



# Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center

Training Youth for In-Demand Jobs | December 2021



## Center Profile

**Director:** William Otter | **Capacity:** 338 Students | **Contact:** Beth Allen (773) 890-3131

**Staff:** 137 | **Location:** 3348 S. Kedzie Avenue | Chicago, IL 60623

## Center Demographics

Job Corps students receive evidence-based social skills, academic, and technical training that leads to career and life success. Here's a breakdown of the students we serve:

### Age

- 23% 16-18 years old
- 77% 18-24 years old

### Gender

59% male | 41% female

### Race/Ethnicity

- 63% African American
- 26% Hispanic
- 8% White
- 3% Other

## Follow-up Services

Helping former students with housing, transportation, food, and other essential, basic needs for one year after graduation.

## Job Corps Resumes In-Person Enrollments

After a year and a half of suspended in-person enrollments, Job Corps campuses are starting to reopen and enroll new students. As campuses reopen, they are adhering to stringent standards to protect students and limit the impact of COVID-19.

## Student Results (Year Ending June 30, 2020)



### Good Jobs

157 students began their careers.



### High Wages

Graduates earned \$13.38 per hour—**over \$3 more than Illinois' minimum wage.**



# Job Corps Works!

## Our Valuable Community Partners

The many partnerships we have in our community are vital to our center's success. Our graduates are trained and hired by our employer partners while some students go on to higher education. And our recruitment partners have helped us to introduce new students to the Job Corps program. We couldn't be successful without their tremendous support!

### College Partners



### Recruitment Partners



## Career Technical Training Programs

Paul Simon Chicago is contracted to provide training to youth, ages 16-24, in the following areas:



### Construction

- Bricklaying
- Carpentry
- Painting



### Homeland Security

- Security & Protective Services



### Healthcare

- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician



### Transportation

- Material Handling & Distribution

## Community Support

### Center Community Relations Council

- **Rep. Jan Schakowsky**  
U.S. Congresswoman
- **Rep. Danny K. Davis**  
U.S. Congressman
- **Alderman George C. Cardenas**  
Chicago City Council
- **CRC Board President William Rogers**  
Chicago Reader
- **CRC Vice President Alderman Toni Foulkes**
- **Associate Editor Brad Cummings**  
The Voice Newspapers
- **Anthony Lindsey**  
Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services
- **Michael Anderson**  
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### Center Workforce Council

- **Dorothy Brown**  
The Circuit Court of Cook County
- **Maria Talis**  
Illinois Department of Employment Security
- **Michael Walton**  
Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership
- **Marie Townsend**  
Nirvana Institute
- **Isa Melon-White**  
Southwest American Job Center
- **Faith Nunley**  
Year Up Chicago