

Founded in 1964 at the height of the Civil Rights Movement by the legendary Reverend Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, Philadelphia Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. ("Philadelphia OIC") is a non-profit organization that provides education, training and employment services to diverse clients. Philadelphia OIC's philosophical mission focuses on "helping people help themselves" and for over 50 years it has offered an array of programming and services dedicated to encouraging and enabling Philadelphia's most underserved populations to move from welfare to work, from tax dependent to tax paying, from homeless to homeowner and from underutilized to unlimited growth potential.

Philadelphia OIC is dedicated to helping all Philadelphians, including citizens returning from the criminal justice system, grasp the opportunities available to them. It provides a range of job training, education, and related programs and services that people need to obtain the jobs of today and tomorrow as well as to fully and positively participate in an ever-evolving, highly competitive economy.

Philadelphia OIC currently offers programming in banking, infrastructure, hospitality and tourism, academic support and general education, technology access, in addition to computer literacy and life skills training.

Banking Training and Education

OIC partners with BankWork\$™, a free vocational training program to train inner-city adults in the hard and soft skills needed to have a career in the financial services industry. The model is focused on teller positions, customer service representatives and personal banking positions which are in high demand across multiple financial institutions.

Academic Support and General Education

OIC offers HISET (High School Equivalency diploma) preparation classes. This program uses both digital and traditional teaching methods to support those students who need a more varied approach to education.

Technology Access

Philadelphia OIC recognizes that obtaining and keeping employment, in any sector, requires computer skills and Internet access. We provide a computer lab, which offers free computer and internet access to all members of the community. Our mobile computer lab facilitates our ability to reach into the neighborhoods to train even more people.

Philadelphia OIC offers classes for everyone from beginners, offering basic classes, to the more experienced user. Courses include: Search Engine Basics, creating a Resume in Microsoft Word, and Finding and Applying for a Job on the Internet.

Philadelphia OIC Workforce Academy

Alternative High School OICWA is an accelerated high school college and career readiness program. Young adults do not have to choose between going to college or into the workforce, we prepare them for both. We serve grades 9-12th and/or ages 16 to 21 who are over-aged and under-credited, seeking to earn a high school diploma and gain employable work skills.

Re-entry Program

In collaboration with OIC of America, through the United States Department of Labor, Philadelphia OIC offers services catered to adults over 18 years old who have come into contact with the judicial system and reside in designated high poverty, high-crime communities in Philadelphia. The goal of the re-entry program is to assist justice involved individuals to make a successful transition back to the community by helping them become productive, responsible, and law-abiding citizens.

Smart Energy

The Philadelphia OIC PECO Smart Energy Technical Training Program offers customized job training and job placement services for those who are interested in green energy careers. The training equips individuals with the required knowledge and power skills for success and employment. After completing the program, they graduate with an OSHA-10 Certification Weatherization Certificate and are eligible to sit for the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Associates exam. Program graduates become eligible to apply for available employment positions with Philadelphia OIC's employment partners.

Hospitality and Tourism

Our award-winning Opportunities Inn offers the region's best training and job placement services for those interested in a career in hospitality and tourism. OIC graduates are placed with the Pennsylvania Convention Center, hotels, restaurants and all aspects of the tourism industry.

Drone Program

The Drone / sUAS Pilot Certification Program at Philadelphia OIC is a six-week training program that prepares individuals to sit for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 107 Certification Exam. During the program, students will acquire the aeronautical knowledge necessary to pass the FAA aeronautical knowledge test for small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS).

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