SUL WORKFORCE & ECONOMIC DIVISION

Empowerment
Work/Life Readiness
Orientation
During COVID-19 Crisis



About Us

- Nonprofit, nonpartisan, civil rights and community-based movement.
- Serves nearly 9,000 people annually.
- Provide direct services, research, and policy advocacy to assist individuals and communities in reaching their fullest potential.
- Networked with over 100 professionally staffed affiliates in over 35 states nationwide.



Our Mission and Strategies

- The mission of the Springfield Urban League is to empower African-Americans, other emerging ethnic groups, and those who struggle to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights.
- Through:
 - Civic Engagement & Social Justice Empowerment
 - Economic & Workforce Empowerment
 - Education & Youth Empowerment
 - Health & Quality of Life Empowerment



Programs

Education and Pre-School Age

 Using pre-school educational programming, this division prepares students for academic success by providing various learning initiatives.

Education and School Age

 Connecting adults and children in the community in order to provide our children with the best experience in life.

Workforce and Economic

 This division assist with the eradication of poverty and helps families overcome financial hurdles, obtain financial stability, gain employment, and build sustainable careers.



P.O.W.E.R. CAMP

Pursue Your Goals Overcome Your Obstacles Work Dilligently Explore Possibilities and Realize Dreams Become Reality

Raising The Standards

Partnering with community leaders and business partners together equipping Men and Women with skills and work opportunities in Sangamon County.



Services Offered

- Case Management
- Work Readiness Services
- Job Placement/Referral Services
- Life Skills
- Financial Awareness Classes & Counseling
- Healthy Initiatives
- Programs: NUL (Initiatives), CBVIP, FOC,
 Young Fathers, & RESTART (Referral Based)



Components of Supportive Services / Case Management Model

- Supportive Services:
 - Transportation, housing assistance, peer support issues, substance abuse treatment, counseling, etc.
- Empowerment Work Readiness Program Process:
 - Assess
 - Build Capacity
 - Connect with Job Openings



Assess

- Personal Needs Assessment
 - Includes Referrals and Assistance with Public Benefits and/or Financial Aid
- Learning Assessment
 - Includes TABE Tests
- Career Assessment
 - Includes Skills Based and Experience Based Assessments



Build Capacity

Education:

- GED (Tutoring is Available)
- Certification Training (i.e. AHLEI)
- Post Secondary (i.e. LLCC)

■ Life Skills:

- Financial Awareness (Including One-on-One Counseling with our Financial Coach/Advisor)
- Interpersonal Skills
- Cognitive Thinking

Work Readiness:

- Resume Preparation
- Personal Presentation
- Work Attitude / Ethics
- Interview Preparation

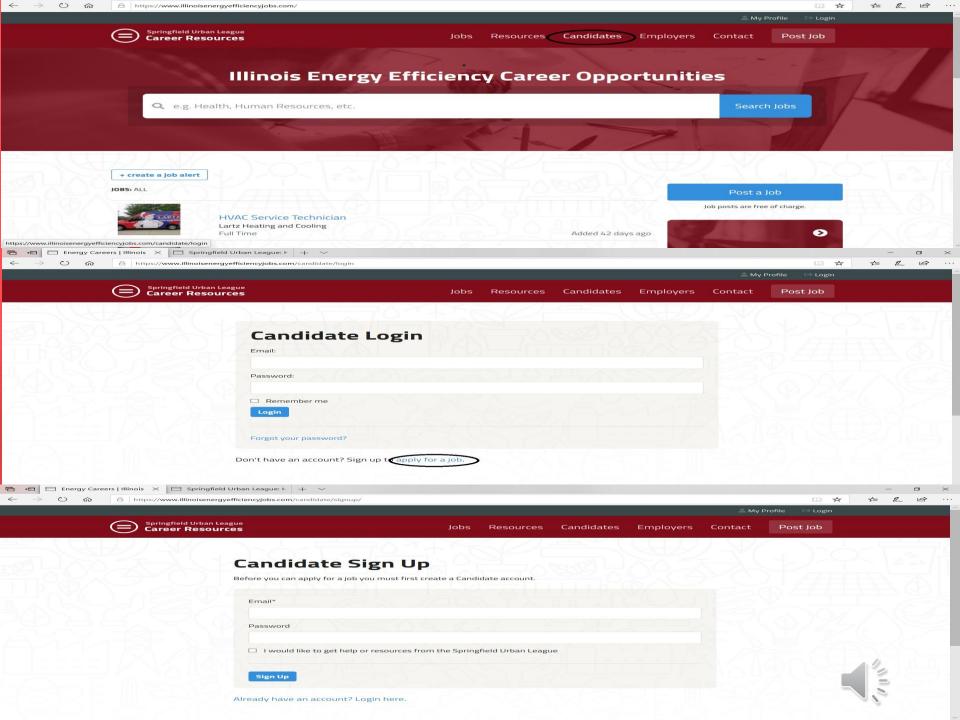


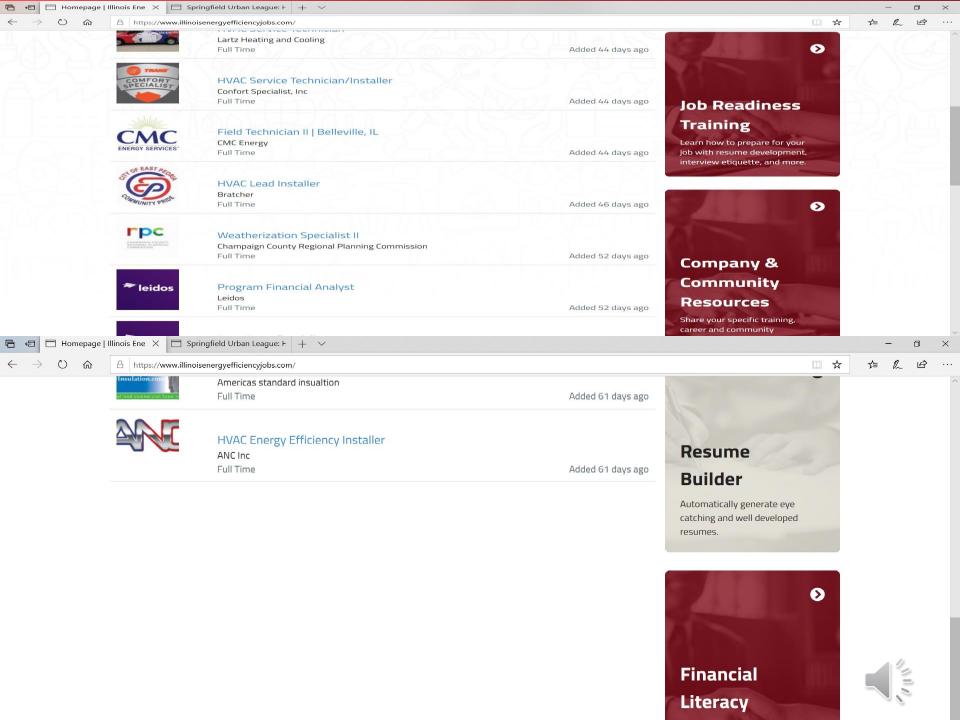
Connect with Job Openings

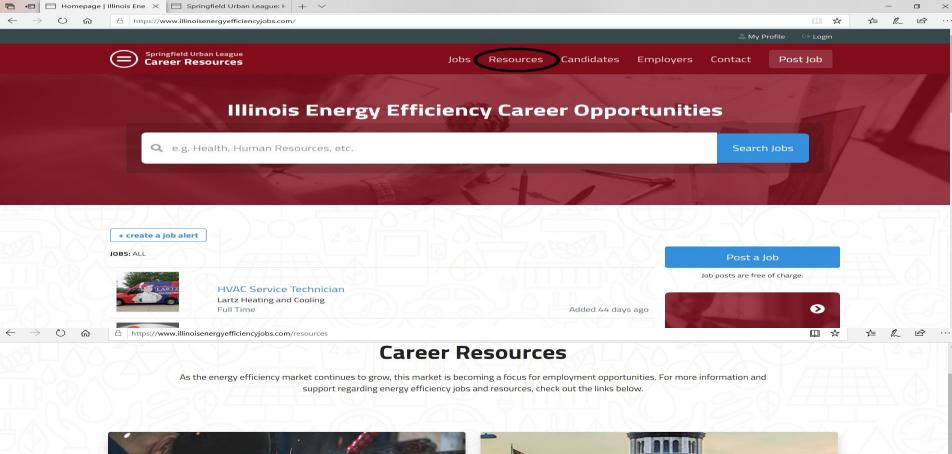
- Employment Assistance
 - Locate Openings
 - Advocacy / Letters of Reference
 - Build Partnerships w/ Local Businesses













Industry Recognized Credential Training

The Springfield Urban League and our network of partners work to enhance skill sets through credential and educational programming.



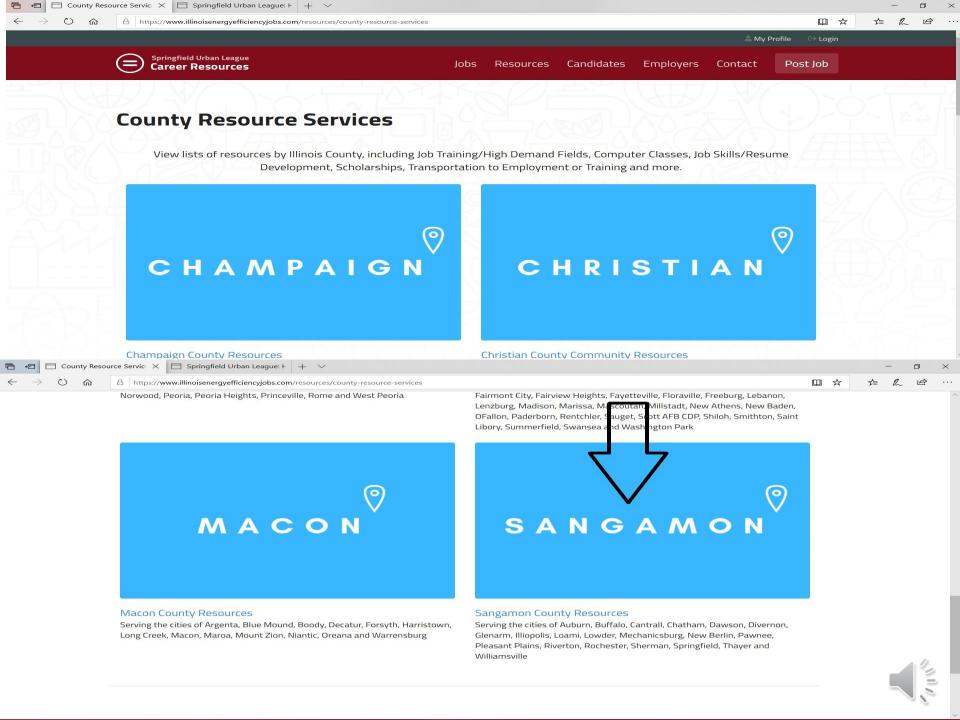


County Resource Services

View lists of resources by Illinois County, including Job Training/High Demand Fields, Computer Classes, Job Skills/Resume Development, Scholarships, Transportation to Employment or Training, and more.













Continued Services During COVID-19

- Workshops and Content Will Continue Online Weekly on Our Springfield Urban League Social Media Platform from 10am-12pm
- They Will Include Topics Regarding:
 - Mentality Development
 - Work Readiness
 - Work/Life Skills Training
 - Financial Literacy
 - Toastmasters
 - Healthy Lifestyle
 - Other Crisis-Related Topics to Provide Information During These Times
- We Will Release Weekly Calendars on Mondays



Contact Information

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- Employment Coach
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