

WORC Newsletter

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Success Story: Ariel Mullins

In May, Ariel Mullins came to us eager to begin her career in security. Having recently completed all the requirements for her PERC card, she was determined to find a stable position where she could grow and build long-term success.

Upon enrolling in the Employment Placement Services, Ariel was immediately paired with her career coach for personalized support. Together, they prepared for upcoming opportunities, focusing on resume development, interview readiness, and building her confidence to stand out as a strong candidate. Within just a week, Ariel was scheduled for an interview and received tailored coaching to ensure she was fully prepared.

Her preparation and persistence quickly paid off. On August 19, Ariel proudly began her new career in security with Titan Security. This achievement not only marked the start of a new job but also the launch of a promising career path in an industry she is passionate about.

Ariel's success story is a powerful example of how dedication, guided coaching, and the right support system can open doors to lasting opportunities. We are proud to celebrate her accomplishment and excited to see where her career in security takes her next.

If you're looking for employment and ready to start building your own success story, email worc@thecha.org to learn more about our workforce programs.

Upcoming WORC Events

WORC Info Session

Please join us on Thursday, October 9th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom — and don't forget to register today!

Learn about employment, business development, and training opportunities available through the Workforce Opportunity Resource Center (WORC).

Visit Link to Register: <https://tinyurl.com/WORCINFOSESSIONOCTOBER>

Constructionworks Powered By Illinois Tollway Webinar

Please join us on Thursday, October 21st, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. via Zoom — and don't forget to register today!

Discover how the ConstructionWorks Program can help you start or advance your career in the construction industry.

Visit Link to Register: <https://bit.ly/Constructionworks>

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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WORC Business Academy Graduation

On August 27th, WORC Business Academy proudly celebrated the graduation of the Spring 2025 cohort, marking the successful completion of the 12-week entrepreneurial training program. It was truly a memorable celebration of growth, resilience, and community.

The evening was filled with excitement and inspiration as two student speakers, WORC BA graduates, delivered heartfelt speeches sharing their entrepreneurial journeys and aspirations. Former Alderman Leslie Hairston, the keynote guest speaker and a small business owner herself, gave a powerful and moving address that resonated deeply with attendees.

It was an amazing evening filled with pride, inspiration, and community spirit. Congratulations again to all our graduates! Please stay in touch with the WORC Academy advisor—we can't wait to see what you do next.

For details on the WORC Business Academy or upcoming opportunities, contact worc@thecha.org.



WORC Technical Assistance Workshops

Responding to a Small Purchase Quote Request

<https://tinyurl.com/ya9b4x6w>

Navigating the WORC Portal for Businesses

<https://forms.office.com/g/uueihRPwdD>

Registering in the City of Chicago Portal

<https://tinyurl.com/ya9b4x6w>

How to apply for W/MBE with the City of Chicago

<https://forms.office.com/g/Btd18SbxFq>

Registering in the Chicago Public Schools Portal

<https://tinyurl.com/ya9b4x6w>

How to apply for DBE with the CTA

<https://forms.office.com/g/j6Zd1sctEF>

Registering in the Cook County Supplier Portal

<https://tinyurl.com/ya9b4x6w>