



PATHWAYS FOR PARENTS



Your Pathway to a New Career
Pathways for Parents gives parents with children the opportunity to launch a career as an early childhood educator.

Chicago Commons Provides
Food Assistance - Employment Coaching
Childcare & Transportation Assistance
Other Support Services

Take the first steps toward your new career by taking two college courses online-live through our partnership with the Chicago Early Learning Workforce Scholarship and City Colleges of Chicago. Then, transition to on-campus classes at Malcolm X College.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Have a GED/high school diploma
- Be a city of Chicago resident
- Be an active parent or caregiver at a Chicago Commons' Early Education center or partner sites
- Be a U.S. Citizen or DACA recipient
- Pass a background check
- Make a 3-year employment commitment
- Have no prior early childhood coursework

HOW TO ENROLL

- Complete interest form at chicagocommons.org/pathways
- Attend one mandatory Virtual Information Session at bit.ly/3Xof1zX

Eligible participants must commit to attending six workshops with a Post-Secondary Coordinator in preparation for returning to school. These workshops will teach essential techniques such as time management, effective study habits, money management, and more. Sessions will run from April 2025 through July 2025.

***Support for completing applications is available upon request.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Enrollment Period
July 1, 2024 -
March 15, 2025

Classes Start
August 2025

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