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opportunities
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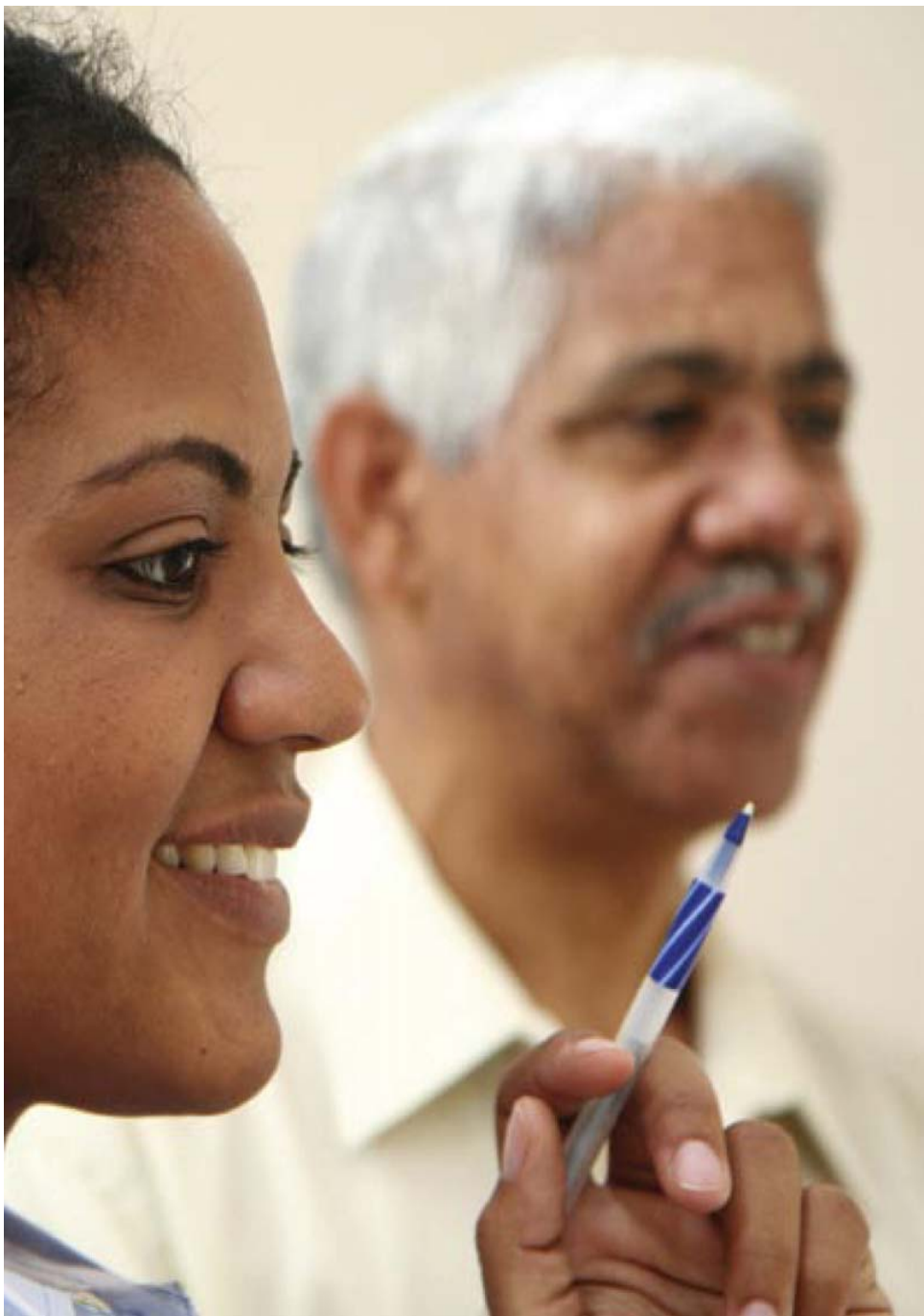


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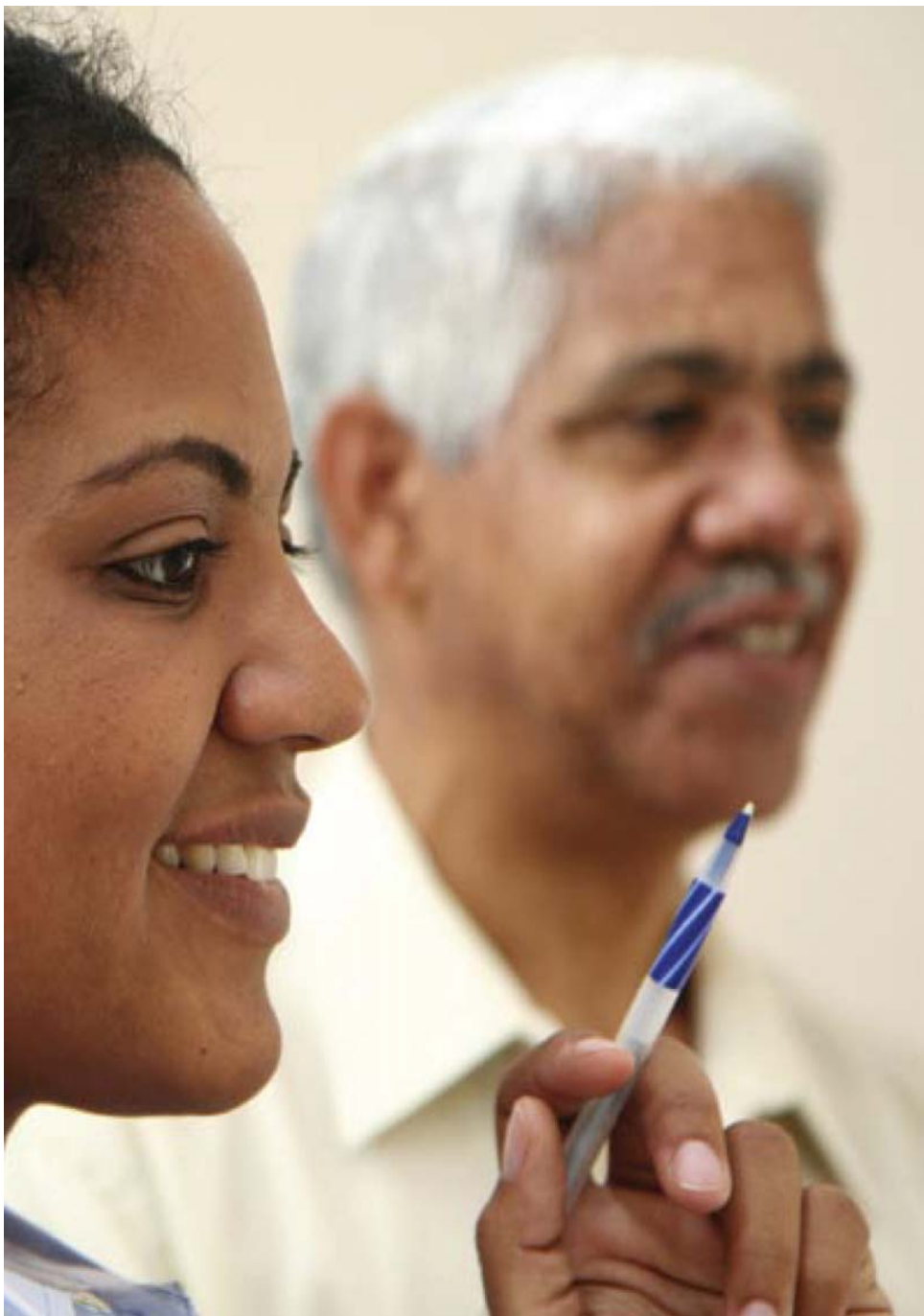
Opportunity Chicago is...

- A citywide commitment involving employers, government and leading non-profit organizations that helps local businesses find qualified employees and helps Chicagoans secure real and meaningful job opportunities.
- A \$25.9 million initiative that seeks to increase access to training and employment opportunities for public-housing residents, resulting in **job placements for 5,000 residents over five years.**



Goals and Outcomes

- Over 5,000 residents placed in full-time, unsubsidized employment over 5 years (2006–2010).
- Public-housing residents will have increased access to a wider range of training opportunities that prepare them to reach self-sufficiency through employment.
- Public-housing residents will have increased knowledge about careers in industries with advancement potential.
- Improved inter-agency coordination will result in more streamlined service delivery from entry-level through advanced skills training.



Goals and Outcomes (continued)

- Employers will increasingly use and contribute to the public workforce system, providing career advancement opportunities for entry-level and incumbent workers.
- Public workforce system partners will be better equipped to address gaps in service.
- Establish a documented, replicable model that effectively addresses the challenges of disadvantaged job seekers.



Programs

- Basic Employment Services
- Work Readiness Preparation
- Transitional Jobs
- Industry-focused Pathway Programs
- Customized Skills Training
- Technical Training
- Workforce Investment Act Services



Other Strategies

- **Employer Engagement**
 - Energy Efficiency
 - Healthcare
 - Hospitality
 - Information Technology (IT)
 - Manufacturing
- **Policy Advocacy and Sustainability**
- **Resource Analysis and Development**
- **Evaluation and Documentation**

Outcomes

Since January 2006...

- 5,696 individuals have secured jobs through Opportunity Chicago
- 926 residents have completed certificate and degree training programs through the City Colleges of Chicago
- More than 550 individuals have accessed services through the City's Workforce Investment Act provider network
- Referral processes are in place to maximize resident access to WIA and other Opportunity Chicago-supported services
- Year One and Year Two evaluations of Opportunity Chicago are complete

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