

The Alternative Schools Network of Chicago 2005 Program Directory



Creating Futures Every Day



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Urban Life Center, Inc.

1515 E. 52nd Place 2nd Fl.

Chicago, IL 60615

Web site: www.urbanlifecenter.org

Phone: (773) 363-1312

Fax: (773) 363-1150

Contact: Valerie Wallace, Admin. Director

ULC is a nontraditional award-winning educational program for college students and college graduates providing experience-based learning, including core and field placements for students from universities and colleges around the country. Special urban programs with a specific focus are also available for groups. Curriculum content: Liberal Arts, sociological, college-level academic courses. Services offered: experiential – based courses, Internships, City living “Street smarts” training. Special Requirements: live in Hyde Park – ULC housing. Program Length: 3 weeks to 1 semester. College credit. Tuition: Contact Administrative Director for fees.

West Side Holistic Family Center

4909 W. Division

Chicago, IL 60651

Phone: (773) 921-8777

Fax: (773) 921-1045

Contact: Dr. Ramona Smith—Battle

Austin Area Adult Education and Employment Program includes free GED tutoring and job referral services for adults 18 and older. A comprehensive pre-employment program using computers and individualized instruction. The Center also provides individual and family counseling services for a fee. Free parenting and education workshops and groups for teens and parents of teens. Mandate Manhood Project ages 13 and up.

Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors (WECAN)

6450 S. Stony Island

Chicago, IL 60637

Phone: (773) 288-3000

Fax: (773) 288-3081

Contact: Mattie Butler

Community-based organization whose mission is housing, economic development and education in the Woodlawn community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Alternative Schools Network

1807 W. Sunnyside, Suite 1D – Chicago, IL, 60640

Phone (773) 728-4030 – Fax (773) 728-3335

1116 N. Milwaukee Ave. – Chicago, IL 60622

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Web address: www.asnchicago.org



The directory of the Alternative Schools Network has been developed to provide information about its members. Refer to schools and learning centers for specific information regarding tuition, enrollment requirements, and areas served. If you have questions concerning the directory or membership in the Alternative Schools Network, call (773) 728-4030.

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General Information

The **Alternative Schools Network (ASN)** is a not-for-profit organization in Chicago working to provide quality education with a specific emphasis on inner-city children, youth and adults. Since 1973, the ASN has been supporting community based and community-run programs to develop and expand training and other educational services in Chicago's inner-city neighborhoods. In addition to supporting direct services, ASN has been a consistent and effective advocate for community based services whereby the people involved are active participants in developing and running programs – not passive recipients of services. To shape policies and programs, the ASN has built an impressive track record of operating successful education, employment and support service programs.

Goals of the ASN

Resource Development – to identify the necessary resources that support educational programs and effective learning activities at alternative schools;
Technical Assistance and Training – to provide technical assistance and training across the city and build support and cooperation among and between alternative schools; and

Advocacy – to impact and shape public and private policy in the areas of education, employment, social services and other areas as they relate to and affect inner-city youth and families.

Benefits of Membership

Members of ASN are nonprofit, independent, and self-governing schools and youth and adult education organizations. Members elect a governing board that is representative of members and programs. Board members are elected for two-year terms at the annual meeting in the fall. The Board meets once a month and any member is welcome to attend. Members participate in many of the programs that ASN operates. All the services are designed to enhance students' abilities and motivation in order to remain in school throughout the completion of high school diploma or equivalent, as well as to support the different members through joint programs, services and advocacy. Support programs and services include: staff development, student counseling, an all-network prom, a yearly youth conference, drug/alcohol prevention, pre-employment and job training programs, a family literacy program, an athletic program, advocacy for alternative education programs; and listing in the ASN Directory.

Qualifications for Membership

Members of the ASN are nonprofit, independent, and self-governing schools and youth and adult education organizations. If interested in membership, please contact ASN and an application will be forwarded to you. An annual membership fee is required.

Parkway Community House Adult Literacy Program Hull House Assn.

500 E. 67th St.
Chicago, IL 60628

Phone: (773) 493-1306
Fax: (773) 493-9392

Contact: Joanne Jones

Year round high school equivalency (GED) preparation, and adult literacy programs serving the Woodlawn, Englewood, Washington Park, Grand Crossing and South Shore communities. All components are self paced and individualized. The programs serves youth and adults 16 and over who read below 9th grade level. Curriculum content: Basic reading, writing, math and computer skills. Life skills instruction is incorporated into studies and students are provided one-on-one tutoring by volunteer tutors. Placement test and intake process required. Students needing additional services are provided referrals to other agencies.

Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc.

2319 S. Damen Ave.
Chicago, IL 60608-4209

Phone: (773) 579-0832
Fax: (773) 579-0762

Contact: Francisco Cisneros, Executive Director

Outpatient aftercare: Vocational Rehabilitation, Crisis Stabilization Unit for the mentally ill, Alcoholism Treatment and Methadone Program, AIDS risk-reduction, education, and counseling program. Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA). Programs: housing for the chronically mentally ill, prevention-youth initiatives, and health promotion. Accreditation: CARF. Service areas: Pilsen, Little Village, Back of the Yards, Cicero, Berwyn, Melrose Park. Population served: Adults over 18.

Scarce Book Depository

799 Roosevelt Rd.
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Phone: (630) 545-9710
Fax: (630) 545-9715

Web address: www.bookrescue.org

Contact: Kay McKeen

SCARCE is dedicated to educating students, teachers, residents, businesses, and the general public to conserve natural resources and energy, prevent pollution, reduce waste, recycle, and compost organic materials, so we can protect the environment and work toward a sustainable future. Through that endeavor, we have established the SCRAP Book Rescue Center and the Tools For Schools programs to rescue books and other educationally-related materials and provide them to those in need.

Introspect Youth Services, Inc.

**430 N. Cicero Ave.
Chicago, IL 60644**

**Phone: (773) 287-2290
Fax: (773) 287-4444**

Contact: Bernard Clay

Provides educational and employment services to youth. Although services are targeted to youth from academically and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, all youth are provided services on a no decline basis. Educational services include: academic and vocational advisement, financial aid guidance, ACT and SAT test preparation. Post-Secondary (colleges, universities, trade, technical and vocational schools) placement, GED and basic skills instruction. Employment programs include: Pre-employment skills training, job referral and placement. Introspect is a not-for-profit community-based youth agency serving the Austin, Garfield Park, Lawndale, Lower and Near West Side communities of Chicago and the near western suburbs of Oak Park, River Forest, Forest Park, Maywood, Bellwood, Broadview and Berkley. Population served: Ages 16-21.

Mujeres Latinas En Acción

**1823 W. 17th St. Phone: (312) 226-1544 (312) 226-1544
Chicago, IL 60608 Fax: (312) 226-2720
Web address: www.mujereslatinasenaccion.org.**

For Youth Services Contact:

Alejandrina Montoya, Alicia Amador, Gema Gaete or Guadalupe Villa

Service boundaries: 16th Street – 47th Street, Canal – Western. Year round K-High School. Youth services: after school program ages 6-12. Teen program ages 13-17, crisis youth program under 18 years. Youth Net Agency referrals accepted and other school/police or government agencies. Required intake procedure. Children in the after school program complete homework assigned during school year. We monitor report cards and meet with teachers/parents. Teens meet as a group for life skills, tutoring and recreation. They may also join our mother/daughter group. The crisis youth program is coordinated through Screening and Assessment for Supportive Services (SASS) which provides case management and respite for high-risk youth. Services to adult women: counseling and court advocacy for abused women and sexual assault victims. Latina leadership classes. Parenting groups and homelessness prevention and volunteers program for Hot Line. Prevention of Domestic Violence-Sexual assault Counseling-Women In Transition-Parent Support Groups and our Sanctuary Program: Parent visitation.

Alternative Schools Network Programs

Compass Counseling: Through this program, 11.5 full-time counseling positions are provided to 13 sites. These counselors provide supportive counseling to targeted youth aged 14-24 who are attending ASN high schools and learning centers. The program provides individual, group, family, health, and advocacy counseling. The goal of the program is to keep the participants in school until they complete high school or obtain a GED. **Funded through the City of Chicago Mayor's Office of Workforce Development and the Illinois Department of Human Services.**

Comprehensive Prevention: This program involves students, staff, parents, and community members within the ASN network in a comprehensive effort to combat substance abuse. The program provides substance abuse information, skill building opportunities, alternative activities, training for impactors, and activities to influence social policy. **Funded through the Illinois Department of Human Services, Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention.**

Youth Creates: Part of the Comprehensive Prevention Program. The Youth Creates is a youth-run program available to students at any member school or program. Through the program, student-planned activities at member schools can be funded by the Youth Creates Committee. The committee is made up of students and staff from member schools. The program also operates an inter-school sports program and provides joint school activities such as a youth conference, a sports banquet and an annual prom.

Added Chance Career Education and Education: The Career Education and Development program prepares young people for meaningful long term careers by assisting them with workshops that prepare them for employment and then by placing them into jobs. 180 youth are trained each year and 130 youth are placed into jobs. This program includes career education workshops for young people and the development of a progressive system of job-related opportunities. The program also works with local businesses and neighborhood education programs to place students into jobs or internships. **Funded by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.**

Program and Policy Development: Through this project, ASN seeks to influence the policies and funding streams that shape the programs available at the local level for educational training of the labor force of tomorrow. It seeks to promote programs that will meet the needs of low-skilled adults and youths in learning how to read, write, calculate and think, and in moving them into meaningful jobs and careers that meet the economic needs of the nation.

Alternative Schools Network Programs

Video Services: Videos of interviews and presentations of poets, authors, and others are available to ASN members for English literature or cultural classes through Lannan Literary Videos. Contact Sijisfredo Aviles at the Network office for access to this service. Other topics, such as substance abuse and prevention, are also available.

The Youth Skills Development and Training Program: (YSDTP) This program works with 175 Chicago area youth in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) who are not enrolled in an educational or vocational program and do not have a high school diploma. Through YSDTP, these students are given the opportunity and resources to attain their educational and vocational goals, preparing them for independence and a productive and self-fulfilling life. **This program is funded by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.**

Youth Enhancement for Success: (YES)

This program provides academic and mentoring services to out-of-school youth. Nineteen schools participate in the program, which serves over 300 students citywide. Each student enrolled in the YES program is linked to an on-site mentor who provides them with counseling, assessment, support services and advocacy. The goal of these mentoring services is for each student to obtain academic success, high school graduation, and future planning and achievement. **This program is funded by the City of Chicago Mayor's Office of Workforce Development.**

PraXis Project: A school leadership and capacity building initiative supporting high school directors and teachers with professional development opportunities and acquisition of material resources for ongoing school improvement. **This program is funded by the City of Chicago Mayor's Office of Workforce Development and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.**

Youth Leadership Development: (YLD)

Working with alternative schools and their communities to insure youth voices in policy debates at the city, state, and national levels. Youth from across the city receive training, participate in rallies, serve as panelists at academic and other conferences, and attend events planned and led by young people. YLD facilitates opportunities for teachers and staff to take action on social policy issues, primarily to advance the cause of second-chance education.



Urban Life Center, Inc.

Howard Area Community Center

7638-48 N. Paulina

Chicago, IL 60626

Web address: www.howardarea.org

Phone: (773) 262-6622

Fax: (773) 262-6645

Contact: Roberta Buchanan, Executive Director

Howard Area Community Center is a multi-service community based agency serving low-income people in north Rogers Park. Programs include: Early Childhood Title XX day care for 60 children and a full-day Head Start for 20 children. Educational services include ABE, Pre-GED, ESL, and a small high school for youth ages 16-20. The program also provides individual tutoring for both youth and adults. Emergency Services, Legal Assistance, Health and Dental Services. After-school programs are provided at three nearby schools. An Infant and Toddler program provides home visiting for families with children birth to three.

Alternatives Inc.

4730 N. Sheridan Rd.
Chicago, IL 60640

Phone: (773) 506-7474

Fax: (773) 506-9420

Web address: www.alternativesyouth.org

Contact: Receptionist

Providing services for youth and their families, which facilitate personal development, strengthen family relationships, and enhance the community's well being. Programs: leadership development, academic enrichment, counseling, violence and substance abuse prevention. After school program is provided in various locations offering tutoring, homework help, mentoring, gender specific programming, career exploration and training, conflict resolution workshops, life skills training, counseling and crisis intervention.

The Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center

5655 S. University Ave.
Chicago, IL 60637

Phone: (773) 955-4108

Fax: (773) 363-7086

Web address: www.bluegargoyle.org

Contact: Paul Sakol—Executive Director

Services for youth, ages 9-21, on Chicago's Southeast Side including Hyde Park, Kenwood, and Woodlawn areas. The Center offers vocational services, job readiness training, referral, and follow up. A computer learning lab for individualized self-paced instruction in basic education. A counseling program that offers individualized family and group work services, crisis intervention, and temporary foster care. Additional programs: Adult Literacy, Homework Club, individual and school based tutoring, pre-GED and morning and evening GED curriculum.

Community Television Network (CTVN)

2418 W. Bloomingdale
Chicago, IL 60647

Phone: (773) 278-8500

Fax: (773) 278-8635

Web address: ctvnetwork.org

e-mail: ctvnchicago@yahoo.com

Contact: Denise Zaccardi

Providing media arts education for over 30 years, CTVN in collaboration with existing alternatives and public schools and community groups produces video tapes on issues of community concern. CTVN teaches youth in low-income communities the essentials of video production and post production; provides youth with job-readiness and on-the-job training skills; provides low cost video production services for non-profits and individuals; co-directs the South Side Multimedia Center serving Bronzeville with digital media access and programs, supervises the award winning youth produced show "Hard Cover" on Chicago cable TV. "Hard Cover" invites all Chicago teens to participate as crew, producers or talent.

Preschool and Elementary Programs



Beacon Therapeutic Day School

10650 S. Longwood Drive Phone: (773) 881-1005
Chicago, IL 60643 Fax: (773) 881-1164

Contact: Lawrence A. WYROBEK—Principal
Thomas Kim , Clinical Director

12440 S. Ada Phone: (708) 388-3183
Calumet Park, IL 60827 Fax: (708) 388-4072

Contact: Dr. Joan Gross, Principal
Juan Reyna, CEO

Beacon Therapeutic is a private not-for profit service agency committed to the delivery of behavioral health and educational services to high risk multiple problem children, adolescents, and their families. All Beacon staff members are dedicated to the advancement of team work and accountability in providing programs for students who are autistic, cognitively delayed, learning disabled, emotionally/behaviorally disordered, speech/language impaired. The following services are also available: occupational therapy, vocational education, psychiatric services, psychological services, nursing, social work and counseling. The Day School serves students 3-21 years of age, 60 students between 16-21. For clients who need more intensive services, Beacon provides an extended day program that is an extension of the student's time in the day school program. We also offer an Outpatient Mental Health Center, Intensive Outpatient Program, respite services and a Shelter Outreach Service. We are accredited with the North Central Association, Illinois State Board of Education, JCAHO and Medicaid.

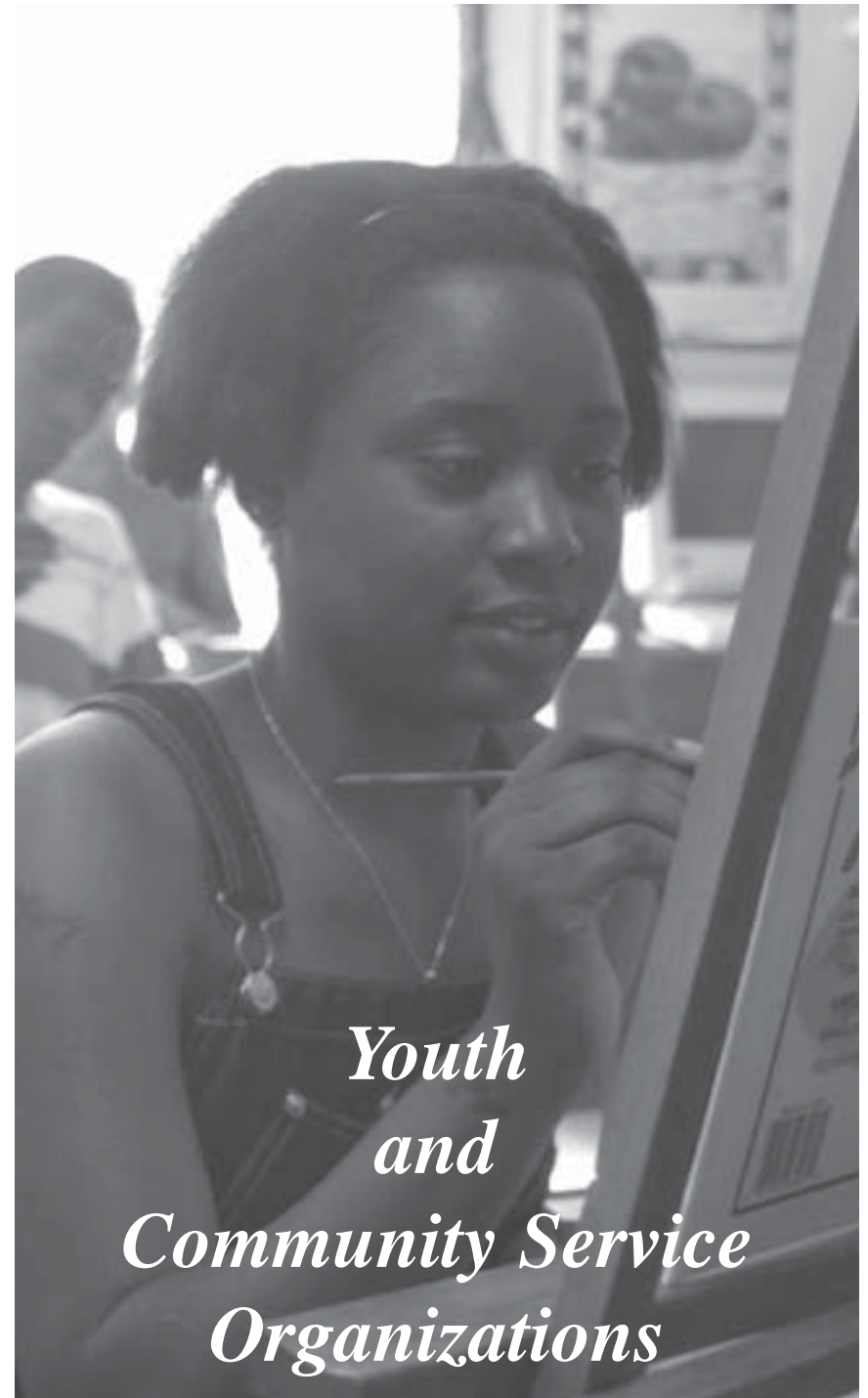
Bethel Christian School

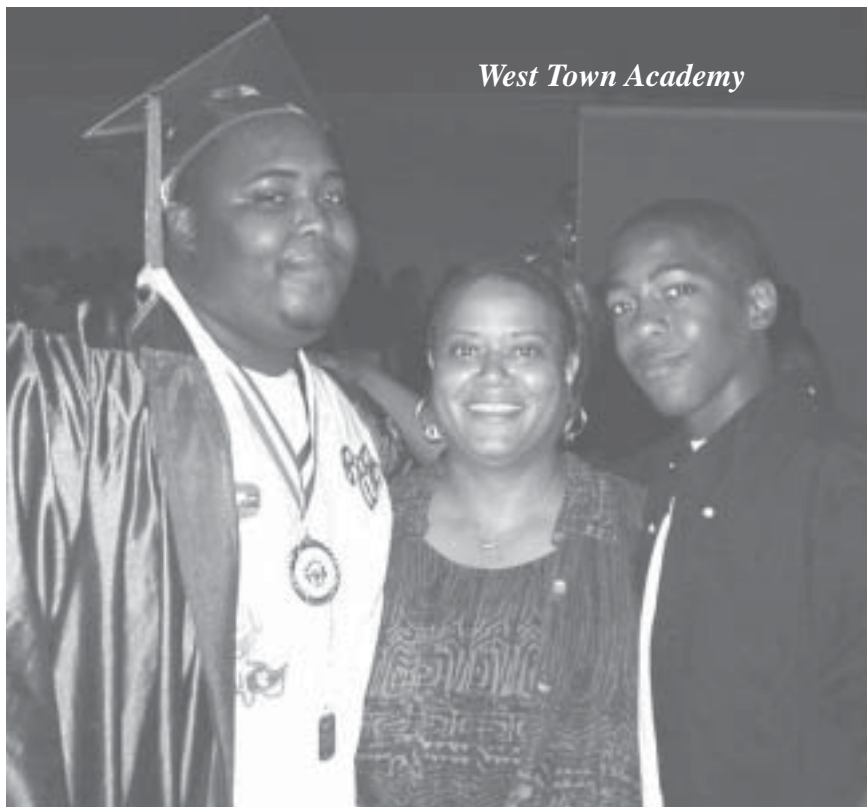
4215 West End Ave. Phone: (773) 533-3636
Chicago, IL 60624 Fax: (773) 533-3635

Contact: Principal or Administrative Coordinator

City wide, 100 students, K-6th grade. September – June program with an 8 week summer school. General Elementary School Curriculum plus religion, Computer lab, sign language, Japanese, tutoring and/ or enrichment as needed. We follow the A Beka Curriculum; our religious affiliation is Lutheran (Bethel Lutheran Church) but all materials and activities are nondenominational.

Tuition is \$2000 per year. Scholarships determined on a case-by-case basis. Family plan available for more than one child. Testing for reading and mathematics required for admission. Bus service is available. Title XX preschool day care and after school programs are available on site.





West Town Academy

2021 W. Fulton Street
Chicago, IL 60612

Phone: (312) 563-9044

Fax: (312) 563-9672

Web address: www.greaterwesttownproject.org

Contact: Ty-Ling Caraballo

Serving the Near West Side, Humboldt Park, Logan Square and Pilsen communities, West Town Academy offers a high school program which includes a full time high school curriculum, a school to work curriculum, college and career counseling and a community oriented extra curricular activities. Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education, the school serves 100 students ages 16-21 and grades 9-12 who are no longer in school. Curriculum Content: English Language Arts, Foreign Language, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Health, Physical Education, Fine Arts and Computer Literacy. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.



Carole Robertson Center For Learning

2020 W. Roosevelt Rd. (Location 1)
Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: (312) 243-7300

Fax: (312) 243-4881

Web address: www.crcl.net

Contact: Betty Lee

2929 West 19th Street (Location 2)
Chicago, IL 60623

Phone: (773) 521-1600

Fax: (773) 521-3617

Contact: Maria Ochoa

3701 W. Ogden Avenue (Location 3)
Chicago, IL 60623

Phone: (773) 522-8400

Fax: (773) 522-8403

Contact: Adina Young

Infant and Toddler program: ages 6 weeks to 3 years (only at locations 2 and 3). Family Child Care Homes Network: ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Head Start Program: half day for children ages 3-5 years. Subsidized Child Care/ Pre-K program: full day for children, ages 3-5 years. Subsidized Child Care: school age program for children ages 5-12 years, sliding fee scale. Evening youth programs, service learning and activities, ages 9-18 years. Family support and parent education services. Fully bilingual: Spanish and English. Support activities include: family health, literacy GED, ESL, specialized seminars and childcare through Community Partners Program.

The Chicago Sudbury School

P.O. BOX 577737

Chicago, IL 60657-7737

Web address: www.ChicagoSudburySchool.org

Phone: (773) 348-4575

Fax: (773) 348-4575

Contact: Michelle Patzke, Registrar

The Chicago Sudbury School (CSS) is a small private, day school for students ages 4-19 where self-direction, personal responsibility, democratic decision making and community accountability prevail. The midwest's first Sudbury School is based on Sudbury Valley School's (SVS) cohesive education theory. SVS has been in operation since 1968. Each day students are free to determine how to spend their time and with whom. They pursue their passions and express their individuality in an atmosphere of freedom and respect. Learning happens naturally. People of varying ages mix freely. Staff, parents and students have an equal voice in the School's Assembly and an equal voice in creating and enforcing rules. CSS serves the Chicago land area and suburbs. Enrollment is available throughout the year. Closed summers. Enrollment interview - \$50 fee. Visiting week - \$100 fee, Tuition: \$5,500 per year, Part Time \$3,300 per year

Consuelo Lee Corretjer Day Care Center

2739 W. Division Street

Phone: (773) 342-8866

Chicago, IL 60647

Fax: (773) 342-6609

Web Address: centroinfantil@prcc-chgo.org

Contact: Xochitl Ramirez

Licensed child care for 33 children. Emphasizes bilingualism and roots of Puerto Rican/Mexican cultures. Sliding scale and IDHS slots available. Interview required. Waiting list. 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM
Affiliated with Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School.

Lawrence Hall Youth Services

4833 N. Francisco

Phone: (773) 769-3511

Chicago, IL 60625

Fax: (773) 769-0106

Web address: www.lawrencehall.org

Contact: Sherry Demitrowicz, Director, Educational Services

City wide, 100 students therapeutic day school for youth ages 7-21. Referrals are submitted from the public school system, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, or LANS. Year round program, credits issued three times each year. Tuition is based on a per diem basis determined by specific services. Accredited by NCA. Job training and life skills programs offered after traditional school hours are designed to prepare youth in care for independence. Counseling, adult education, computer literacy and word processing.

Universidad Popular

Administrative Office

1510 N. Rockwell

Chicago, IL 60622

Phone: (773) 772-0836

Fax: (773) 772-0837

Executive Director: Olivia Flores Godinez

Born out of the concern for social change in the turbulent 1960's Universidad Popular has been doing popular education in Chicago since the early 1970's. The thrust of its efforts consists on providing academic, job, and life skills to low income families in Chicago's Spanish-speaking community. Currently, UP has sites in Pilsen, Little Village, Chicago Lawn and Logan Square. Universidad Popular welcomes people to volunteer their time and expertise toward the development of a better society for all of us to live.

Westside Alternative High School

839 N. Central

Chicago, IL 60651

Phone: (773) 626-9744

Fax: (773) 626-9745

Contact: Dr. Ramona Smith-Battle

Austin Area, four year high school and Adult Education Program, GED and tutoring and services. Serving 130 students ages 16-21, grades 9-12. Recognized by the ISBE and accredited by NCA. Westside provides a comprehensive educational program using computers and individualized instruction. Admission based on pre-identified criteria including, but not limited, to a TABE test score in Reading and Math of 5.0 or above and the evaluation of an essay submitted by the student applicant. A peer-staff interview is also required. Westside Alternative High School also provides comprehensive support services through its parent agency i.e. individual and family counseling services, free parenting and education workshops, groups for teens and parents of teens, after school programs, day care, pre-employment training and foster care. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.



Sullivan House Alternative High School

Sullivan House Alternative High School

8164 S. South Chicago Ave.
Chicago, IL 60617

Phone: (773) 978-8680
Fax: (773) 375-1482

Contact: Dr. Thomas J. Gattuso, Principal

Serving 120 students ages 16-21 from the South Shore area who have dropped out of the Chicago Public Schools with a basic high school curriculum leading to an accredited diploma. The high school is a program of the Sullivan House Child Welfare Agency. Interview, drop letter, transcript and medical records from recent school are required before enrollment. Day care available. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.

Harry S. Truman Middle College

1145 West Wilson
Chicago, IL 60640

Phone: (773) 907-4840
Fax: (773) 907-4844

Web address: www.trumancollege.cc/middlecollege

Contact: Thomas O'Hale, Principal

Established in 1984, Truman Middle College is an alternative high school that provides students ages 16 to under 21 who have dropped out of high school, a second chance to complete their high school education. Students are encouraged to enroll in college classes at the same time they are completing their secondary course work. All students are provided individual counseling and career education. Interview, drop letter, transcript and medical records from recent school are required before enrollment. North Central accredited, affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.



*Consuelo Lee Corretjer
Day Care Center*

L.E.A.R.N. Charter School

3400 West Grenshaw
Chicago, IL 60624

Phone (773) 826-6330
Fax: (773) 826-0015

www.learncharter.org

**Contact: Terry Williams
Devora Berdin, Principal**

Lawndale community, 92 students, preschool – 8th grade. Students are required to live in Chicago, be placed in a lottery and pay registration fee of \$200.00. Traditional teaching methods; instruction is individualized; year round school; multigrade classrooms. Our students are extremely successful graduates and have high standardized test scores.

Learning Network

5911 W. Midway Park
Chicago, IL 60644

Phone: (773) 378-7076
Fax: (773) 378-1741

Contact: Luther Syas

Citywide 15 students per group, 1st – 8th grade. Tuition \$2,555 per child. Basic skills stressed. Single and teen parent families.

Montessori Elementary School of Southwest Cook County

**14911 W 127th Street
Lemont, IL 60439**

Phone: (630) 257-1136

Contact: Norine Colby

Southwest Side and suburbs, 3-5 year old preschool and K-8th grade. Tuition \$45 (discount for 2nd child). Small work scholarship program and half and full day.

South Central Community Services Inc. South Community Center

**1021 E. 83rd Street
Chicago, IL 60619**

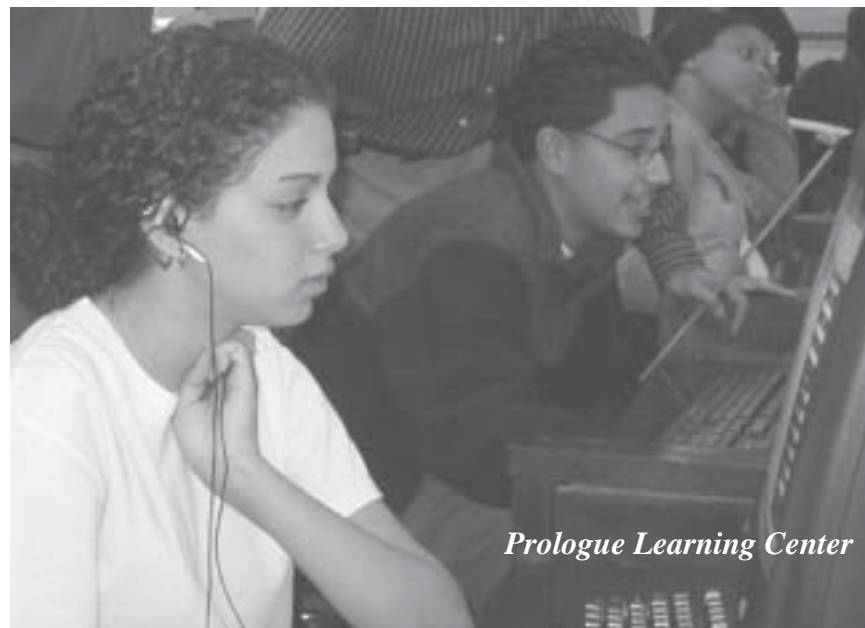
Phone: (773) 483-0900 ext . 219

Fax: (773) 483-0902

Contact: Patricia Daniels

South Central's Therapeutic Day School serves 30 students, ages 7-14, who have been unable to cope in the regular school system. A structured therapeutic milieu in which the student participates in a planned program of activities – 5 hours a day, 5 days a week, year round – designed to modify social, emotional and academic deficits.

Students are referred to the program from the Chicago Public Schools and suburban districts. After having received an extensive evaluation at a local public school to determine specific deficit areas, an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is developed. The IEP summarizes the child's special needs and identifies services to address those needs. Through this process it is determined if the child is in need of Therapeutic Day School placement, at which time the child is tuitioned out and tuition is paid to the private facility by the referring school district. Accreditation through NCA. The goal is to either reintegrate the students into the traditional school setting or to meet the Chicago Public School requirements for an 8th grade diploma.



Prologue Learning Center

South Central Community Services Inc.

**7550 S. Phillips
Chicago, IL 60649**

**Phone: (773) 374-2223 or (773) 483-0900
Fax: (773) 374-8590**

Contact: Geneva B. Reynolds

South Central's Therapeutic Day School serves 61 students, ages 14 to 21, who have been unable to cope in the regular school system. A structured therapeutic milieu in which the student participates in a planned program of activities - 5 hours a day, 5 days a week, year round – designed to modify social, emotional and academic deficits.

Mirta Ramirez Computer Science Charter School

**2435 N. Western Ave
Chicago, IL 60647**

**Phone: (773) 252-0970
Fax: (773) 252-0994**

www.aspirail.org/mrcscs.htm

Contact: Patricia Muñoz, Director

The school is modeled after the successful High Tech High School in San Diego, California. Students can major in a number of technology-focused subject areas such as database programming. Graduates are prepared for work as computer technicians, network specialists or web page designers. Students progress in their technological fields of interest and are provided opportunities to participate in internships with high tech businesses in the Chicagoland area.

Prologue Learning Center

640 W. Irving Park Phone: (773) 935-9925
Chicago, IL 60613 Fax: (773) 665-8357
Executive Director: Nancy Jackson Director of Education: Pa Joof

Winnie Mandela

7105 South Ridgeland Phone: (773) 643-3258
Chicago, IL 60637 Fax: (773) 643-4011
Contact: Barbara Stewart

Charles Hamilton Houston

9035 S. Langley Phone: (773) 723-9630
Chicago, IL 60619 Fax: (773) 723-9022
Contact: Lisa Williams

Prologue is a multi-site alternative high school and GED program founded in 1972, serving the Uptown, Irving Park and Marine Drive areas and the south side of Chicago. Community based program serving 340 students, African-American, Hispanic, Native American Indians and Whites, grades 9-12, ages 16-21. Choice school; out of school youth, must be willing to be tested, interviewed, oriented and accept school philosophy for admission. Community-based learning, social justice with emphasis on critical thinking skills, self-awareness and intense Math and Science instruction. State recognized and NCA accreditation. Activity fees are required.

Citywide Adult Education Program serves students 18 years and older. Classes offered: instruction in literacy, basic math, reading, English, GED ESL, exam preparation, constitution test. Classes run in eight week cycles.

Comprehensive Community Development Center

Provides career assessment and employment placement services.

Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center

1632 N. Milwaukee Ave. Phone (773) 235-3988
Chicago, IL 60647 Fax: (773) 235-8080

Contact: Damaris Acevedo or José Cruz

GED program serving 30 students ages 14-24. Youth empowerment through the arts, and cultural awareness programs focusing on the Puerto Rican migratory experiences. Guitar and Cuatro lessons, Bomba/Plena classes, Salsa classes, and other cultural and arts programming. Counseling services, access to vocational courses, job referrals, employment placement, and self-development. The education program offers ESL and GED in Spanish and English and elective after-school courses in the Puerto Rican culture. Scholarships available.



Academy of Scholastic Achievement

4651 W. Madison Street
Chicago, IL 60644

Phone: (773) 921-1315
Fax: (773) 921-1121

Contact: Nicole Simpson or School Secretary – Ms. Brown

Affordable, state-recognized small private school serving 150 students between the ages of 15-21. Individualized curriculum, open entry and open exit, vocational readiness program, college preparatory curriculum, child/parent center, pre-employment skills program, extensive counseling program, computer assisted resource center, and job placement assistance. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School. Students are required to test at 6.5 in reading and math on TABE test in order to gain admission. \$75.00 activity fee upon registration. Two year program. September to June (same calendar as CPS).

Antonia Pantoja High School (ASPIRA)

3121 N. Pulaski
Chicago, IL 60641

Phone: (773) 427-0759
Fax: (773) 427-0872

Web address: www.aspira.org

Contact: Daisy Lopez

Founded in 1985 to provide dropout retrieval for 16-21 year olds in the West Town, Humboldt Park, Logan Square and Hermosa areas. Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education with an Art-integrated curriculum. Basic academic, socialization and cultural skills are stressed. Total student enrollment: 200. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School. Assistance in job placement and counseling are available. \$50.00 registration fee upon admission.

Beacon Therapeutic Day School

12440 S. Ada
Calumet Park, IL 60827

Phone: (708) 388-3183
Fax: (708) 388-4072

Contact: Dr. Joan Gross, Principal

Thomas Kim, Clinical Director

Private not-for-profit multi service agency committed to the delivery of behavioral health and educational services to high risk multiple problem adolescents, and their families. Staff members are dedicated to the advancement of team work and accountability in providing programs for students who are autistic, cognitively delayed, learning disabled, emotionally/behaviorally disordered, speech/language impaired. Services available: occupational therapy, vocational education, psychiatric services, psychological services, nursing, social work and counseling. Serves 60 students between 16-21. Accredited with the North Central Association, Illinois State Board of Education, JCAHO and Medicaid.

*Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos
High School*

**Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School (PACHS)**

2739 W. Division Street
Chicago, IL 60622

Phone: (773) 342-8022
Fax: (773) 342-6609

Web Address: pachs@prcc-chgo.org

Director: Lourdes Lugo**Assistant Director: Veronica Crespo**

City wide, 125 students. Year round, four year high school founded in 1972, accredited with NALSAS; multicultural curriculum providing intensive academic and community oriented learning experiences in the context of Puerto Rican and Latino life. Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School is a project of the Puerto Rican Cultural Center and a participating member of the National Coalition for Alternative Community Schools. Annual fee \$2,500, full scholarships available. Graduation and class fees required. All students required to take a placement exam and interview before making application. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.

PACHS-Family Learning Center (FLC)

2636 W. Division Street
Chicago, IL 60622

Phone: (773) 342-0809
Fax: (773) 342-0805

Web Address: flc@prcc-chgo.org

Contact: Marisol Morales - Director

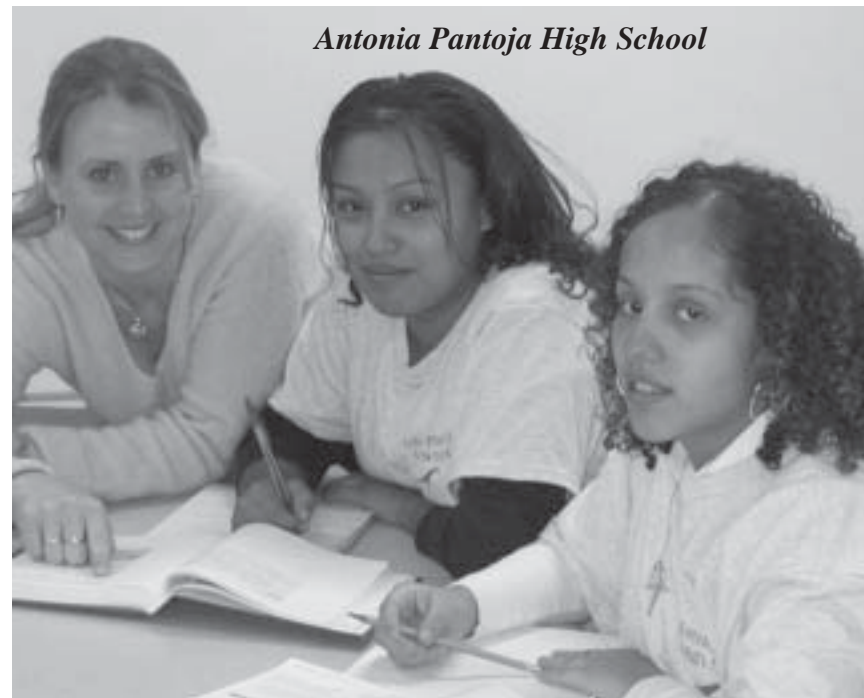
In collaboration with PACHS the FLC provides an integrated family literacy program focusing on educational objectives and community development by engaging students and their children.

Ada S. McKinley Academy-Lakeside Campus**2929 S. Wabash Ave.****Phone: (312) 949-5010****Chicago, IL 60616****Fax: (312) 949-5015****Web address: www.adasmckinley.org****Division of Therapeutic/ Educational Services (773) 602-2660****Contact: Doris Franklin/Martrice Manuel**

City wide, year round four-year high school diploma program for 140 dropouts and expelled youth between the ages of 16 and 21. Therapeutic/educational services and instruction to help students get back on track academically, behaviorally and socially. Located in a beautiful renovated two-story suite with a new state-of-the-art computer and science laboratory. The computer laboratory is equipped with a computer curriculum that enables students to accelerate their matriculation through the course requirements as well as to receive extra assistance in areas where they need additional supports. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for college entry and/or for the world of work incorporating community based projects, work experiences, and partners that guide students through the process of transitioning from school to work. Accredited by NCA and COA. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School. Students are tested, interviewed, and must be at least 16 years of age.

Olive-Harvey Middle College**10001 S. Woodlawn****Phone: (773) 291-6198****Chicago, IL 60628****Fax: (773) 291-6538****Contact: Lillie Evins Other numbers: (773) 291-6517, 6518**

Serving the southeast and southwest areas of Chicago. Year round accredited high school education leading to a diploma for ages 16-21, grades 10-12. College preparatory, dual enrollment program with City Colleges, day care for students and career counseling. Interscholastic high school sports, career education, internships, service learning and Pegasus Playwrite competition. Admissions test (8th grade minimum scores on reading and math) and interview required. \$225.00 activity fee. Total student enrollment: 300. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.

Antonia Pantoja High School**Bronzeville Academic Center****220 W. 45th Place****Phone: (773) 538-0059****Chicago, IL 60609****Fax: (773) 538-0242****Web address: www.bluegargoyle.org****LaShaun Jackson - Director**

Provides a high school academic program to 122 students between the ages of 16-21. Students receive high school credits and work towards graduation with a diploma. Provides a range of academic services featuring small class sizes, one-on-one tutoring, pre-employment training, computer learning center and counseling. Post secondary transition counseling and support, as well as life-skills courses. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School. Placement test, student interview, parent interview and orientation required. Referrals from child care and social service agencies accepted.

A subsidiary of the Blue Gargoyle Youth Service Center in Hyde Park which provides additional services. Scholarships are offered through various programs and departments, DCFS, Mayor's office, Blue Gargoyle. We require students to have appropriate behavior, good attendance and grades. School Motto: Each one teach one!

The Chicago Sudbury School

P.O. BOX 577737

Chicago, IL 60657—7737

Web address: www.ChicagoSudburySchool.org

Phone: (773) 348-4575

Fax: (773) 348-4575

Contact: Michelle Patzke, Registrar

The Chicago Sudbury School (CSS) is a small, private, day school for students ages 4-19 where self-direction, personal responsibility, democratic decision making and community accountability prevail.

The first Sudbury School in the midwest based on the Sudbury Valley School's (SVS) cohesive education theory. SVS has been in continuous operation since 1968. Each day students are free to determine how to spend their time and with whom. They pursue their passions and express their individuality in an atmosphere of freedom and respect. Learning happens naturally. People of varying ages mix freely. Staff, Parents and Students have an equal voice in the School's Assembly. Staff and students have an equal voice in running the school including creating and enforcing rules. CSS serves the Chicago land area and suburbs. Enrollment is available throughout the year. Closed summers. Enrollment interview - \$50 fee. Visiting week - \$100 fee, Tuition: \$5,500 per year, Part Time \$3,300 per year.

Community Christian Alternative Academy

1231 S. Pulaski Road

Chicago, IL 60623 – 1234

Phone: (773) 762-2272

Fax: (773) 762-7714

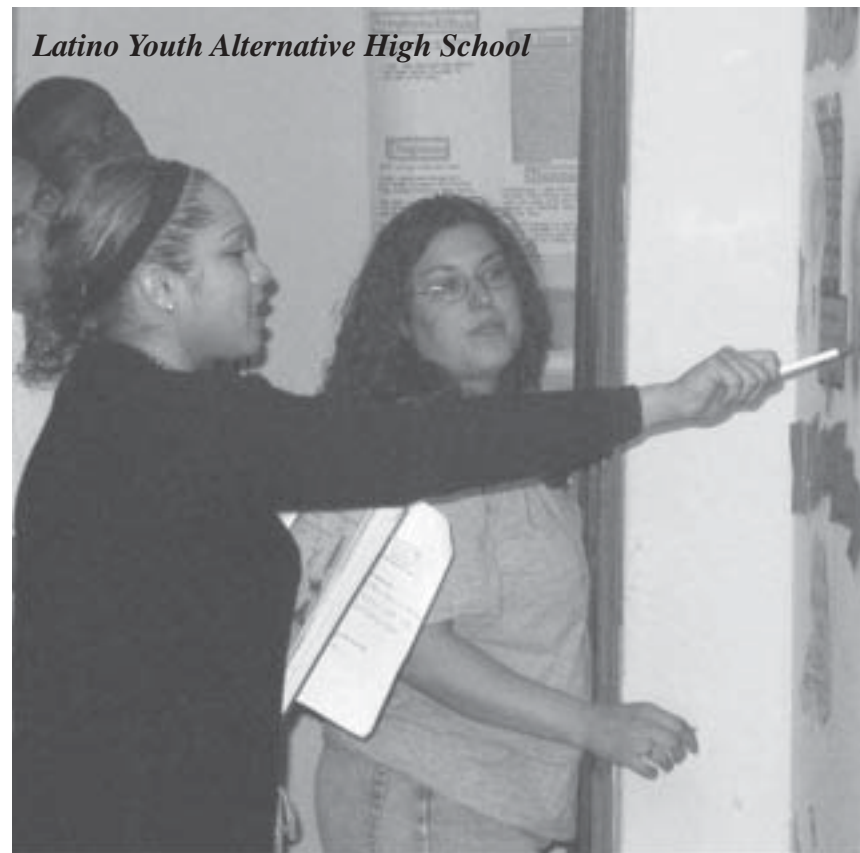
Executive Director/Principal: Myra Sampson

Director of Operations: Van Marshall

Contact: Fredricka Williams - Assistant Principal

State-recognized, private high school, founded in 1978 serving 150 students from the Westside of Chicago. Services that offer students opportunities to excel include: a challenging curriculum, tutoring, counseling, case management for teen parents, a state-of-the-art science lab, three computer labs with 56 computers and a comprehensive interactive curriculum, a college preparatory Upward Bound Program, a City Colleges of Chicago partnership that enables dual enrollment, an Academy Bakery for employment and certification opportunities, CISCO Computer Networking Academy and two neighborhood gardens that afford community service opportunities. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School. Most students 16 and older are eligible for full scholarships. Annual tuition fee: \$1,575.00. All students must test and be interviewed for consideration.

Latino Youth Alternative High School



Lawrence Hall Youth Services

4833 N. Francisco

Chicago, IL 60625

Web address: www.lawrencehall.org

Phone: (773) 769-3511

Fax: (773) 769-0106

Contact: Shari Demitrowicz, Director, Educational Services

Citywide, 100-student therapeutic day school for youth ages 7-21. Referrals are submitted from the public school system, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, or LANS. Year round program, credits issued three times each year. Tuition is based on a per diem basis determined by specific services. Accredited by NCA. Job training and life skills programs offered after traditional school hours are designed to prepare youth in care for independence. Counseling, adult education, computer literacy and word processing.

Lake View Academy

716 W. Addison
Chicago, IL 60613

Phone: (773) 281-3065

Fax: (773) 281-3972

Web address: www.lakeviewpresbyterian.org/lva

Contact: Any staff person

Accredited; founded 1972. Twenty students. Full tuition is \$5,500/year. Financial aid is available to students based on need and family income. Students who have already tried another high school and are at least 16-21 grade levels 9-12 are invited to apply. Part-time students over 21 occasionally accepted. Interview required. Development of the whole person and sense of community spirit is emphasized. Program is sponsored by the Lake View Presbyterian Church. Sept. – mid June program. Must earn 20 credits for graduation. Major emphasis is on humanities. Standard curriculum: English, Music (chorus), 1 computer for every 2 students, various electives. One graduation requirement is holding a part-time job for a minimum of 5 consecutive months. School is community oriented: participation in various all-school activities is required.

Latino Youth Alternative High School

2200 S. Marshall Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60623

Phone (773) 277-0400 ext. 231

Fax: (773) 277-0401

Contact: Georgina Alejos
Director, Guadalupe Martinez

Serving students ages 16-21 from the Pilsen, Little Village, and South Lawndale areas who have dropped out voluntarily or have been dropped. LYAHS provides instruction and support to 91 students to enhance a sense of their own well being, achieve a high school diploma, pursue post secondary education, through critical engagement and community involvement. Must be 16 years old at time of application. Must have dropped out or have been dropped for at least 30 school days. In addition we accept DCFS wards through our YSDTP program. Accredited high school multicultural centered curriculum, college preparation, computer graphic design training, general computing and life skills workshops. The agency also provides counseling, leadership workshops, mentoring, tutoring, CCP instruction, graphic arts, field trips, recreational activities, shelter for runaway/homeless youth. \$50.00 per semester materials fee. Scholarships available through the community chamber of commerce. Assistance is provided to all seniors with scholarship research and application submittals. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.



*Community Youth Development Institute
Alternative High School For Dropouts*

Community Youth Development Institute
Alternative High School For Dropouts

7836 South Union
Chicago, IL 60620

Phone: (773) 224-2273

Fax: (773) 224-2214

Contact: Aaron L. Royster, Director
Registrar, Mrs. Shonnetta Collier

A Board of Education approved alternative high school, committed to addressing the needs of 125 at risk youth and high school dropouts between the ages of 16-21. CYDI is a two-year September-June program providing social and academic skills emphasized through a nontraditional structured learning environment. Educational planning for each student includes vocational training and/or college preparation. Providing a safe, nurturing, structured learning environment and emphasizing skill development in reading, mathematics, science, writing, social studies, career exploration and critical thinking.

All skills enhanced by computer instruction. We also provide group and individual counseling on a weekly basis by a state certified counselor. Our goal is to prepare students to be productive members of society. Students should have at least 5 credits, test on the 8th grade level, and be interviewed. Activity fee \$150.00. Referral for child-care awareness and special education for students with IEP. Lunch program, Driver's Ed. through Simeon High School, Prom through ASN, closed campus. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.



El Cuarto Año

El Cuarto Año-Association House of Chicago

2150 W. North Avenue Phone: (773) 276-0084 ext. 235
Chicago, IL 60647 Fax: (773) 276-7395
Web address: www.associationhouse.org

Ray Novak-Principal

Serving the greater West Town area, 85 students, ages 16-21. High school diploma program, GED, literacy, ESL, Special Education and counseling services. State recognized two-year program. Intensive highly personalized learning environment. Individualized tutoring, vocational counseling and college placement. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School. Students of ECA and their families have access to the social services provided by Association House of Chicago. The mission of El Cuarto Año Alternative High School is to create a safe environment in which intellectual curiosity can be explored within a community of learners. In order to provide opportunities for students to become productive citizens and maximize their individual potential. All students must test and be interviewed for consideration.



Jane Addams Alternative High School

Jobs for Youth

50 E. Washington 4th Floor Phone (312) 499-4778 (312) 499-2909
Chicago, IL 60602 Fax: (312) 499-4772
Web address: www.jfychicago.org
DCFS (312) 499-2910 MOWD-WIA (312) 499-2910

Contact: Joyce Mister, Director of Admissions
Judy Bowman, G.E.D. Coordinator

A year round open-ended GED program designed to equip youth with the necessary tools to achieve academic and employment goals. Students are provided with a network of classes, pre-employment workshops and job placement. After school tutoring, home study, computer resource center (CCP) and two-year follow up support are provided. Study of U. S. Constitution, reading comprehension skills, math, analyzing and evaluating, test taking strategies, one-on-one tutoring, college preparation and transition services, assistance with applications, resume writing, cover letters, interviewing techniques. Functional living skills, budgeting, dressing for success, business language, self-esteem and self-image module. Youth Skills Development and Training Program along with the WIA Youth MOWD program offer employment skills, client counseling, transition services, cultural and recreational activities. Total student enrollment: 200. Students must be officially dropped from Chicago Public Schools to qualify. Interview and placement test required.

Jane Addams Alternative High School

1800 W. Cuyler
Chicago, IL 60613

Phone: (773) 871-1151
Fax: (773) 871-1787

Contact: Ms. Bonnie Jones ext. 21

Jim Blum, Executive Director

City wide, 4 year program serving 92 out-of-school youth ages 16-21 who have dropped out of the Chicago Public Schools. Recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education to provide academic training for basic skills and high school diploma. Prepares students for independent living, college, and careers. Maximum class size of 15, counseling, small life skills groups, social work service, test preparation, vocational training, partnerships with art programs, computer and vocational training programs, internships, field trips, peer jury and mediation programs. A happy, purposeful environment with an excellent graduation rate. Full academic schedule, employment training, computer training, MOWD summer school. Entry exam, age requirements, proof of prior withdrawal required. \$100.00 activity fee per semester. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.

**Jane Addams Resource Corporation
Training and Development**

4432 N. Ravenswood Ave. Phone: (773) 728-9769
Chicago, IL 60640 Fax: (773) 728-9785
Web address: www.jane-addams.org

Contact: Anita Flores, Executive Director ext. 20

Founded in 1985 as a not-for-profit community development organization. Jane Addams Resource Corporation builds healthy communities through workforce, economic, and human development. Located in the North Center, Lakeview, Lincoln Square, Edgewater and Uptown neighborhoods, and serves the Chicagoland area through a mix of industrial retention, training, and educational initiatives.

Adult Learner's Program (ALPS) gives the gift of reading to neighborhood residents and workers through volunteer one-on-one tutoring. ALPS also offers pre-GED classes, life skills, a writers group open to all skill levels with opportunities for publishing, introduction to computers, and word processing, and special subject seminars. The program serves about 90 adults annually.

Careers in Metalworking Program (CMP) teaches community residents the skills they need to find entry-level jobs with Chicago land manufacturers, in positions that offer good wages, benefits and opportunities for advancement. Services include job placement, shop math, machine training, as well as work readiness skills classes.

Bronzeville Students at ASN Prom

**Feltre School**

22 W. Erie St.
Chicago, IL 60610
Web address: www.feltre.org

Phone: (312) 255-1362
Fax: (312) 255-1378

Director: Robert J. Ultimo
Contact: Lawrence Lenza

The Feltre School is a nonprofit private and independent school that provides comprehensive instruction in the liberal arts to individuals of diverse ages and backgrounds. The Feltre School (an adult continuing education program) provides a structured, disciplined education that offers its students the greatest possibility of academic success. The Program for Liberal Study is an intensive two-year curriculum of basic education for young adults 18 years and older who have not completed high school and have fared poorly at other secondary schools. The Program for Liberal Study focuses on the fundamental skills of grammar, critical thinking, and mathematics and builds a solid foundation which enables the student to continue on to college, vocational training or meaningful employment. Tuition varies, some scholarship monies are available.



**Howard Area Community Center
Alternative High School**

7638-48 N. Paulina
Chicago, IL 60626

Phone: (773) 381-0366
Fax: (773) 262-6645

Web address: www.howardarea.org

**Contact: Benjamin Churchill or Todd Campbell
Roberta Buchanan, Executive Director**

Howard Area Community Center's Alternative High School is a comprehensive high school for 85 students ages 16-20 who have dropped out of public school. The school provides a credit-based academic program designed to meet The Illinois State Standards for graduation. Students work with seven teachers, three support staff and the two assistant principals and an education leader toward the goal of a high school diploma. In addition to the academic curriculum, the school provides an array of support services and student activities. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School.

The Alternative School is a program of the Howard Area Community Center, a community-based agency serving Rogers Park. The agency's programs include Infants and Toddlers, an Early Childhood Education program that provides a day care and Head Start to 80 children, Adult Education and Employment, After-school programs for youth at three area schools, Social Services, Health Services and a Dental Clinic.



Institute For Latino Progress-IPL

2570 S. Blue Island Ave.
Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: (773) 890-0055
Fax: (773) 890-1537

Web address: www.idpl.org

Contact: Juan Salgado, Executive Director

A multi-site, community-based not-for profit providing adult education services to 1,000 students. Adult education services offered: GED preparation, literacy in Spanish, ESL classes, citizenship classes, vocational classes, computer technology, manufacture training, job placement and an after school program. Placement exam required. Affiliated with the Chicago City Colleges, National Council of La Raza. Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm and 5:30 to 9:30pm.

IPL-Rudy Lozano Leadership Academy

2570 S. Blue Island Ave.
Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: (773) 890-0055
Fax: (773) 890-1537

Web address: www.rudylozanoleadershipacademy.org

Contact: Christine Rivera, Director

Four year alternative high school serving 80 students 16 -21 years of age. Intensive highly personalized learning environment. Placement exam and interview required. Affiliated with the Youth Connection Charter School. High school students have access to adult education programs provided by the Institute for Latino Progress. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:am to 3:30pm