



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

# EPIC

## Overview

The Employment Opportunities, Personalized Services, and Individualized Training, and Career Planning Program (EPIC), also known as the JTED-SNAP Pilot Project, is a partnership between the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), and Catholic Charities.

EPIC provides employment and training services to SNAP recipients referred by IDHS, with career pathways opportunities aligned to local employer and sector demand. EPIC works to identify participants' barriers to employment and create opportunities for life and employment skills growth. Participants receive:

- Life skills
- Counseling
- Work-readiness skills
- Supervised meaningful work experience
- Job placement
- Retention services

## Services

EPIC helps participants by providing opportunities including:

- Identification and alleviation of participant skill deficiencies and barriers to employment
- Appropriate accelerated and enhanced training
- Assistance obtaining industry recognized credentials including fork lift certification or food service sanitation

## Results

The services provided by EPIC provides SNAP recipients with industry recognized skills needed to enter and advance in the workforce. Upon completion of the program, SNAP recipients are able to participate in on-the-job training.

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Catholic Charities fulfills the Church's role in the mission of charity to anyone in need by providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life. *In order to remain faithful to our mission, Catholic Charities is guided by these core values: Respect, Compassion, Competence, and Stewardship.*