

## **JVS Chicago Announces Business Plan Competition Winners**

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Independent judges from the financial and business industries gave valuable feedback on all of the business plans. Eligible candidates were required to attend at least one of the following Duman Entrepreneurship workshops by February 10, 2012:

- Starting A Small Business In Illinois
- Alternative Financing
- How To Write A Business Plan
- Boot Camp - CORE Four Business Planning Course

The winners of the 2012 Business Plan Competition include:

Start-up Business category

First Place: Moore Jones & Associates – interior design company

Second Place: Take A Break Play Care – childcare drop-in center

Existing Business category

First Place: EQUILIBRIUM Energy + Education – health & wellness company

Second Place: Thank God It's Natural – natural hair care products company

“We were thrilled with the quality of entries we received this year and the anticipation of the creation of jobs,” said Donna Rockin, Director of JVS Chicago's Illinois SBDC/Duman Entrepreneurship Center. “The winning entries used a combination of creativity and knowledge they received from our workshops and consultants,” she added.

### **ABOUT JVS**

For over 125 years, Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) has provided entrepreneurial support services, job development and placement, career counseling and networking, and customized skills training and rehabilitation to help all people realize their full potential. The agency is an affiliate of and receives support from the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and other public and private funding.

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