

MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC HARDSHIP RESOURCES AND REFERRALS 2011

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, in response to the ongoing economic crises, has compiled a resource list of services and organizations to aid those in the diocese who are suffering from chronic unemployment or under-employment. We hope that this guide will provide personal, professional, and spiritual guidance to anyone in our diocese who is in need of such assistance.

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EMPLOYMENT

Unemployment Insurance

Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

401 S. State Street, 2nd Floor

Chicago, IL 60605

1-800-662-3943; 312-793-5700 TDD

<http://www.ides.state.il.us/>

Training is available through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Information about training and becoming a customer at a work force center, which administers WIA training programs, is available at your local IDES office. IDES also offers apprenticeship programs.

Employment Websites

Most of the websites below send a daily email that lists available jobs in the field, or fields, in which you are seeking employment. This is a free service. A few websites also email articles with job search advice and career development. For example, www.simplyhired.com has a “Simply Hired Job Newsletter.” Recent blogs have included the following articles: “How to Answer ‘What’s Your Biggest Weakness?’” in a job interview, and “Tips for a Successful Career Change.” Note: Some jobs, especially in social services and education, require fluency in Spanish.

www.monster.com

www.womenforhire.com

www.CareersInNonprofits.com

www.chicagojobs.com

www.Employed.com

www.npo.net (non-profit jobs)

www.higheredjobs.com

www.indeedjobs.com

www.USA/jobs.gov

www.careerbuilder.com

www.simplyhired.com

www.net-tempo.com

www.craigslist.com

www.nationalable.org (especially for older workers)

www.abilitylinks.org (individuals with disabilities and inclusive employers; includes “Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities” and other useful information.)

www.ParnossahWorksChicago.org (Jewish Vocational Services)

www.biojobblog.com “100 Useful Career Development and Job Seeking Sites” in the following categories: general, college grads, resume help, job prep and research, networking, freelancing, creative, business, technology, small jobs, miscellaneous.

www.ihispano.com – The Professional Latino Network

www.amightyriver.com – The Black Professional Networking Community

Job Fairs

A job fair provides the opportunity to speak with employers from a variety of industries. Whether or not you are invited for an interview, a job fair is a great opportunity to network. Along with employers, speaking with people standing in line with you is a great networking opportunity.

Network! Network! Network!

www.chicagjobresource.com

www.ides.state.il.us./event

www.chicagolocalhires.com

www.careerbuilder.com/jobseekers/careerfairs

www.nationalcareerfairs.com

www.diversityjobfair.com

Social Media

“Social Media Plays a Huge Role in Your Job Search - Whether You Realize It or Not.” This article explains the pros and cons of LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter in the job search. Your alma mater’s group on LinkedIn is a good networking and job search resource.

<http://jobs.aol.com/articles/tag/linkedin/>

Job Support Groups and Career Counseling

*Career Transitions Center of Chicago

703 W. Monroe Street

Chicago, IL 60661

312-906-9908

www.ctechicago.org

*St. Chrysostom’s Chicago Employment Council

(Meetings every Monday from 6:00-7:30 pm)

1424 N. Dearborn Parkway

Chicago, IL 60610

312-944-1083

www.saintc.org

*St. Gregory’s Deerfield Career Renewal Ministry

Career Renewal Participant’s Guide: www.holycrossparish.net/career/CRParticipantsOverview.pdf

847-948-8083

*Church of the Holy Comforter Bridge Ministry

Church of the Holy Comforter

222 Kenilworth Avenue

Kenilworth, IL 60043

847-251-6120

<http://www.holycomforter.org/ministeringtotheparish/>

*Jewish Vocational Services
Skokie Career Support Group
Skokie Public Library
Mike Bushmann
847-324-3176
MBushmann@skokielib.org

Clergy and Lay Professionals

Office for Transition Ministry (OTM): The Office for Transition Ministry is currently establishing a new database, OTM Portfolio, which replaces the CDO Profile database. Also, a Latino Ministries database has been established. The OTM offers support and resources for clergy, seminarians, and lay leaders.

www.episcopalchurch.org/109541_ENG_HTM.htm

HOUSING

*Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago:
English: **773-329-4185**, Spanish: **773-329-4181**
Email: foreclosureprevention@nhschicago.org

- Citywide Office

1279 N. Milwaukee Avenue, 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60622

773-329-4010

- Auburn Gresham/Englewood

449 W. 79th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60620

773-488-2004

- Back of the Yards/Garfield Boulevard *

1823 W. 47th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60609

773-579-0032

- Chicago Lawn/Gage Park *

2609 W. 63rd Street
Chicago, Illinois 60629

773-434-9632

- North Lawndale *

3555 W. Ogden Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60623

773-522-4637

- Roseland

11001 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60628

773-568-1020

- West Englewood

449 W. 79th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60620

773-488-2004

- West Humboldt Park *

3601 W. Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60651

773-533-5570

- NHS of the Fox Valley *

163 E. Chicago Street
Elgin, Illinois 60120

847-695-0399

FORECLOSURE COUNSELORS

If you're facing foreclosure, talk to the right people: 1-888-995- HOPE.

If you are specifically looking for a HUD-approved foreclosure counseling agency, please go to www.FindaForeclosureCounselor.org.

The following are major foreclosure counselors:

- NeighborWorks America

1325 G Street NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20005-3100

202-220-2300; Fax: 202-376-2600

www.nw.org

- National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program

www.nw.org/network/nfmcp/default.asp

- Mortgage Education Foundation

350 W. 22nd Street, Suite 104

Lombard, IL 60148

630-916-7720

www.mortgageeducationfoundation.com

www.nw.org/network/nfmcp/default.asp

Affordable Housing

- Affordable Housing Centers of America

209 W. Jackson Boulevard, 3rd Floor

Chicago, IL 60606

888-409-3557

www.ahcoa.org

- Affordable Housing Corporation of Lake County

3701 W. Grand Avenue, Suite H

Gurnee, IL 60631

847-263-7478

www.alchc.org

- Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Aurora

70 S. River Street

Aurora, IL 60506

630-844-2662

- Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Elgin (Family Service Association)

1535 Burgundy Parkway

Streamwood, IL 60107

847-695-3680

www.fsaelgin.org/cccs

- Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Lake County
325 W. Washington, Suite 100
Waukegan, IL 60085
800-815-2227

www.illinoiscccs.org

- Genesis Housing Development Center
3763 S. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653
773-285-1685

www.genesishd.org

- Greater Southwest Development Corporation
6155 S. Pulaski, 2nd FL
Chicago, IL 60629
773-735-6727

www.greatersouthwest.org

- Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs
620 Lincoln Avenue
Winnetka, IL 60093
847-501-5760

www.interfaithhousingcenter.org

- Latin United Community Housing Association
3541 W. North Avenue Chicago, IL 60647
773-256-5338

- Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc.
1279 N. Milwaukee Avenue, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60622
773-329-4010

www.nhschicago.org

- Northwest Side Housing Center
3101 N. Parkside
Chicago, IL 60634
773-836-1179

www.nwshc.org

- Oak Park Regional Housing Center
1041 South Boulevard
Oak Park, IL 60302
708-848-7150

www.oprhc.org

- Rogers Park Community Development Corporation
1411 W. Lunt Avenue
Chicago, IL 60626
773-262-2290

www.rogersparkcdc.org

- St. Edmund's Redevelopment Corporation
The Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D., Director
Ms. Cecelia Hunt, Deputy Director
6105 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60637-2119
773-752-8893

www.stedmundsrc.org

- Smart Women Smart Money
3510 W. Franklin Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60624
773-533-0243

www.smartmoneyhousing.org

- Spanish Coalition for Housing
4035 W. North Avenue
Chicago, IL 60639
773-342-7575

www.sc4housing.org

- The Regional Fair Housing Center, Inc.
9730 S. Western Avenue, Suite 502
Evergreen Park, IL 60805
708-636-2811

Affordable Housing for Seniors

- St. Luke Renaissance Greenview Place
(developed in partnership with St. Luke Housing Ministries)
1501 W. Melrose Street
Chicago, IL 60657
773-525-1501

Rebecca Drennan, Leasing Agent

www.rebeccadrennan@renaissancecos.us

www.therenaissancecompanies.com

www.stlukechicago.org

- The Senior Suites
(locations throughout Chicago)

Senior Lifestyle Corporation
111 E. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601

312-673-4333

www.seniorlifestyle.com

www.seniorlifestyle.com/community/_doc/brochures/seniorsuites.pdf

- The Martha Washington
2324 W. Irving Park Road
Chicago, IL 60618

773-478-8900

Transitional Housing for Women and Children

*The Primo Center for Women and Children: Transitional housing, counseling, and support services for homeless women and their children.

P.O. Box 24337
4241 W. Washington Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60624-2219

773-722-0544

www.primocenter.org

*Deborah's Place: supportive housing for homeless women with five locations (including two in Old Town).

Rebecca Johnson Apartments, Administrative Offices, Learning Center
2822 W. Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60612-3653

773-722-5080

www.deborahsplace.org

*Central City Housing Ventures

637 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60605

312-431-0035

*Resources and referrals for temporary housing and shelters are listed in the 2009 guide.

HEALTH CARE

General Health Care

- Access Community Health Network

Toll-free number: **1-866-882-2237**

www.accesscommunityhealth.net

Access Community Health Network has sixty health centers in Chicago, greater Cook County, and DuPage County. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. The following services are offered:

- General health care
- Pediatrics
- Internal medicine
- Ob/Gyn

- Old Irving Park Community Clinic

4408 W. Addison Street

Chicago, IL

773-427-0298

www.oipcc.org

- Alivio Medical Center

2355 S. Western Avenue

Chicago, IL 60608-3837

773-254-1400

www.aliviomedicalcenter.org

The center operates several bilingual, bicultural school-based and community clinics primarily for the Latino community.

- Near North Health Service Corporation

1276 N. Clybourn Avenue

Chicago, IL 60610

312-337-1073

The following services are offered:

- Medical care
- Comprehensive care
- WIC/Nutrition information
- Senior care
- Transportation

www.nearnorthhealth.org

- Chicago Health Outreach, Inc.
1015 W. Lawrence Avenue
Chicago, IL 60640
773-275-2060

The following services are offered:

- Primary care
- Specialty care
- Dental care

- Near North Family Health Center
361 W. Chestnut Street
Chicago, IL 60610
312-337-5018

The following services are offered:

- Mental health treatment
- Substance abuse treatment and prevention
- Ob/Gyn
- Primary care

- Erie Family Health Center
1701 W. Superior Street
Chicago, IL 60622
312-666-3494

www.riefamilyhealth.org

- PCC Lake Street Family Health Center and Administrative Offices (Spanish-speaking)
14 W. Lake Street
Oak Park, IL 60302
708-383-0113

PCC Health Care Services include:

- Pediatric and adolescent health care (well-child exams and immunizations)
- Adult health care
- Senior health care
- HIV testing and counseling

PCC's ten clinics are located on the West Side of Chicago and in Austin and Oak Park.
Eight clinics are Spanish-speaking.

www.pccwellness.org

- Illinois Healthy Women
1-800-226-0768

www.illinoishealthywomen.org

- Leslie's List offers resources for lower cost prescriptions, testing, free or low cost health care, and free or low-cost mammograms.

www.leslieslist.org

Dental Care (in addition to Chicago Health Outreach, Inc. and other clinics listed)

- Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center Mobile Dental Program: the website states the program is for “**Senior citizens on a fixed income, low-income mothers who can’t afford dental care for their children and homeless men and women who lack the self-confidence in their smiles to go out on job interviews.**”

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center

836 W. Wellington Avenue

Chicago, IL 60657

1-800-3-ADVOCATE

www.advocatehealth.com/masonic

Community Dental Clinics – Chicago, Lake, DuPage and suburban Cook County

www.cds.org/find_a_dentist/clinic

Eye Care

Information on free eye care is available from such agencies and organizations as Lions Clubs International, EyeCare America, Celebrate Sight, and Pay Relief Program.

www.mdsupport.org

Prescription Drug Assistance

MedAccess Chicago Pharmacy is located in select community health centers. It’s the only pharmacy of its kind to provide prescription medications to low-income and uninsured individuals.

- West Town

2611 W. Chicago Avenue

Chicago, IL 60622

Administration: **773-395-9901**

Patient Care: **773-395-9900**

- Englewood

641 W. 63rd Street

Chicago, IL 60621

Patient Care: **773-994-1515**

- Illinois Cares Rx BASIC and Illinois Cares Rx PLUS

www.state.il.us/aging/

Mental Health

- Cathedral Counseling Center offers a sliding fee scale; additional offices are located in Evanston and Hyde Park.

50 E. Washington, Suite 301

Chicago, IL 60602-2142

312-337-5874

www.cathedralcounseling.org

- Community Counseling Clinics (several throughout Chicago)
1431 N. Western Avenue, Suite 406 (main office)
Chicago, IL 60622-1774
312-633-5846

www.c4chicago.org

- Samaritan Counseling Center
690 Oak Street (Main Office)
Winnetka, IL 60093
847-446-6955

www.northshoresamaritan.org

HEALTH INSURANCE

COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act)

- FAQs for employees about COBRA - continuation of health coverage
United States Dept. of Labor

www.dol.gov

- What a Quote (COBRA Insurance Alternative)
Individual health insurance plans

www.whataquote.com

- The Affordable Health Care Act and a section on COBRA

www.healthcare.gov

- Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan (CHIP), State of Illinois
(for high-risk individuals who have been denied coverage by private insurers and are not eligible for Medicare)

www.chip.state.il.us/planfacts.html

- ALL KIDS: Comprehensive affordable health insurance for children.

1-866-255-5347

www.allkids.com/

- Church Pension Fund
Health plans with the Episcopal Church Medical Trust

www.cpg.org/productservices/healthplans.cfm

SOCIAL SERVICES

Food Pantries

*CARE FOR REAL (also distributes clothing)

Offices and Pantry

6044 N. Broadway

Chicago, IL 60660

773-769-6182

info@careforreal.org

*The St. Anthony of Padua Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry
(1st Saturday of each month at noon)

Church of the Ascension

1130 N. LaSalle Boulevard at Elm Street

Chicago, IL

312-664-1271

www.ascensionchicago.org

*Greater Chicago Food Depository

4100 W. Ann Lurie Place

Chicago, IL 60632

773-247-FOOD (3663)

www.chicagofoodbank.org

*All Saints Episcopal Church Food Pantry and Community Kitchen

Ravenswood Community Services

4550 N. Hermitage

Chicago, IL 60640

773-769-0282

Food is distributed every Tuesday from 5:00-7:45p.m., and the dining hall serves dinner every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 1757 W. Wilson.

Legal Assistance

- St. Thomas Legal Assistance Clinic

Maureen Bismark, Esq.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

3801 S. Wabash Avenue

Chicago, IL 60653

773-268-1900

www.stthomaschicago.org

- Legal Assistance Foundation Metro-Chicago

111 W. Jackson Boulevard

Chicago, IL 60604

312-341-1070

www.lafchicago.org

- The Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc.

773-731-1762

www.clclaw.org

Other Resources

*Wilmette and Kenilworth Community Information

Resources compiled by Wilmette Public Library

www.wilmettelibrary.info/community/services.php

*Episcopal Charities and Community Services

www.eccsonline.net

PRAYERS FOR TIMES OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP

A Prayer on Losing a Job

Author of Life, you ordered the seasons and watch over the times between sowing and reaping, fallow and planting. I pray for all those who have lost a job, whose work in one place has now ended. During their years at this job, they faithfully accomplished their tasks, befriending those who worked beside them. Bless them as they leave. Bring relief if they are anxious. Strengthen them to trust in you, and guide their search for new work. By the power of the Holy Spirit assure them of your continuing love and care, and of their usefulness in the work of your kingdom, through Christ the Worker, our ever present help and companion. (*Passages*)

A Prayer on Being Made Redundant (www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/prayers/)

‘Redundant’- the word says it all-

‘useless,
unnecessary,
without purpose,
surplus to requirements.’

Thank you, Heavenly Father, that in the middle of
the sadness,
the anger,
the uncertainty,
the pain,

I can talk to you.

Hear me as I cry out in confusion,
help me to think clearly,
and calm my soul.

As life carries on,
may I know your presence with me
each and every day.

And as I look to the future,
Help me to look for fresh opportunities, for new directions.
Guide me by your Spirit,
and show me your path,

through Jesus the way, the truth, and the life. **Amen.**

A prayer for the unemployed (*The Book of Common Prayer*, 30, p.824)

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for those remaining in the workplace (but fear they may become jobless)

www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/prayers

Life has changed:

Colleagues have gone—redundant, out of work.

Suddenly, what seemed so secure is now so very fragile.

It's hard to know what I feel:

sadness, certainly,

guilt, almost, at still having a job to go to,

and fear of the future:

who will be next?

how will I cope with the increased pressure of work?

Lord Jesus, in the midst of this uncertainty, help me to keep going:

to work to the best of my ability,

taking each day at a time,

and taking time each day to walk with you

for you are the way, the truth and the life. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Grace and Perseverance

(<http://www-sojonet/sojomail.net>, August 2, 2010)

In the midst of slow and tortuous economic recovery, we pray for your grace and perseverance for all.

We ask for the joy of your Spirit, and for the peace that comes from knowing that you hold us in the palm of your hand. Bind us together, Lord, as a church – as your body – to minister to those in need.

A Prayer for Social Justice (*The Book of Common Prayer*, 21, p.260)

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

A Prayer of Thomas Merton (*Thoughts in Solitude*, p.83, adapted and quoted in Suzanne G. Farnham, *Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community*, Rev. Ed. (Morehouse, 2001), p.147)
God, we have no idea where we are going. We do not see the road ahead of us. We cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do we really know ourselves, and the fact that we think we are following your will does not mean that we are actually doing so. But we believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And we hope we have that desire in all that we are doing. We hope that we will never do anything apart from that desire. And we know that if we do this you will lead us by the right road, though we may know nothing about it. Therefore, we will trust you always though we may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. We will not fear, for you are ever with us, and you will never leave us to face our perils alone.

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) (<http://www-sojonet/sojomail.net> August 2010)

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

Affirmations

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate; our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, “Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous?” Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just some of us. It is everyone. And as we let our own light shine we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others. – Marianne Williamson

May God give you grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love. – William Sloane Coffin