



Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: United Workers' Center

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SUBURBAN IMMIGRATION ORGANIZER JOB DESCRIPTION

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos (CTU) is seeking a full-time Immigration Organizer working in the South Suburbs. This position is salaried with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois health insurance; workers' compensation insurance; and generous benefits including paid vacation and paid sick leave. *This position has a 6-month probation period.*

The ideal candidate will have a proven ability to foster coordination and collaboration in community settings. They will be committed to develop strong relationships with South Suburban members to build power and execute local immigration campaigns that advance social, economic and racial justice. The Organizer will collaborate with the Organizing Team to coordinate campaign strategy and organizational leadership activities.

ORGANIZATION SUMMARY

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos is a grassroots community organization & worker center based on the Southeast Side of Chicago and South Suburbs that was founded in 2008 after a group of immigrant workers organized against unfair labor practices at a local factory. CTU strives to build power among low wage workers and advance systemic change to stabilize low-income immigrant communities and communities of color. CTU works at the intersection of immigration and labor & employs a grassroots, community organizing model to advance social, economic and racial justice by addressing the root causes.

RESPONSIBILITIES

This position reports to the Organizing Director, and is responsible for the following:

- **Develop the leadership** of CTU South Suburban members, and work with members to implement strategic campaigns to address immigrant justice issues
- **Educate and mobilize** CTU membership base on immigration-related coalition campaigns
- Staff CTU community office hours & coordinate appropriate Legal Clinic follow up to organize around immigration cases
- **Coordinate and facilitate** biweekly bilingual membership orientations and immigration committee meetings to educate community members about their immigration & labor rights
- **Develop and strengthen relationships** with key allies, community organizations, religious institutions, and community leaders throughout the South Suburbs
- Work closely with the Organizing Team to **increase membership engagement** and provide support on urban immigration campaigns & labor campaigns as needed
- Attend CTU's weekly staff meetings and other organizational meetings
- Maintain and update all relevant databases & reporting systems
- Other duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS

We're seeking candidates who excel in **relationship-building**, are **self-motivated**, and have strong **time management skills**. You should have:

- One or more years of experience in community and/or labor organizing with commitment to social, economic & racial justice
- A commitment to problem solving with innovative, creative and strong interpersonal skills
- Excellent written/verbal communication ability and basic computer skills in English and Spanish
- Driver's license and reliable access to a vehicle to travel throughout the South Suburbs

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are due as soon as possible, but will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Please send a cover letter and resume to aguajardo@ctu-iwp.org. Email subject line should read: "Suburban Immigration Organizer Application: Applicant's Name".

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