



Grant Program:	Green Capacity Building
Grantee Name:	Easter Seals, Inc.
Grantee City/State:	Chicago, Illinois
Grant Award Amount:	\$99,956
Initial Period of Performance:	December 2009 – November 2010
Project Name:	Easter Seals Pathways to Green Industries
Project Description:	Through this project, Easter Seals will augment the workforce development capacity of its Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) to engage with green industries in the Chicago metropolitan area through the development of a Green Pathway model. This Green Pathway model will route SCSEP participants to one of three certificate or continuing education programs in green occupations at Wilbur Wright College in Chicago (building energy technology, environmental technology, or urban agriculture and natural resources). Easter Seals will then connect those who complete the training to employment opportunities with Chicago-area employers. Following the piloting and testing phase of this model, project materials will be assembled in a train-the-trainer format for dissemination to and replication by project partners, various Easter Seals affiliates, and other SCSEP grantees.
Areas Served by Grant:	Chicago, Illinois
PUMAs Served:	NA
Auto-Impacted Counties Served:	NA
National or Local Grant:	NA
Targeted Industries:	Building energy technology, environmental technology, urban agriculture and natural resources
Targeted Credentials:	State-recognized/college-granted certificates in building energy technology, environmental technology, and urban agriculture and natural resources; Building Operators Certification I and II certifications; Hazardous Waste Operation and Emergency Response Standard (HAZWOPER) certification
Targeted Occupations:	Entry-level technician, compliance officer, environmental safety specialist, laboratory technician, hazardous materials emergency response technician, environmental coordinator, environmental scientist, agriculture scientist, food scientist, food technologist, agriculture technologist
Targeted Populations:	Older, low-income individuals
All Project Partners:	Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce’s (CCoC) Green Advisory Board, City of Chicago Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Chicagoland Business Leadership Network (CBLN), Chicago Sustainable Business Alliance, Disabilityworks (CCoC), Wilbur Wright College





Projected Outcomes:	
Curriculum, course materials, or competency models and career ladders developed or updated with grant funds:	Development of all Green Pathways curricula and related program materials, including train-the-trainer curriculum
The number of instructors projected to participate in capacity building activities:	INA
The number of individuals projected to be trained by these instructors:	INA
The estimated number of other individuals (besides these students and instructors) projected to participate and/or benefit from capacity building activities:	INA
Other Key Project Deliverables:	Grantee notes that outcome measures will be developed.
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