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WORC NEWSLETTER



COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

According to local Labor Market Data, healthcare is one of five high demand industries in the Chicagoland area. To meet this demand, on January 9, 2024, the Workforce Opportunity Resource Center (WORC), in collaboration with the Council on Black Health (CBH), launched a 5 week-virtual Community Health Worker (CHW) training for Chicago Housing Authority residents and Housing Choice Voucher participants. In total, ten residents and participants were selected out of sixty-seven applicants to begin the Community Health Worker training. A total of seven completed 100 core hours of didactic training and 80 hours of practicum/clinical hours to qualify for the Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification. Our goal is to prepare residents for sustainable career pathway opportunities in high demand occupations. Please join us in congratulating our first cohort of Community Health Workers (CHW). If you want to participate in upcoming trainings offered through the WORC office, please contact us at worc@thecha.org for more information.



(Pictured above, from left to right are Nicole Smith, Ashley Rule, Erika Pigram, Ingrid Marraquinn, Keisha Taylor, Nancy Shaw and Yashminda White)

DENTAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION INFORMATION SESSION

Are you interested in a career in dental health?
Sign up to learn more about the Dental Assistant
Certification Program with UI Health at UIC.

April 10, 2024 | 1:00pm-2:00pm

Registration Link
bit.ly/3xk4GtX



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Congratulations to Shawntavia Brazil, Founder and CEO, of Naturally Divine Organics for being one of The Vegan Women Summit 2024 Scholarship Awardees.

She competed with changemakers from around the globe.

Naturally Divine Organics' mission is to help families embrace healthy choices as a lifestyle & not just a diet, to build healthy communities one **herb**, one **recipe**, one **plant** at a time.

Shawntavia participated in the WORC Business Academy's Spring 2022 Pilot Program. Her takeaway from the WORC program is "don't give up". She said, "during my most challenging times, the WORC Team consistently checked in with me and provided motivation by just talking problems through and most importantly listening."



BANK OF AMERICA



WORC Table Talks Presents: Tips for Establishing Business Banking Relationships

Join the WORC Table Talks as we chat with Abel Garcia, Small Business Banker with the Bank of America. We will discuss:

- Tips for establishing and maintaining good business banking relationships
- Tips for business owners opening their first small business account,
- Information for seasoned business owners.

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024
10:00AM - 12:00PM**

**4859 S. Wabash Ave
Chicago, IL 60615**

**Register Here or Scan QR Code
bit.ly/TableTalkBOA**



WORC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS

Responding to a Request for Proposal

Part 1: April 11, 2024 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Part 2: April 12, 2024 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Part 3: April 15, 2024 | 10:00am - 11:00am

bit.ly/RFPAPRL24

Navigating the CHA Supplier Portal

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 @ 10am

bit.ly/CHAPORTAPR24

Navigating the WORC Portal for Businesses

Friday, April 17, 2024 @ 10am

bit.ly/WORCPORTAPR24

Responding to an Invitation for Bid (IFB)

Part 1: April 23, 2024 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Part 2: April 25, 2024 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Part 3: April 26, 2024 | 10:00am - 11:00am

bit.ly/IFBAPR24

Creating A Winning Capability Statement

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 @ 10am

bit.ly/CapStateApril24