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Cara attended Florida State University where she majored in Economics with minors in math and public administration. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in three years as a nationally recognized Truman Scholar. After working at the Federal Reserve Board and the Center for Law and Social Policy, Cara attended the University of Chicago for a Masters' Degree in Public Policy. During graduate school Cara worked for two of the most high profile Chicago politicians, then Senator Barack Obama and Mayor Richard Daley. After graduate school, Cara worked for then Senator Barack Obama as the Special Assistant to the State Director. In this position, she was the state contact for all funding issues including ear-marks and grant making. After the 2008 election, Cara was asked by the Obama administration to help set up the White House Correspondence Office – an interesting and challenging experience. In November, Cara joined the Office of City Treasurer Stephanie Neely as the Chief of Policy. In just a few short months, Cara has introduced a youth employer saving initiative and began to address the problems of the un-banked in Chicago.