a.m. and last about three hours.

Technical training programs, offered in accelerated schedules to get residents placed in new careers, provide access to jobs with stable pay, flexible schedules and opportunities for advancement. While Bridges to Careers is offered free of charge to CHA leaseholders, the program is open to anyone seeking to improve skill levels for a desired career. More than 6,000 CHA residents have found jobs to date.

“I encourage any resident in need of a new job to attend an orientation session,” said Terry Peterson, CEO of the CHA. “As you find jobs and your income increases, you can achieve economic self-sufficiency and begin investing back into communities – reshaping the fabric of Chicago’s neighborhoods for years to come.”

For information about the Bridges to Careers orientation, call (312) 747-0971.

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