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2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear Friends:

The past year has been full of progress and promise. But it was also marred by damaging rhetoric and action by leaders who challenge fundamental principles of fairness, justice, and equitable opportunity. We are grateful that you—our partners, members, funders and friends—have stayed strong in the face of these challenges.

The Chicago Jobs Council believes that all people, regardless of where they start or where they've been, should be able to access employment as a pathway out of poverty. This year we took a hard look at the underlying data about who remains un- and underemployed and listened closely to what our members and partners say about what is working. In so many places, we see the intersecting challenges of racism, disinvestment, housing, and transportation barring people from successful participation in the economy and our society. In response, we have deepened our partnerships and advocacy in these areas through the Transit Table, the Employment Task Force, and the Responsible Budget Coalition.

As the persistent impacts of white supremacy continue to infiltrate the systems and policies we seek to change, we recommit to fighting the racism that squashes human potential and human life in Chicago, Illinois, and beyond. And we are thankful for our many partners doing the work to fight white supremacy and systemic racism through advocacy on employment, immigration, literacy, education, transportation, housing, health, and so many other areas.

We see you. Your work matters, and we are with you. We commit to continuing this work with you.

Sincerely,

Carrie Thomas
Executive Director



A Win for Ventra Bulk Sales

The Chicago Transit Authority's (CTA) 2013 switch to the Ventra system may be a distant memory for many Chicago riders, but the Chicago Jobs Council (Jobs Council) has been working away to get the CTA to improve the basic functionality and pricing of the system for health and human service providers. Service providers depend on the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) every day to ensure that participants can access programs, because no one can benefit from a training, shelter, or appointment if they cannot get to it. However, the CTA's Ventra fare system is costly and burdensome for social service providers who offer transit assistance to their program participants.

The Jobs Council first publicized some challenges of the Ventra fare system in 2014 in our report "Ventra poses barriers to providing transit support to low-income Chicagoans." Later in 2014, the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services further explored the Ventra issues through a survey of their own delegate agencies. Their survey identified similar challenges. Over the last three years, Jobs Council staff have met with additional providers, CTA staff, city agencies, and the Mayor's office to find solutions to the costs and burdens Ventra has created.



In FY 2017, we continued to fight this barrier for low-income and unemployed Chicagoans with our partners at the Transit Table, a coalition of social service providers, advocates, and other stakeholders working to eliminate transportation barriers that keep people out of work and in poverty. We raised the issue on the front page of the *Chicago Tribune*, which documented struggles of service providers and their customers juggling exorbitant fees and the unsafe travel options that customers often are forced to resort to: "...the homeless get back anyway they can—walking miles across gang boundaries, jumping turnstiles or begging strangers to use their Ventra cards for a free ride."

We sent a letter to CTA, signed by over 40 social service agencies and advocates, asking CTA for online bulk sales, and to waive the 50 cent surcharge on paper tickets. In November, we testified at the CTA board and gained additional media attention. **Finally, after years of hard work, the CTA implemented a modernized online bulk purchase process for Ventra tickets in the Spring of 2017!** This victory was made possible by the collaboration of our partners at the Transit Table. Providers have already benefited from access to bulk sales—they are now better able to provide transit assistance, unweighted by a broken purchasing system.

Ending Driver's License Suspension for Non-moving Violations

The Jobs Council has been working with partners at the Transit Table since 2016 to better understand how driver's license suspension policy keeps people out of work, in poverty, and contributes to racial disparities that fall hardest on low-income people of color. All too often, when a license is taken away, a job is taken away. **This year, we got to roll up our sleeves and start changing policies.**

With our partners at the Transit Table, we crafted the License to Work Act and recruited almost 30 sponsors in Springfield the first time it was introduced. The License to Work Act would eliminate driver's license suspension as a penalty for most non-driving related violations. When 80% of Illinoisans drive to work, and communities of color suffer from worse transportation access and higher unemployment, it is neither fair nor smart to take away the driver's licenses of people whose crime is being too poor to pay off a ticket, fine, or fee. Though the bill was not passed this session, we're excited by the support we've received and the productive conversations we've had with stakeholders of all kinds.

As we prepare for the next year of driver's license suspension advocacy, the Jobs Council is gathering more data and building more relationships to advance our efforts. This year, the Jobs Council implemented a survey which has had great success in connecting to and documenting the experiences of those who have lost their licenses with over 500

respondents from across Chicago and Illinois. The Jobs Council hopes to use the insight gathered from our survey to inform legislators, service providers, and the policy advocacy community. **As we continue our advocacy efforts, we put the lived experiences of those who have been most affected by over-policing and poverty at the center of our efforts.**



Chicago Change Agents Help Young Men of Color Step Into Their Futures

In October 2016, seven delegates from ChiTech Academy, Leaders Up, North Lawndale Employment Network, OAI, and Youth Guidance joined non-profit and public sector leaders from four cities across the country to participate in the Emerging Leaders Academy.



As a co-facilitator of this week-long immersive training, the Jobs Council helped spark a conversation about expanding opportunities for young men of color and highlighting their potential as leaders in the community. At the conclusion of the Academy, the seven Chicago delegates, now a team of “Change Agents”, returned to the city to plan an event entitled Step Into Your Future focused on career exploration, personal motivation and empowerment. Over 60 young men of color attended to hear from a variety of local speakers, network with peers and other mentors, and be connected to resources and future opportunities. **Beyond this successful event, the Chicago Change Agents continue to convene with the Jobs Council to consider additional opportunities for engaging and empowering future leaders of color.**

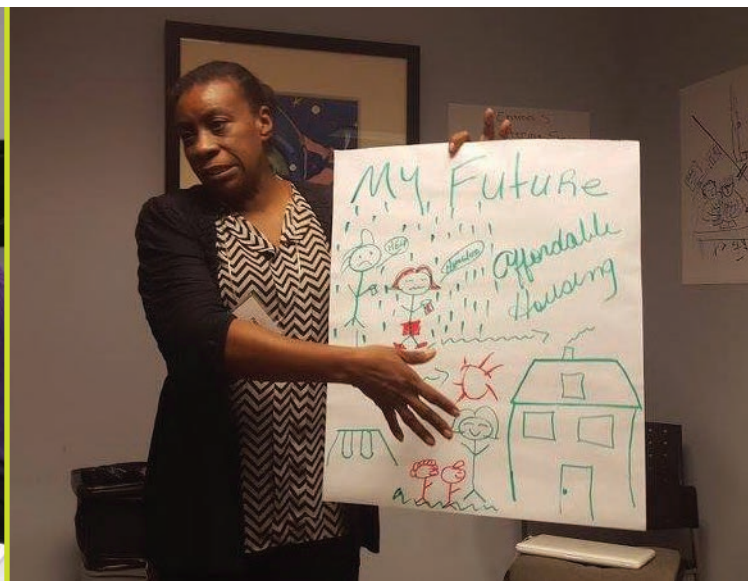
The Jobs Council Helps Evaluate the Impact of Socio-emotional Skills Training

Through our grant from the University of Chicago Poverty Lab, the Jobs Council continues to support the implementation of *Transforming Impossible to Possible* (TIP), a training curriculum that focuses on incorporating socio-emotional skills into job readiness activities for the chronically unemployed. Through our three partner organizations—Centers for New Horizons, Central States SER, and the Safer Foundation—randomized control group trials continue to be completed and preliminary results are expected in 2018. **As we engage with this experimental program, the Jobs Council remains on the frontline, exploring what works best for service providers and those they serve.** The process of rolling out TIP has provided valuable insights which we continue to incorporate into our capacity building efforts. In the coming year, we look forward to learning more about the outcomes of this program and its impact as we gather data and feedback from our partners.

Building Expertise Through Data: Success Drivers Cohort

This year, the Jobs Council completed its third Success Drivers cohort, an initiative that brought together a group of eleven Chicagoland organizations for over six months to explore best practices in workforce development based on national survey data from the Workforce Benchmarking Network. Through organizational self-assessments, peer learning, guest speaker presentations and action planning, **these organizations used evidence-based strategies to implement concrete steps to improve their programming.**

Each year, the Jobs Council improves and expands the Success Drivers cohort experience. **In 2017, we received the most applications to date and tried to intentionally select a diverse cohort based on organizational size, population served and program model.** Additionally, this year, we built opportunities for the cohort to understand and learn from each other's programs through site visits to participating agencies. We have also created a Success Drivers Alumni Network, where participants from previous cohort years come together quarterly to network, troubleshoot organizational challenges and support the Benchmarking community. In coming years, we will continue our efforts to expand this learning experience to more organizations in order to move the needle and build the capacity of Chicagoland workforce agencies.



Leading With A New Strategic Plan

This year, the Jobs Council completed a strategic planning process to guide our work over the next three years. We challenged ourselves to think big and bold in every aspect of the planning process with a commitment to explore all ideas as to how employment can move people out of poverty. We revisited our mission statement and articulated a new vision, **that ALL people, regardless of where they start or where they've been, can access employment as a pathway out of poverty.** We stated our organizational values of stable employment and strong communities, equity, evidence and on-the-ground experience, and inclusion and collaboration. Our strategic plan directly addresses the systemic barriers that prevent jobseekers from connecting with employment opportunities and outlines a series of goals and action steps to move us forward. With this new framework, the Jobs Council will harness the resources and partnerships that have informed our work for decades in our role as a reliable advocate and resource for the workforce community.

As part of our commitment to addressing systemic barriers to employment, all Jobs Council Staff and Board Members participated in an organization-wide racial equity training conducted by the Race Matters Institute. The two-day training helped us **launch an organization-wide transformation to apply a racial equity lens to everything the Jobs Council does—policies, programs, practices, and protocols—aligning all of our work to advance racial equity outcomes in employment.** As a team, we began to “build our muscle” to apply new tools, disaggregated data, and shared language about structural racism in all of our work. Following the training, every staff member committed to incorporating these newly-learned tools and practices into their day-to-day work so that the racial equity commitment outlined in our value statements and strategic goals is real and evident across all of our work. The Jobs Council continues its commitment to dismantling barriers to employment by placing race at the center of our research, advocacy and capacity building.



Top (L-R): Ellen Johnson, Etta Davis, Kaitlyn McGovern, Lorraine Chavez, Carrie Thomas, Megan Winzeler, Eric Halvorson;
Bottom (L-R): Angela Morrison, Cheryl Hester, Queen Dorn, Caitlin Gent



Fiscal Year 2017 Financials

Chicago Jobs Council Statement of Financial Position

Period ending June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$642,949
Restricted cash	3,737

Total Cash and Cash Equivalents \$646,686

Contributions receivable	75,000
Other receivables	32,690
Prepaid expenses	4,702

Total Current Assets \$759,078

Property and equipment	1,841
Certificate of deposit	50,149

TOTAL ASSETS \$811,068

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$22,271
Accrued payroll and related expenses	9,627
Custodial funds payable	3,737
Deferred revenue	9,109

Total Current Liabilities \$44,744

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	\$439,595
Temporarily restricted	326,729

Total Net Assets \$766,324

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Fiscal Year 2017 Financial Support, Donors, and Sponsors

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 Community Assistance Programs
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 Employment and Employer Services
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2017 Meetings & Events



Jobs Council partners engage in critical flash advocacy activities at Workforce Development Working Group, Transit Table and other key meetings and events to help make sure that policy makers get the message!

Clockwise: Analia Rodriguez (Latino Union of Chicago); Becky DeForest and Melanie Sampson (Literacy Works); Juan Calixto (Chicago Community Loan Fund); Cheryl Hester (Chicago Jobs Council)



Left: Team Jobs Council visits our partner Centro Romero in Rogers Park to learn more about their services for individuals and families.

Right: "On the Table" attendees talk about worker-owned cooperatives at this Chicago Community Trust event co-hosted by the Jobs Council and Chicago Center for Arts and Technology.



Left: Carrie Thomas and Jobs Council partners Bashir Muhammad and Lincoln Stannard attend a Woodstock Institute event at the Stony Island Arts Bank.

Right: As part of a Frontline Workforce Association meeting focused on self care in the social services field, attendees practice a relaxation exercise led by Caren Jeskey.

36TH Annual Meeting — Ideas & Action Celebration



Left: Emerging Leaders Academy Chicago Change Agents receive the Betty J. Willhoite award: Jose Wilson, Laura Lane, Jacob Grobe, Dywayne Betts, Jr., Pamela Williams; (not pictured) Monique Shelton, Sequane Lawrence, Leah Eggers
Right: City Colleges of Chicago Chancellor Juan Salgado delivers an engaging Ideas & Action Keynote address.



Left: Precious Wright snaps a selfie with spoken word performers Jordan “DXTR Spits” Holmes and Antwon Lord Funches who opened and closed the event.

Right: Frontline Focus graduates: (Top row, L-R) Sarah Meyer, Dywayne Betts, Jr., Thomas Peters, Nathan Bedell, Jake Rohn, David Harris, Javier Haro; (Bottom row, L-R) Precious Wright, Betsy Kelly, Antonette Hernandez, Sunday Davis



Left: FY2017 board members: (Top row, L-R) Rebecca Estrada, Wendy Pollack, Laura Zumdahl, Dr. Ricardo Estrada, Mollie Dowling, Matthew Weis, Erick Allen, Margie Gonwa; (Bottom row, L-R) Guadalupe Preston, Anita Jenke, Barbara Tartaglione, Debra Walker Johnson

Right: Two special Jobs Council alumni, former Board President John Plunkett and former Executive Director Robert Wordlaw, enjoy reconnecting.

About Chicago Jobs Council

Chicago Jobs Council (Jobs Council) moves people out of poverty through employment using on-the-ground expertise, advocacy, and capacity-building. Our vision is that all people, regardless of where they start or where they've been, can access employment as a pathway out of poverty.

Founded in 1981 with 18 original members, the Jobs Council now works alongside nearly 100 members and many more partners to change policy, develop innovative practice, reform systems, strengthen organizations, and support frontline workforce development professionals.



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