

Founded in 2000, the Chicago Workers Collaborative is dedicated to providing critical services to low wage workers and immigrant workers throughout the Chicagoland area, concentrating on communities with large populations of immigrants and low wage essential workers. Altogether, we have four programs serving these community members, our Leadership and Advocacy, Public Health, Community **Resources and our Working Families Legal Clinic.** 

## **Leadership and Advocacy Department**

The Leadership and Advocacy Program builds the power of historically marginalized people, such as LGBTQ, immigrants, and other workers of color. The program's staff are former Temp Workers with extensive experience leading campaigns to improve conditions in their workplaces, including passage of Illinois' laws which are the strongest protections in the U.S. for temporary staffing workers.

## **Health Program**

The Health Program bridges the health needs of our community to the U.S. medical system and does so while addressing social determinants of health. This includes educating workers in highhazard jobs on workplace health and safety, best practices and signing-up uninsured and hard-to-reach immigrants for affordable health insurance such as the Healthcare for Immigrant Adults Program

#### **Community Resources Department**

Provides "know your rights" workshops and services, assisting families to become familiar with the eligibility and application process required to access medical services, social security benefits, financial rental assistance, emergency financial assistance, and other services that may help people overcome economic hardship.

### **Working Families Legal Clinic**

Working Families Legal Clinic works in the areas of employment, immigration and family law. Founded in 2020, the Clinic is dedicated to serving low wage workers in Chicago Area. This clinic has provided hundreds of low wage immigrants with free legal services in support of their immigration, employment and civil rights needs.

# **Jose Frausto**

Chicago Workers Collaborative

jose@chicagoworkerscollaborative.org

