

Upcoming Events



On November 15 and 16, 2007, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Economic Research and Consumer and Community Affairs departments, in partnership with the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, will host a conference titled, "Strategies for Improving Economic Mobility of Workers." The conference is to be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

The goal of the conference is to bring together researchers and practitioners to discuss some of the key issues regarding policies impacting disadvantaged workers and their communities. Topics to be discussed include trends and future outlook on work, wages, and occupations, spatial mismatch between jobs and workers, job training and education, and other state and federal assistance for low-income workers. We will also feature panel discussions by practitioners that will highlight practical experiences with running workforce development programs.



On December 11 and 12, 2007, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Consumer and Community Affairs Division, in co-sponsorship with the University of Wisconsin Extension, and the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), will host a conference titled, "An Informed Discussion of Nontraditional Mortgage Products & Escalating Foreclosures." The conference will be held at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

"Nontraditional," "alternative," or "exotic" mortgage products are residential loans that include interest-only and payment option features that allow borrowers to defer repayment of principal and sometimes interest. These products allow borrowers to exchange lower payments during an initial period for higher payments later. Participants will gain valuable insights from experts who will explore the risks posed by nontraditional mortgage products as well as issues stemming from Wisconsin's rising number of foreclosures. A further goal of the conference is to initiate an effective community response to address the rising tide of Wisconsin foreclosures.