

# NAVIGATING FEDERAL CHANGES: IMPACTS ON THE HEALTH WORKFORCE

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## ABOUT THE CO-HOSTS

### Chicagoland Healthcare Workforce Collaborative

unites employers and industry partners to support an inclusive healthcare workforce, provide accessibility for unemployed and underemployed populations, and develop innovative responses to the evolving needs of the healthcare industry.

### Public Health Workforce Collaborative

exists to coordinate, expand, and sustain the systems, structures, and supports necessary to assure a skilled, sustainable, responsive, and permanent public health workforce.

### Staying Strong

is a flexible, rapid-response advocacy collaborative that convenes funders, policy experts, and community advocates when there's an urgent need for collective action.

### Health First Collaborative

is a standing, resourced initiative that leverages pooled funding, shared learning, and shared governance to support community-driven public health solutions through collective learning and strategic investment.

Both CHWC and PHWC are coordinated by the [Health & Medicine Policy Research Group](#). Both Staying Strong and HFC are coordinated by the [Michael Reese Health Trust](#).



# SPEAKER BIOS



## **CARRIE CHAPMAN**

**Special Assistant for Eligibility Initiatives, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services**

Carrie Chapman serves as Special Assistant for Eligibility Initiatives at the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Previously, she was Deputy Executive Director of Programs and Policy at Legal Council for Health Justice, where she led litigation, legislative, and administrative advocacy efforts. Carrie has extensive experience representing low-income individuals in complex cases involving Medicaid, educational access for children with disabilities, immigrant access to public benefits, and hospital charity care. She also teaches Poverty Law as an adjunct faculty member at DePaul University College of Law.



## **CHRIS WARLAND**

**Director of Policy & Advocacy, Chicago Jobs Council**

Chris Warland joined CJC as Director of Policy and Advocacy in August 2025. In this role, Chris leads the policy team and oversees CJC's policy agenda, advancing policy and systems change to ensure that quality employment is accessible to everyone. Chris brings over 20 years of experience in the workforce development field as an advocate, grantmaker, trainer, consultant, and thought leader on programmatic, systems, and policy solutions to chronic unemployment and poverty.



## **MATT BRUCE**

**Executive Director, Chicagoland Workforce Funder Alliance**

Matthew Bruce became the first Executive Director of the Chicagoland Workforce Funder Alliance (CWFA) in 2012. CWFA is the Chicago region's major convener of the philanthropic community interested in workforce development, and an affiliate of the National Fund for Workforce Solutions. CWFA has fostered the collaboration of over 30 funders, pooled and invested over \$30 million, and supported over 25 workforce systems-change initiatives designed to reduce racial disparities in employment and earnings. Prior to starting CWFA, Matt led workforce initiatives for the City of Boston. Matt has a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Chicago, and lives with his wife and 2 children in Oak Park, Illinois.

# LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED

## MEDICAID

### [HFS Stakeholder Webinar Series: Medicaid Changes Under HR 1](#)

HFS is hosting a series of seven webinars to help stakeholders understand upcoming federal changes to Medicaid under HR 1. Webinars run May 21st–October 21<sup>st</sup>. Links to register, and to additional resources are available on the [HFS website here](#).

### [Protect Our Care IL Coalition](#)

Protect Our Care Illinois is a statewide coalition of health care advocates, providers, and consumers joining together to protect and defend Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. [Sign on](#) as an organization to get updates and join advocacy efforts.

### [Cook County Health Medicaid Impact Working Group](#)

A cross-sector coalition convened by Cook County Health to align expertise, coordinate resources, and advance actionable strategies that protect access to health coverage and care for Cook County residents. Next meeting is scheduled for June 24 (virtual). To learn more or join the Working Group or one of its subgroups, complete [this interest form](#).

### [Help Spread the Word](#)

Use and amplify the [Get Medicaid Facts](#) website and communications [toolkit](#) designed to help enrollees and those working with enrollees understand upcoming changes to Medicaid eligibility and what steps they can take now to keep their coverage.

## WORK REQUIREMENTS

### [Job Ready Illinois](#)

Job Ready Illinois is an online workforce development program that has been approved by the State of Illinois as a “work program” for the purposes of SNAP Work Requirements (it will also meet Medicaid work requirements). It was created through a collaboration of the State of Illinois, workforce foundations, Forefront/Innovation Nexus and Cook County. For questions about the platform: Email [help@jobreadyil.com](mailto:help@jobreadyil.com)

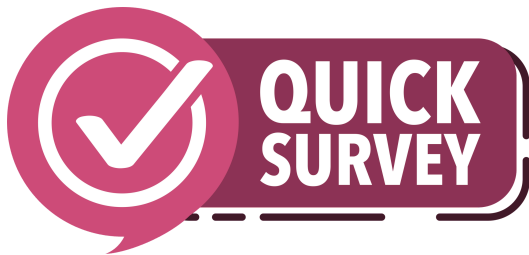
## WORKFORCE FUNDING

### Chicago Jobs Council

Join the Chicago Jobs Council Coalition to get engaged in their policy priorities to increase workforce system funding. Email Chris Warland to get more involved: [chris@cjcc.net](mailto:chris@cjcc.net).

### National Skills Coalition

National Skills Coalition (NSC) fights for a national commitment to inclusive, high-quality skills training so that more people have access to a better life, and more local businesses see sustained growth. NSC leads advocacy campaigns; publishes fact sheets, reports, and advocacy guides; and hosts learning events and policy summits.



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EVENT SURVEY!**

## JOIN OUR NEXT MEETING!

Join the next Chicagoland Healthcare Workforce Collaborative quarterly meeting on **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 9-11am** at Malcolm X College to continue the conversation about Navigating Federal Changes: Impacts on the Health Workforce. Watch [our website](#) over the summer for more information and to register.

