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National Able Network Receives Grant Award from the Skokie Community Fund

Low-Income Families in Skokie to Receive Employment Services

CHICAGO (December 2014) – National Able Network, Inc. was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Skokie Community Fund to provide training and employment services to low income families living in Skokie and the surrounding areas.

National Able Network will be working collaboratively to provide a comprehensive suite of employment services to currently-active families of the Childcare Network of Evanston. “We are honored to be among the first recipients of this award from the Skokie Community Fund,” said National Able Network President & CEO, Grace Powers. “With this grant and with the help of Childcare Network of Evanston, National Able Network will be better able to serve most-in-need families of Skokie.”

Childcare Network of Evanston provides access to high quality child care services to families who are at 100% the Federal Poverty Level or below in Evanston, Skokie, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove and surrounding communities. The agency will build a cohort of clients who will work directly with both National Able Network and Childcare Network of Evanston to obtain self-sufficiency in both childcare and employment. “We are very pleased to be partnering with National Able Network to help our clients achieve a more stable future for themselves and their families,” said Andrea Densham, Executive Director of Childcare Network of Evanston.

One out of every five Skokie families lives below the Federal Poverty Line, and one out of every four children in Skokie suffers from poverty. By collaborating with Childcare Network of Evanston, National Able Network can target job seeking services to most-in-need Skokie-area residents. Twenty-five current clients of Childcare Network of Evanston will receive connections to employment opportunities as well as participate in nationally-recognized Job Readiness Training offered by National Able Network.

About National Able Network

National Able Network, Inc. is a leading non-profit organization specializing in providing career counseling, training, and placement services for disadvantaged job seekers of all ages and skill levels. By designing programs that are mission-driven and results-oriented, National Able Network is a leader in implementing workforce development strategies that strengthen local and national economies of scale. To that end, for every \$1 invested in a National Able Network client, \$5.95 is contributed back into the economy. National Able Network's services for job seekers includes individualized short- and long-term career planning, nationally-recognized Job Readiness Training, access to wraparound services to meet basic needs, connections to post-secondary education and training, and job placement assistance. Each year, National Able Network provides career services to more than 125,000 individuals in Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

About Childcare Network of Evanston

Since 1967, CNE has been an invaluable community resource providing comprehensive information for families searching for high-quality child care and early childhood education options in Evanston and surrounding communities. What began as a volunteer organization in 1967 is now recognized as a national model ensuring that every child has access to resources and programs that foster physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development.

CNE provides parents with referrals to licensed and/or accredited child care programs; resources for their child care search; and up-to-date information on available financial assistance and how to access it. Through its programs, CNE makes it possible for every child to receive the high-quality, early education they need, and provides parents with the tools and skills to be strong advocates for their child. And like the families it serves, CNE continues to grow. In 2010, CNE expanded beyond the Evanston borders to serve the most vulnerable infants, toddlers, families and pregnant women in Skokie, Morton Grove, Wilmette, Winnetka, Northfield, Lincolnwood, and Glenview. With its supportive network of parents,

teachers and providers, CNE builds the foundation for a child's success in school and in life. For more information, visit www.childcarenetworkofevanston.org

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