



The Welcoming City



12th Ward New Arrivals Temporary Shelter
Community Meeting – October 24th, 2023

- **Cristina Pacione-Zayas**, First Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor
- **John Roberson**, Chief Operations Officer
- **Beatriz Ponce de Leon**, Deputy Mayor for Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights, Office of the Mayor
- **Garien Gatewood**, Deputy Mayor for Community Safety, Office of the Mayor
- **Lori Lypson**, Deputy Mayor for Infrastructure and Services
- **Jen Johnson**, Deputy Mayor of Education, Youth and Human Services
- **Maura McCauley**, Managing Deputy Commissioner, Department of Family and Support Services
- **Curtis Mullinex**, Commander, Chicago Police Department
- **Karime Asaf**, Office of Language and Cultural Education Chief Officer, Chicago Public Schools
- **Jamel Chambers**, Chicago Public Schools

6:00 Opening Prayer

6:03 Introductions

6:05 Meeting Goals/Agreements

6:06 Overview

6:10 Site Selection

6:12 GWFS Base Camp

6:20 Safety

6:25 Chicago Public Schools

6:30 Community Q &A

7:00 Last comment cards collected

7:30 Close

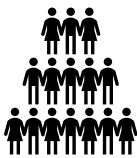
Community Agreements

- **Respectful dialogue**
- **One Mic**
- **Accountability and Follow-up**

- City of Chicago overviews current status and conditions with welcoming individuals seeking asylum in Chicago.
- City of Chicago explains key components of plan and process for temporary base camp.
- Community residents ask questions and share feedback/suggestions/new ideas.



445 buses that have arrived since August 2022
345 buses have arrived in Chicago since May 12, 2023
127 buses have arrived since Oct 1, 2023



Over **19,000** new arrivals since August 2022
•Chartered Buses • Flights • Independent Travel



30 shelters have been utilized within City network
24 in current operation - rate of 1 every 7 days since May 15

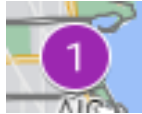


11,753 current shelter census
•3,129 awaiting shelter in Police Stations and Airports
• 607 at O'Hare & 0 at MWD





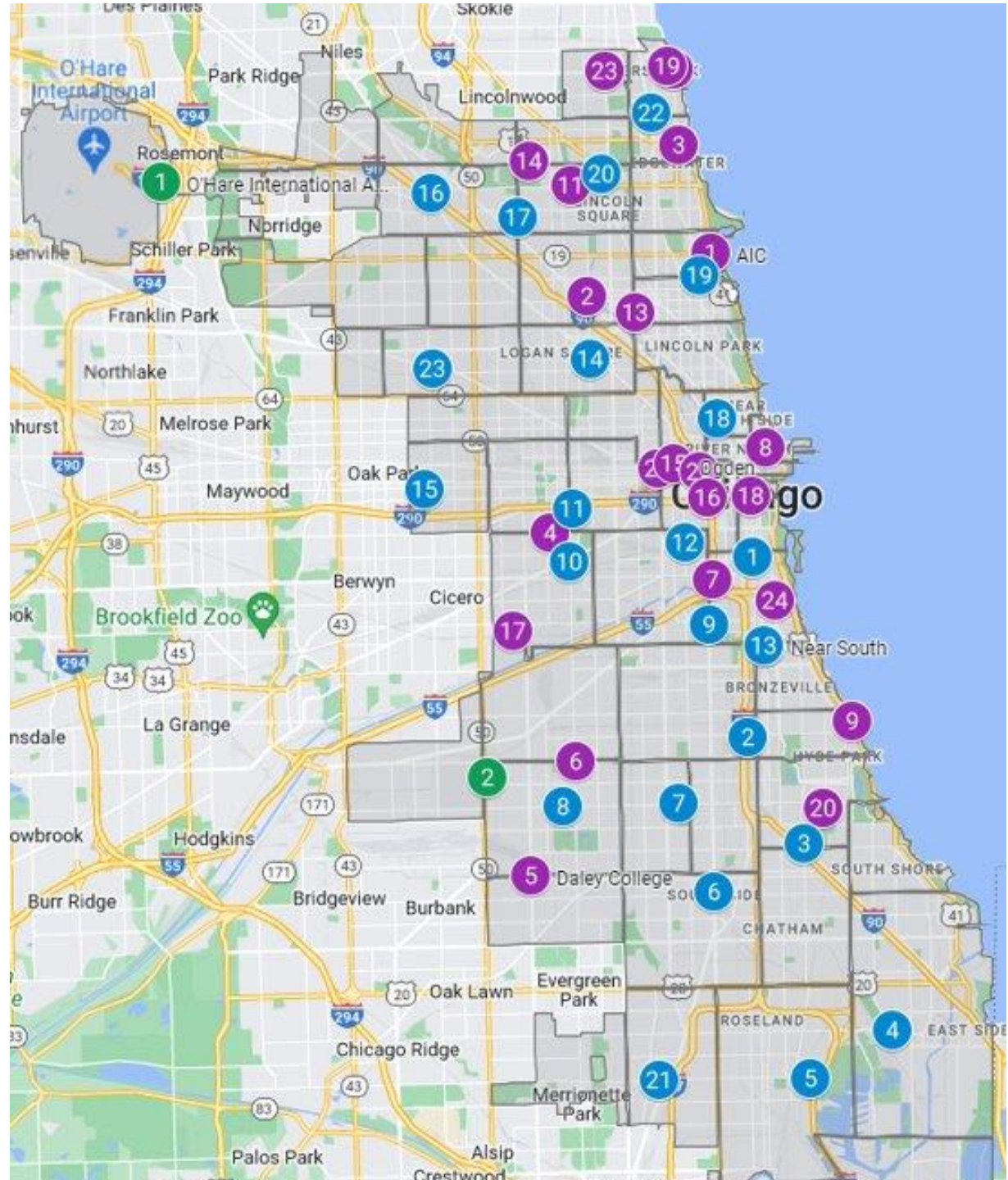
Map showing current New Arrival Shelters



Shelter Sites (24)



Police Stations (22)





Our goal is to welcome new arrivals with dignity, help meet their basic needs, and connect them to resources that put them on a path to self- sufficiency and resettlement.



Goals of ALL temporary New Arrivals Shelters

- To meet core needs including a safe space to sleep, food, showers, hygiene supplies, and basic clothing along with access to critical services.
- To ensure that all residents are treated with dignity and respect.

- **Projected move-in date** – TBD based on City Department assessments
- **Shelter composition:** Families with children
- **Initial Capacity:** 500
- **Projected Capacity:** 2,000

The City identified the land through City, County, and State databases.

The location met initial assessment for base camp to shelter minimally 1,000 individuals including: over 2 acres of vacant, flat land.

City Infrastructure departments conducted an assessment and performed due diligence of the site that included thus far:

- Tree trimming/Removing dead trees/debris
- Increase lighting/Repairing alley lighting
- Assessing Water/Sewer lines
- Environmental assessments

- Pre-fabricated, insulated structures.
- American Red Cross standards.
- Turn-key solution with optional services.
- Hire local staff and contract with local CBOs and businesses.



GardaWorld Federal Services Shelter in New York City

- **DFSS shelter operations guidelines** – no visitors or walk-ins, be a good neighbor, abide by 11pm curfew, entry and re-entry screening procedure, no drugs or alcohol.
- **Communication and accountability**—The City will maintain active and ongoing working relationships with all stakeholders including Alderpersons, legislators, community leaders, and GWFS.
- **Uphold City of Chicago’s Welcoming City Ordinance.**
- **Stand-up oversight with independent human rights organization.**

Services include:

- **Lodging:** Cots, linens (pillow, blanket, sheet and pillowcase, bath towel), lockable storage, and laundry bag.
- **ADA Accessibility:** All base camp facilities and assets meet ADA compliance for access.
- **Potable Drinking Water:** Potable Drinking Water will be available 24/7.
- **Sanitary Facilities and Waste Removal:** All sanitation facilities will operate a clean, waste removal program and have staged trash cans through site.

- **Shelter residents have freedom of movement will be able to leave and re-enter the shelter as needed.**
- 11pm shelter curfew will apply.
- Administrative, janitorial, and security staff will be available 24/7 for residents.
- Community bulletin boards will be located throughout the shelter with useful info: mealtimes and menus, group meetings, activities, town halls, CBO services, etc.
- All communications will be posted in multiple languages.

- GWFS will follow DFSS Shelter Operations Procedures and will coordinate with local authorities in addressing any incidents occurring at the shelter.
- 24/7 unarmed security presence and monitoring.
- GWFS will not, and has no authority to, detain any resident.
- Staff will be trained in de-escalation techniques.

- **GWFS will hire local staff and contract for key services with local unions, CBOs, and businesses**
- Extensive background checks will be conducted on all staff
- GWFS will attend local job fairs as part of its hiring efforts



Security outside site: CPD


- Special attention
- Frequent building checks on every watch
- Logbook and interactivity with onsite security

Onsite security is added, resulting in 24/7 security.

- Deputy Mayor of Community Safety and team are coordinating resources to support shelter and community safety.
- Non-emergency contact available: 12th District CAPS, (312) 746-8306




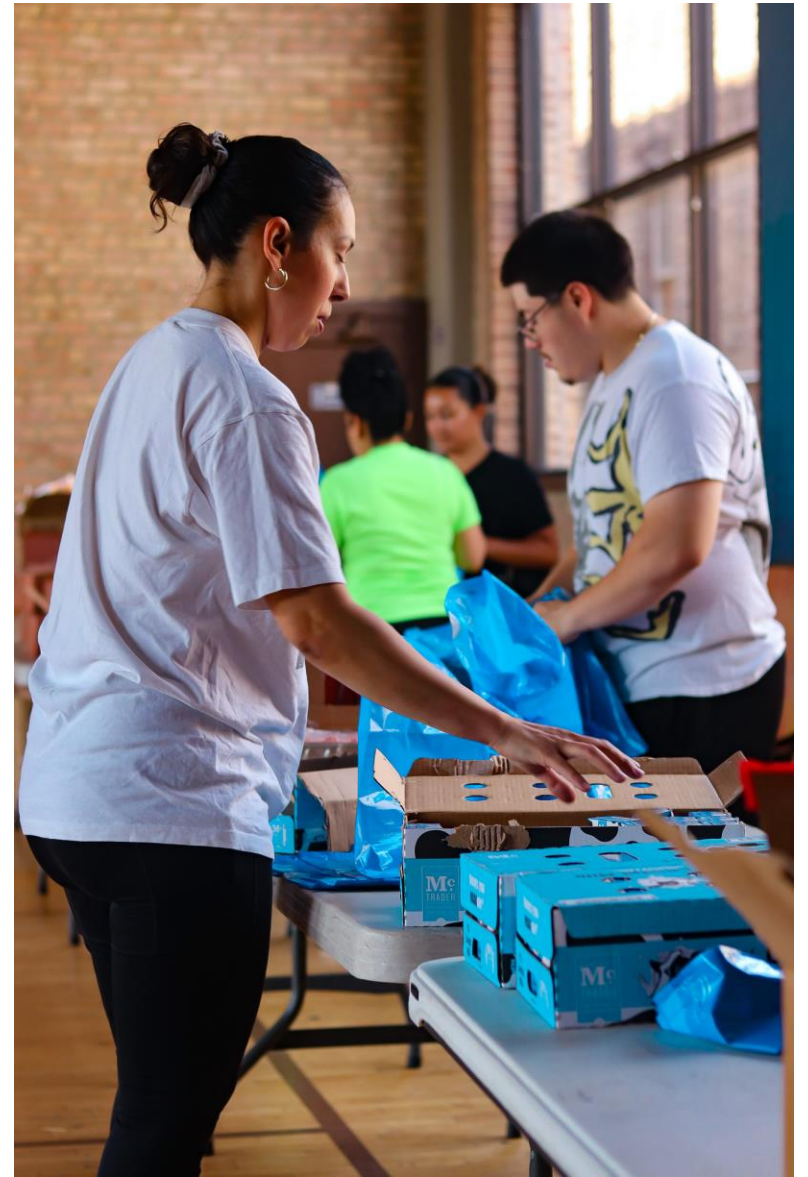
Community Safety Committees

- Issues raised by community:
 - loitering in large groups
 - concerns around street organizations
 - Impact on small businesses
 - Community safety solutions:
 - coordinating with the Site Captain, CPD, OEMC to keep the alder informed
 - Working with the CSCC to assess concerns around street organizations
 - BACP to encourage the use of TPS by small businesses
 - Layering in community orgs, community volunteers, shelter residents, and non-profit partners to build trust and relationships
 - Working with CPD to reach an agreeable and coordinated level of enforcement
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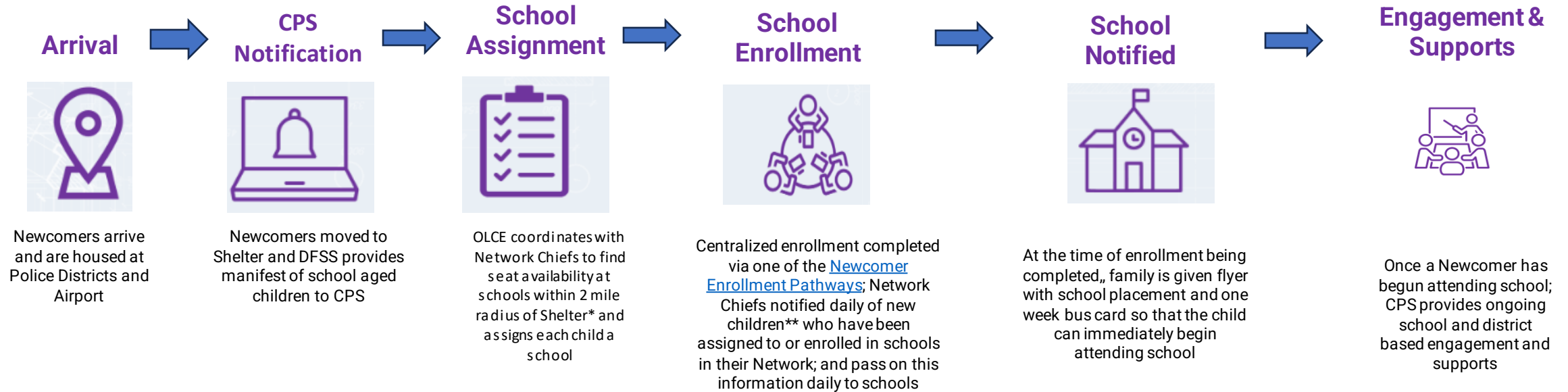


Recruiting Volunteer Support

- Mayor's Office of Community Safety partnering with Mayor's Office for Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights to draft and rollout a volunteer program that will increase capacity at shelters
 - Issues raised by community:
 - Cleanliness
 - Informal economy
 - Tensions – unwanted or inappropriate interactions between New Arrivals and residents
 - Best practices from shelters such as Brands Park show that strong mutual aid and volunteer support lessens tensions
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Newcomer Enrollment Process



*These steps describe the centralized CPS enrollment process currently in place for Newcomer students. This process is subject to change at any time given the dynamic nature of the situation. **Please note- any Newcomer student has the right to walk into their Neighborhood school to enroll and in these cases, the school should enroll the child rather than follow this centralized process.***

*As schools reach capacity, as determined by OLCE and Network Chiefs, the radius is expanded and new schools with seat availability are added and the process repeats itself

**Network Chiefs receive name, DOB, age, and grade level of students who have been assigned or enrolled at schools in their network

Newcomer Enrollment Pathways

	Neighborhood School Walk-In Enrollment	Mobile Enrollment Unit	Welcome Center (Clemente)
Who is eligible?	Any school age child in Chicago is eligible to enroll in their Neighborhood School at any time	Newcomers staying at Shelters or Police Departments	A subset of families staying at Shelters or Police Departments will receive an appointment and transportation to the Welcome Center
What school does the child enroll in?	Neighborhood school based on the child's home address	Best fit school* as identified by CPS Central Office staff	Best fit school* as identified by CPS Central Office staff
Who enrolls the child?	The school clerk	A cross-departmental Central Office Team and CTU volunteers	Welcome Center staff
Who provides students with STLS transportation cards?	School of enrollment	Shelter until school of enrollment is able to provide	Welcome Center until school of enrollment is able to provide
Who conducts the student's social-emotional, academic, and linguistic assessments?	School of enrollment	School of enrollment	Welcome Center

**Best fit school is the school which has the capacity to provide appropriate supports and instructional setting to the student and which the family can travel to daily.*

Students in Temporary Living Situations Supports

All Newcomers enrolled through DFSS qualify as Students in Temporary Living Situations (STLS).

Students who qualify to receive STLS services have the right to:

- Immediate school enrollment
- Access to Transportation support (CTA Bus Cards)
- Waived school fees
- Tutoring

STLS students may also qualify to receive free uniforms, free school supplies, free school meals, and low-cost or free medical referrals.

- Schools can request additional funding from the STLS Office at any time
 - [STLS Funding Request Form](#)
 - [STLS Toolkit](#)

Additional Instructional Resources


Supports for the Classroom and For Teachers:

- Spanish Language Arts Curriculum and available for all schools and teachers
- Spanish student-facing materials for *Skyline* curriculum
- Social Emotional Learning Spanish student activities
- Professional Learning
 - A. Curriculum
 - B. Social Emotional Learning
 - C. Welcoming Newcomer Students and Families

Student Safety

- To support families, we will continue to review our existing safety protocols where schools have been enrolling new arrivals.
- In addition, there are curriculum that have been developed to help promote how we welcome new students in respect to all cultures.
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- **Advocate** for State and Federal Action
 - Call your elected representatives. See fact sheet and website for details. 
- **Donate and Volunteer**
 - With mutual aid groups helping at police districts
 - Amazon Wish List: [chicago.gov/support](https://www.chicago.gov/support)
 - Winter items (new preferred) dropped off at **4401 W. Ogden** (Mon-Friday, 8AM-5PM)
 - Winter items (new and gently used) dropped off at one of **Cradles 2 Crayons** several locations
- **Suggest potential shelters or rental units**
<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/shelter.html>



The City wants to hear from you

Questions and Comments



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