

# WE ARE DEDICATED TO HELPING YOU GET THE JOB YOU DESERVE

## Will I get a job?

We are confident that we can match your skills to an employer. It may not be your ideal job, but we’d encourage you to think of it as the starter job.

## What kind of job?

The best opportunity we can find to get you back in the workforce. However, we’ll continue to work with you toward the next best job.

## How long will it take to get a job?

It depends on your need and the path you choose. For clients who need to work right away, we offer rapid employment options - which are usually non career positions. For clients who want to build careers, we offer a variety of professional employment options. Please talk to our employment specialists. They can tell you how long it will take to get to where you want to be.

## I came to Safer before and they didn’t help. Why should I come back?

We are continually upgrading our processes and expanding our partnerships. Programs change and people change, and our commitment to helping is stronger than ever because the need is greater than ever. Let’s try again!

## I have work experience. Do I have to go through the entire process?

Maybe not, we use evidence-based best practices and create plans tailored to each individual client.

## I don’t have reliable transportation, is that a problem?

Lack of a vehicle is not a problem. It will be a challenge to address, but transportation assistance is available.

## What makes Safer different?

We’ve cared about and supported individuals with arrest and conviction records for over 46 years. Our mission remains the same “equal employment opportunities for people with arrest and conviction records”. We continually modify existing and build new modify programs based on the needs and input of the people we serve.

### PROGRAMS THAT HELP YOU ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

## SDSC

### Safer Demand Skills Collaborative

Do you have work experience? Have you been denied employed because of your record? Do you need help moving up at your job? If so, then SDSC is for you. SDSC helps people with records get higher wage jobs in the following industries:

- Healthcare (clinical and non-clinical)
- Technology
- Construction/Trades
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Hospitality
- Energy

## ACE

### Advancing Careers & Employment

ACE is designed for those in the community still on supervision OR those who have returned in the past 6 months or those returning in 6 months. ACE offers the opportunity to:

- Address issues from incarceration or returning to the community
- Strengthen soft skills for employment search
- Raise reading/math levels to pass occupational training entry exams in Construction, TDL and Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Environmental Restoration
- Get financial support for entry-level certification in those fields
- Get employment placement assistance post training
- Have your record sealed & expunged early
- Receive support through the first 9 months of employment

## RTP

### Reconstruction Technology Partners

RTP is full-service construction company that provides on-the-job training for individuals with records looking to enter the construction trade.

- RTP offers clients a hands-on learning opportunity through a construction pre-apprenticeship program that leads to a carpentry certification.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Safer Resource Center**  
Computer Access and work space available  
Address: 571 W. Jackson Chicago, IL 60661  
Phone: (312) 922-2200  
Web: [www.saferfoundation.org](http://www.saferfoundation.org)  
Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Housing**  
Feather Fist  
Address: 2255 E 75th St, Chicago, IL 60649  
Phone: (773) 721-7088  
Web: [www.featherfist.org](http://www.featherfist.org)

**Ban the Box**  
City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations  
File a Discrimination Complaint  
Address: 740 N Sedgwick St #400, Chicago, IL 60654  
Phone: (312) 744-4111  
Web: <https://bit.ly/2vg5Vrn>

**CGLA Expungement & Sealing Help Desk**  
Richard J. Daley Center  
10th Floor, Room 1006  
50 West Washington Street, Chicago, IL 60602  
(312)738-2452  
By appointment only

**Law Office Of The Cook County Public Defender**  
HELP: Someone’s been arrested! The First thing you should do is call a lawyer. If anyone is being held by the police in any city or town in cook county, they can call 844-817-4448 and an attorney will come to the police station to represent them.

## ASPIRE/PERC

### Entrepreneuership Program

Safer Foundation provides entrepreneurial training and supportive services to clients who express an interest in and commitment to starting their own business.

- Learn the skills needed to start your own business, develop a business plan and gain access to lenders to help fund your business idea.



## Safer Foundation

*We believe in equal employment opportunities for people with arrest and conviction records.*

Safer Foundation is one of the nation's largest providers of employment support services for people with arrest and conviction records.

We help clients find and maintain employment through tailored job readiness training, placement, referrals, and other support. We also help clients build and advance their careers by offering licensing, credentials and other education assistance.

**If you have an arrest or conviction record and are unemployed, underemployed, or interested in building a better career -**

**LET US HELP YOU  
GET THE JOB YOU DESERVE!**

### Main Office

For more information about services  
or to schedule an orientation  
571 W. Jackson Chicago, IL 60661  
Hours M-F 7:30am - 4:00pm  
312-922-2200  
[www.saferfoundation.org](http://www.saferfoundation.org)  
Walk-ins are welcomed

# SERVICES

- ✓ Job Readiness Training
- ✓ Job Placement
- ✓ Industry Training & Credentials
- ✓ GED Preparation/Testing
- ✓ Financial Planning
- ✓ Entrepreneurship Training
- ✓ Supportive Service Referrals

Expungement & Sealing  
Substance Use Treatment  
Behavioral Health Treatment  
Transitional Housing Support

# A ROAD TO A BETTER FUTURE

**Orientation & Intake**  
Become a Safer client

### Job Readiness Training

Learn & sharpen the skills needed to get & keep a job

### Supportive Services

Support for those with barriers to employment

### Rapid Employment Placement

For those who need to work right away

### Permanent Employment Placement

Employment in a variety of fields and careers

### Follow Up Services

Coaching & Support

### Career Advancing Services

Continuing Education  
Licensing Credentials



## WHY YOU SHOULD PARTNER WITH US!

- 60% of people who have been incarcerated remain unemployed one year after release.
- People with records earn about 40% less pay than those who have never been incarcerated.
- Today, more than 25% of U.S. workers require a license or certification before they can work in their occupation. That's up dramatically from about 5% in the 1950s.
- For the 70 million Americans with a criminal record of some sort, "pulling yourself up by your bootstraps" is particularly difficult when hiring practices and discrimination make obtaining gainful employment an extremely difficult task.

**PARTNER WITH US** and we will help you beat the odds and get the job you deserve!

400+  
employer  
partners

NEARLY  
50 YEARS  
of experience

3,000 JOB  
STARTS  
each year

5,000 CLIENTS  
prepared for  
work each year

75% OF OUR  
CLIENTS  
retain work  
beyond  
365 Days

# CONTACT

## Community Based Locations

**Safer Community Office**  
808 S. Kedzie  
Chicago, IL 60612

Safer Demand Skills  
Collaborative Advanced Careers  
Placement  
(773) 265-0457

Advancing Careers &  
Employment Career  
Development & Placement  
(773) 826-7795

Pivotal Staffing  
Temp & Temp to Permanent Jobs  
(773) 533-4862

Chicago Housing Authority  
Transitional Jobs Program  
(773) 826-6323

**Belmont Cragin**  
6352 W. Grand Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60639  
(773) 252-6439

**South Holland**  
249 W. 162nd Street  
South Holland, IL 60473  
(708) 596-0037

**West Loop Learning Center**  
609 W. Adams Street  
Chicago, IL 60661  
(312) 575-3270

**Quad Cities**  
1702 N. Main St  
Davenport, IA 52803  
(563) 322-7002