

# Resources for Employment and Financial Assistance

## Church

### **Church of the Holy Comforter Bridge Ministry**

Support is provided to parishioners and others who are experiencing employment-related transitions by offering resume reviews, arranging interview opportunities and mentoring.

Contact information:

Church of the Holy Comforter  
222 Kenilworth Avenue  
Kenilworth, IL 60043  
847-251-6120

### **St. Chrysostom. Chicago Employment Council**

The Employment Council works with the Career Transition Center and sponsors speakers on topics such as networking, job transitions and interviewing. St. Chrysostom, Chicago 1-312-944-1083

### **St. Gregory's, Deerfield Career Renewal Ministry**

The Career Renewal Ministry supports and assists individuals who have become unemployed, are seeking employment for the first time or are re-entering the job market after a significant absence. The Career Renewal Ministry was formed in 1986 by members of St. Gregory's Episcopal Church and Holy Cross Catholic Church in Deerfield. Since that time, the ministry has worked with over 500 participants, assisting many directly or indirectly in their career searches. Contact Woody Lovacheff at 847-948-8083 for more information. Or visit <http://www.holycrossparish.net/career/> Resource: Career Renewal Participant's Guide <http://www.holycrossparish.net/career/CRParticipantsOverview.pdf>

### **Cathedral Counseling Center**

An agency of Episcopal Charities and Community Services providing the highest quality mental health care at fees adjusted to clients' financial resources. 50 East Washington, Suite 301, Chicago. (312) 252-9500.

<http://www.cathedralcounseling.org/>

### **Church Pension Group Medical Trust**

The Medical Trust has an **Employee Assistance Program** for clergy and lay employees enrolled in the Medical Trust health insurance plan. The program offers counseling sessions, 30 minutes free legal consultations, stress management, debt management, identity theft assistance, and link to community resources For information on the counseling services: 866-395-7794 or [www.cignabehavioral.com](http://www.cignabehavioral.com)

## Chicago Area Not for Profit

### **Career Transition Center**

The Center is a not-for-profit organization providing career transition and job search assistance. Located at 703 West Monroe in Chicago, the Center hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (312) 906-9908 <http://www.ctcchicago.org/>

### **Career Resource Center, Inc.**

40 East Old Mill Rd., Suite 105  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
(847) 295-5626

### **Chicago Job Talk** career counseling recommendations

<http://www.chicagjobs.org/?q=counseling>

### **Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America**

The [Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America](http://www.naca.org/) ("NACA") is a non-profit, community advocacy and homeownership organization whose primary goal is building strong neighborhoods through affordable homeownership. NACA also provides property renovation assistance and membership assistance for NACA homeowners: [Home and Neighborhood Development \("HAND"\) Department](#) NACA's Membership Assistance Program (MAP) provides comprehensive counseling for members who are delinquent on their home payments, including establishing payment agreements and providing financial assistance to [help Members avoid foreclosure](#).

50 W. 88th St  
Chicago, IL 60620  
Phone: (773) 723-6222

To participate in NACA you must first enroll in one of its workshops.

### **United Way**

560 W. Lake, Chicago, IL 60661  
(312) 876-0010 or toll free at 1(800) 725-5314  
<http://www.uw-mc.org/>

United Way provides free services to people who live in the State of Illinois. Staff will talk with you over the phone and provide job information and job referrals. United Way also works with agencies that provide job counseling, job training, and emergency food, and housing, and shelter.

### **State of Illinois**

**Chicago area legal service providers** <http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/iap/chiprobono.html>

**Illinois Attorney General helpline:** Homeowners' Referral Helpline at 1-866-544-7151 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

### **Illinois Department of Employment Security**

401 S. State, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60605  
(312) 793-5700, TDD 1(800) 662-3943 (Spanish spoken) The local offices of the Illinois Department of Employment Security have "Apprenticeship Information Centers," which provide information on apprenticeship programs.

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation:** webpage with information on choosing debt and credit counseling services. <http://www.obre.state.il.us/CONSUMER/Tips/debt counselor.htm>

### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

Low-income Illinois families who are enrolled in SNAP will receive increased monthly assistance under the federal recovery bill. To find out more about SNAP and to apply in person or online visit the DHS website:  
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30357>

### **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families**

Provides temporary cash assistance to help families achieve independence. For more information, to find out if you meet the eligibility requirements, and to apply, visit the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) website:  
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30358>

### **Unemployment Compensation**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides \$40 billion nationwide for extended unemployment benefits through December 31, 2009. For more information on Illinois unemployment compensation, and to apply for unemployment, go to <http://www.ides.state.il.us/>

### **Federal**

#### **Department of Justice approved list of credit counseling agencies**

[http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/eo/bapcpa/ccde/cc\\_approved.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/ust/eo/bapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.htm)

#### **United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration**

Listings of job search and job training resources.  
[http://www.doleta.gov/jobseekers/find\\_job.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/jobseekers/find_job.cfm)