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Self Employment Program Available Free in the South Suburbs

The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) is offering an Entrepreneurial Self-Employment Training Program starting Wednesday, March 27th from 6:30-9:30pm at 15652 S. Homan in Markham, Illinois. This program is designed to assist clients in starting their own businesses and providing additional job opportunities in the South Suburban area. The classes provide clients with start-up business, financial planning, marketing, business management and site selection. The successful graduates may then choose to enter additional financial training and business planning composition classes to help accelerate their business start-ups. Three orientation/qualifying sessions will be held on March 13,15 and 20th to help applicants understand the benefits of this program and to prequalify them for seats in this year's classes. Interested parties should contact Alva J. Hall, Project Manager, by March 26th at 708-596-6531.

The Entrepreneurial Self-Employment Training Program has been in operation for almost thirty years and has won several national awards for helping clients become successful entrepreneurs. Program participants are subject to eligibility requirements and must supply proof of residency in suburban Cook County and proof of income information for 90 days prior to applying. Please bring a social security card for each member of the household.

CEDA's mission is to work in partnership with communities to empower families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life. CEDA is one of the largest private non-profit organizations in the country and serves more than 200,000 Cook County residents annually. CEDA began operations in 1965 and through the years has grown considerably. Now, over forty programs and services at more than 200 locations are offered to low income families in the areas of child and family development, health and nutrition services, senior citizen programs, economic development, employment and job training, housing services, education services and community development.

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