

# Chicago Area Job Search Groups

The following resources are only a fraction of the available job search resources in the Chicago area. These groups provide support and expertise in assisting the job seeker with resume writing, interviewing skills, networking, and job leads. While some have a cost associated with membership in their group, most are free or very low cost. Many meet at or are sponsored by a church, but all job seekers are welcome. Often a contact with the groups listed below (or their websites) will lead you to other groups that are geographically convenient to you.

There are four well-established centers in this area that are great starting points for job search assistance:

- [Career Transitions Center, Chicago](#)
- [Career Resource Center, Lake Forest](#)
- [Community Career Center, Naperville](#)
- [Barrington Career Center, Barrington](#)

Here are a few excellent websites:

[www.chicagojobs.org](http://www.chicagojobs.org)

[www.jobhuntersbible.com](http://www.jobhuntersbible.com)

[www.rileyguide.com](http://www.rileyguide.com)

Remember that a successful search begins with a solid career assessment - so you can confidently identify potential jobs or career directions that are a good fit with your abilities, interests, personality and values. This is what Career Vision does best. However, if you know what kind of job and work environment you are looking for, then we are pleased to offer this list and wish you success in your job search!

## Job Search Groups - Multiple locations in the Chicago Area

Illinois Department of Employment Security Offices and workNet Centers

1-(888)-FOR-IETC (367-4382)

[www.ides.state.il.us/ietc/network/index.asp](http://www.ides.state.il.us/ietc/network/index.asp)

Jewish Vocational Service

216 West Jackson Suite 700

Chicago, IL 60606

(312) 673-3400

[www.jvschicago.org](http://www.jvschicago.org)

Work Ministry:

Has listings of groups in a variety of states

[www.workministry.com](http://www.workministry.com)

## **Job Search Groups - Cook County**

Barrington Career Center  
600 Hart Road, Suite 275  
Barrington, IL 60010  
(847) 304-4157  
<http://www.barringtoncareercenter.com>

Business Network Chicago  
Chicago, IL  
[www.bnchicago.org](http://www.bnchicago.org)

Career Transitions Center  
703 West Monroe Street  
Chicago, IL 60661  
(312) 906-9908  
[www.ctchicago.org](http://www.ctchicago.org)

Elgin Community College  
Streamwood Job Club  
301 E. Irving Park Road, Room 102  
Streamwood, IL 60107  
Contact: [Kathy Meisinger](#)

Executive Network Group of Greater Chicago, Inc.  
2859 Central Suite 212  
Evanston, IL 60201  
(847) 622-4425  
[www.engchgo.org](http://www.engchgo.org)

Grace Lutheran Church  
Job Support Group  
7300 West Division Street  
River Forest, IL 60305  
(708) 366-6900

Gray Hair Management, L.L.C  
1181 Lake Cook Road Suite G  
Northbrook, IL 60015  
(847) 940-2800  
[www.grayhairmanagement.com](http://www.grayhairmanagement.com)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
Job Support Group  
2515 W. Palatine Road  
Inverness, IL 60067  
(847) 359-0042  
[www.holyfamilyparish.org](http://www.holyfamilyparish.org)

Skokie Public Library  
Job and Career Support Group  
5215 Oakton Street  
Skokie, IL 60077  
(847) 324-3176  
[www.skokie.lib.il.us/s\\_info/in\\_careers/erc.asp](http://www.skokie.lib.il.us/s_info/in_careers/erc.asp)  
Contact: Mike Buhmann

St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
Hope Employment Support Ministry  
9300 167th Street  
Orland Hills, IL 60477  
(708) 403-0101  
Email: [tom.mcmahon@mcmahonjobs.com](mailto:tom.mcmahon@mcmahonjobs.com)

St. Hubert Parish  
Jobs & Networking Ministry  
Parish Ministry Center  
729 Grand Canyon Street  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60194  
(847) 885-7700  
[www.sainthubert.org](http://www.sainthubert.org)

St. John of the Cross Parish  
Career Network  
5005 S. Wolf Road  
Western Springs, IL 60558  
(708) 246-4404  
[www.stjohnofthecross.org](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org)

Unity Temple  
Monday Momentum  
875 W. Lake Street  
Oak Park, IL 60301  
Contact: Diane Wilson, (312) 925-5178

University of Illinois Alumni Career Center  
200 S. Wacker Drive, 1st Floor  
Chicago, IL 60606  
(312) 575-7830  
[www.uiaa.org/careers/](http://www.uiaa.org/careers/)

Willow Creek Community Church  
Careers Ministry  
67 E. Algonquin Road  
South Barrington, IL 60010  
(847) 765-5000  
[www.willowcreek.org/careers/newdefault.asp](http://www.willowcreek.org/careers/newdefault.asp)

Women Employed  
22 West Monroe Street, Suite 1400  
Chicago, IL. 60603  
(312) 782-3902  
[www.womenemployed.org/](http://www.womenemployed.org/)

YMCA Alliance of Metropolitan Chicago  
11 E. Adams, Suite 300  
Chicago, IL 60603  
(312) 913-2150  
[www.ymeachgo.org](http://www.ymeachgo.org)

## **Job Search Groups - DuPage County**

Christ Church of Oak Brook  
Job Search Seminar  
31st Street & York Road  
Oak Brook, IL 60523  
(630) 654-1882 ext. 344  
[my.cc-ob.org](http://my.cc-ob.org)

Community Career Center  
1815 W. Diehl, Suite 100  
Naperville, IL 60563  
(630) 961-5665  
[www.communitycareercenter.org](http://www.communitycareercenter.org)

Crossroads Church  
Crossroads Career Network  
3017 Lundquist Dr.  
Aurora, IL 60503  
(630) 585-7777  
[www.crossroadsconnect.net](http://www.crossroadsconnect.net)

Lisle Township Job Clubs  
Lisle Township Youth and Family Services  
4721 Indiana Avenue  
Lisle, IL 60532  
(630) 968-1880 ext. 13  
[www.lisletownship.com/jobclubs.htm](http://www.lisletownship.com/jobclubs.htm)

LDS Employment Services  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
1801 N. Mill St. Suite F  
Naperville, IL 60563  
(630) 369-0785

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Career Transitions Workshop  
815 S. Washington  
Naperville, IL 60540  
(630) 355-2522  
[www.oursaviours.com](http://www.oursaviours.com)

St. James the Apostle Church  
St. Joseph the Worker Employment Ministry  
480 S. Park Blvd.  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
(630) 858-5587  
[www.stjosephministry.org](http://www.stjosephministry.org)

St. Raphael Parish  
Networking Group  
1215 Modaff Road  
Naperville, IL 60540  
(630) 355-4545

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish  
Employment Ministry  
1500 Brookdale Road  
Naperville, IL 60565  
(630) 355-8980  
[www.grizwiz.com/jobs/index.htm](http://www.grizwiz.com/jobs/index.htm)

## **Job Search Groups - Lake County**

Career Resource Center  
40 E. Old Mill Rd.  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
(847) 295-5626  
[www.careerresourcecenter.org](http://www.careerresourcecenter.org)

Holy Cross Catholic Church (& St. Gregory Episcopal Church)  
Career Renewal Ministry  
724 Elder Lane  
Deerfield, IL 60015  
(847) 945-0430  
[www.holycrossparish.net/career/](http://www.holycrossparish.net/career/)

St. Francis de Sales Parish  
Employment Ministry  
138 S. Buesching  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
(847) 438-6622  
[www.stfrancislz.org](http://www.stfrancislz.org)

St. Joseph Parish  
Employment Ministry  
121 E. Maple Avenue  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 362-2073  
[www.stjoseph-libertyville.org](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org)

## **Job Search Groups - Kane County**

Tri-City Unemployment Group (TUG)  
P.O. Box 3850, St. Charles, IL 60174  
St. Charles Public Library  
One South Sixth Avenue  
St. Charles, IL 60174  
(630)631-1871  
[www.tricityug.org](http://www.tricityug.org)

## **Job Search Groups - Will County**

St. Mary Parish  
H.O.P.E. Employment Support Ministry  
19515 S. 115th Street  
Mokena, IL 60448  
(708) 326-9300

## **Job Search Resources - For Over 50**

[www.retirementjobs.com](http://www.retirementjobs.com)  
[www.retireeworkforce.com](http://www.retireeworkforce.com)  
[www.retirement-jobs-online.com](http://www.retirement-jobs-online.com)  
<http://jobs.aarp.org>  
[www.aarp.org/employerteam](http://www.aarp.org/employerteam)  
[www.agingworkforcenews.com/aginglinks.html](http://www.agingworkforcenews.com/aginglinks.html)  
[www.boomercareer.com](http://www.boomercareer.com)  
[www.encore.org](http://www.encore.org)  
[www.quintcareers.com/mature\\_jobseekers.html](http://www.quintcareers.com/mature_jobseekers.html)  
[www.seniorjobbank.org](http://www.seniorjobbank.org)  
[www.seniors4hire.org](http://www.seniors4hire.org)  
[www.wiserworker.com](http://www.wiserworker.com)  
[www.yourencore.com](http://www.yourencore.com) (for engineers and scientists)

## **Employment Resources for Individuals with Special Needs**

[AbilityLinks](#)

[Illinois Dept. of Human Services - Division of Rehabilitation Services](#)

[disabilityworks](#)

[Donka, Inc.](#)

[Fox Valley Project with Industry](#)

[Parents Alliance Employment Project](#)

[DuPage Center for Independent Living](#)

## **College or University Resources**

If you a college student or graduate, check with your institution's Career Services Center to find out about job search services for which you may be eligible.

Also investigate the Career Services Center of your local community college or City College of Chicago to see what they offer.