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INTRODUCTION



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR AND THE ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR FOR EDUCATION, YOUTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES





Dear Chicagoans,

When this administration began in May of 2023, our leadership made investing in our youth a cornerstone of the administration. We made a promise that we would provide more jobs for young Chicagoans, increase opportunities for youth to experience the city, and support innovative investments into neighborhoods that would bring about more opportunity and hope.

Since then, we have collaborated with youth leadership, community organizations, City departments, and Sister agencies creating a "Village" that has helped us to reach our goal. We are proud to share updates and progress on our city's collective effort to support our young people in this report.

Our philosophy of supporting young people is built from the richness and diversity of our 77 communities and the challenges and needs of the young people who call these neighborhoods home. We should empower community leaders, youth, and residents to participate in this process, and allow them to lead the design of the opportunities they would like to see. This will continue to be the central pillar of our youth strategy.

In 2024, we created significantly more youth jobs, witnessed hundreds of events planned by youth, brought youth downtown for fun and safe events at Chicago's most iconic landmarks, and centered youth voice in our planning and outreach efforts. Our collective achievements have given youth the chance to participate in employment, education, leadership. The choices we have made as a city have helped to create a more vibrant ecosystem of youth offerings that will benefit them now and for generations to come.

As we continue to look ahead, it is important to ask ourselves how we can continue to support our young people. We know that there will be challenges ahead, but there is no city or people more capable than us. This administration looks forward to working with all of you as we continue to support this generation and generations to come.

Sincerely,

Brandon Johnson

Mayor, City of Chicago

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Khari Humphries

Acting Deputy Mayor, for Education, Youth, and Human Services



CITY OF CHICAGO YOUTH STRATEGY



EMPLOYMENT

Youth are employed to provide access to career pathways, mentorship, and experiences that provide immediate support and build toward future security.



ECOSYSTEM

Youth access is ensured to thousands of opportunities across the city. A community of youth-serving entities share this information through one resource.



LEADERSHIP

Youth are empowered to lead and participate in efforts that affect themselves and their peers. Youth voice is central in every strategy and decision that is made.



In August 2024, the Mayor's Office hosted a Youth Budget Engagement session aimed to bring youth voice directly into the 2025 budget development process. Over 200 youth attended the event at Harold Washington Library and led table discussion on key budget areas.





YEAR-JOBS ROUND JOBS



Background

Upon taking office in May 2023, Mayor Brandon Johnson signed Executive Order 2023-15, directing an increase in funding to expand employment opportunities for young Chicagoans. This initiative focuses on fostering collaboration across City departments, sister agencies, and community partners to enhance both summer and year-round job opportunities for individuals ages 14–24, including high school students, college students, young parents, heads of households and individuals just starting their career journey. By strengthening workforce development efforts, the initiative aims to provide young people with meaningful employment, skill-building opportunities, and pathways to long-term career success.

The goal is to expand youth employment Citywide to meet the growing demand for opportunities. By building a collaborative ecosystem that spans City government, the public sector, the private sector, and philanthropy, the initiative seeks to double youth employment opportunities by the end of Mayor Johnson's first term. By connecting young people to a wide range of paid career exploration, workforce development programs, and career pathways, the effort ensures that Chicago's youth are equipped with the skills and experiences necessary to connect them to careers and good jobs.

Youth employment is defined as a spectrum of opportunities, including:

Career Awareness Learning about work Career
Exploration
Learning about
work and deciding
on a pathway

Career
Preparation
Learning
through work

Career
Development
Experience
Learning for
work



Mission:

To create equitable and sustainable youth employment opportunities across Chicago by fostering a collaborative ecosystem that connects young people to meaningful career exploration, workforce development, and effective career pathways. Through partnerships with City government, the public and private sectors, and philanthropy, we aim to empower youth and young adults ages 14–24 to build skills, gain valuable work experience, and achieve long-term economic success.

Positive Impact of Youth Employment

Youth employment has a transformative impact, providing Chicago's young people with valuable skills, experience, and the confidence needed to succeed in the workforce. Engaging youth in employment at an early age fosters financial independence, enhances personal growth, and builds essential work-related skills such as teamwork, responsibility, and time management. Moreover, youth employment has been shown to improve educational outcomes and reduce involvement in risky behaviors. By providing diverse opportunities for youth, this initiative aims to unlock potential, fuel ambition, and empower the next generation of leaders in Chicago.





INCREASING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

May 2023

Mayor Brandon Johnson signed Executive Order 2023-15 to increase youth employment

August 2023

24,000+ youth and young adults hired through One Summer Chicago, a 20% increase from 2022

February 2024

World Business Chicago announced the launch of the Youth Employment Initiative's business engagement focus

August 2024

27,793 youth hired through One Summer Chicago, a 15% increase from 2023

- August 2022

20,000+ youth and young adults hired through One Summer Chicago

June 2023

\$3.7M of American Recovery Plan funds reallocated to create over 4,000 additional One Summer Chicago opportunities

November 2023

City Council approved \$76M in 2024 budget for youth jobs and programming, including an additional \$2.4M specifically for City department internships (an increase from \$1.2M in 2023)

June 2024

W O R L D BUSINESS CHICAG *

World Business Chicago, in partnership with the City of Chicago, launched Youth Workforce Development Advisory Council

December 2024

City Council approved funding for the hiring of nearly 29,000 youth and young adults through One Summer Chicago in 2025

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Inclusive Summer Jobs Expo





In partnership with Department of Family and Support Services, MOPD gave teens and young adults with disabilities and their families an opportunity in a supportive environment to apply for One Summer Chicago and meet with City departments who were hiring. Attendees were also able to access other job- and career-related resources. A live department podcast was recorded featuring some of Chicago's young adults sharing their job and career goals. 190 attendees and their families attended this event.

DSS Laborer's Trainee Pilot







The Department of Streets and Sanitation (DSS), in collaboration with Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and the Mayor's Office, launched a 12-week training program for 70 recent CPS graduates. In addition to hands-on training, participants also received union cards, offering a pathway to stable employment in the workforce. 55 of 70 DSS Trainee Program graduates were hired into full-time roles within DSS.

Peacekeeper Pilot







In partnership with GoodKids MadCity and the Department of Family and Support Services, a 6-week training program was launched for 100 youth between the ages of 16-24. This initiative provided training for young people to become Peacekeepers, empowering them to foster safety and positive change within their communities.

CHI Workplace Tours





In July 2024, World Business Chicago, in partnership with the City of Chicago, hosted two career exposure opportunities for 70 16-18 year-olds, providing engagement with employers in manufacturing, creative and hospitality industries.

Mayor's Office Interns



In 2024, the Mayor's Office hosted both summer and year-round interns, providing valuable hands-on experience and insight into local government. Summer interns worked 20-25 hours per week, while year-round interns worked 7-15 hours per week to accommodate the young people's school schedules. These interns took on a variety of impactful projects, including creating and advising on social media content, developing strategies for City Hall tours, supporting event planning and execution, and brainstorming new methods to engage youth in helping Mayor Brandon Johnson create a better, stronger, safer Chicago.

By the Numbers

27K+

YOUTH HIRED THROUGH ONE SUMMER CHICAGO

12%

INCREASE IN ONE SUMMER JOBS FROM 2023

39%

INCREASE IN ONE SUMMER JOBS FROM 2022

JANUARY 1, 2024 -DECEMBER 31, 2024





YOUTH HIRED INTO PEACEKEEPING PILOT, A COLLABORATION WITH GoodKids MadCity

190

TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS ATTENDED THE INCLUSIVE SUMMER JOBS EXPO

2,000

YEAR-ROUND JOBS OFFERED THROUGH DESS

Includes Year-Round Youth Employment, Safe Spaces, and Chicago Youth Service Corps programs



MY CHI. MY FUTURE.

OUT-OF -SCHOOL III



ABOUT MY CHI. MY FUTURE.

My CHI. My Future. (MCMF) is a Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) and City of Chicago youth-focused initiative designed to connect youth across Chicago to meaningful out-of-school learning experiences. The MCMF network of more than 400 organizations supports Chicago's youth opportunity ecosystem by galvanizing caring adults and representing neighborhoods all over the city, and creating connections that ensure every young person is enabled to explore their passions.

My CHL My Future. Mission:

Every young person in Chicago connects to a variety of rich, engaging, safe, and youth-centered out-of-school experiences that empower them to discover and cultivate their talents, passions, skills, and identities; develops as physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy members of society; builds relationships and networks with peers and mentors; and explores multiple pathways to college, careers, trades, entrepreneurship, and life-long learning.



Access and participation in Chicago's diverse out-of-school opportunity ecosystem must be equitable (not equal) across race, gender identities, disability, age, immigration status, income, neighborhood, and other identities, resulting in all young people (as well as their families, mentors, and caring adults) leveraging community assets and the City's resources to build positive futures for themselves and their communities.

My CHI. My Future. Strategies

Citywide Strategy

The Citywide strategy includes our website, stateapp, of-the-art mobile seasonal marketing campaigns, large scale events, and partner meetings to foster connection and collaboration.

Community Strategy

The community strategy supports with convening key stakeholders, creating events and safe spaces for youth, employing youth, and developing specific community plans to meet the needs of community.



MY CHI. MY FUTURE. PARTNERS

This past year, My CHI. My Future. has been proud to partner with and promote the opportunities of the following organizations, departments, and agencies!

2-1-1 Metro Chicago

Ada S. McKinley Community Services

After School Matters

Afterschool Alliance

Agape Werks, Inc.

Albany Park Theater Project

The Alliance 98

Alliance of the Southeast

Alternatives, Inc.

Amazon

Andersonville Chamber of Commerce

The Anti-Cruelty Society

Argonne National Laboratory

The ARK of St. Sabina

The Art Institute of Chicago

The Aspen Institute

Austin Coming Together

The Austin Experience

The Base Chicago

B.I.G. Baseball Academy

Bank of America

Barry Callebaut

Beat the Streets Chicago

Beyond the Ball

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Chicago

Blue Plate Catering

Bollywood Groove & Culture Groove Box United

Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago

Breakthrough

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council

Broadway in Chicago

RIIII D Inc

Building Bridges, Inc.

Rurst Into Rooks

CALOR (AIDS Healthcare Foundation) Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation

Center for Childhood Resilience

Center For College Access & Success

Center On Halsted

Centers for New Horizons

Centro Romero

Champs Male Mentoring Program

Chicago 2024 DNC Host Committee

Chicago Architecture Center

Chicago Austin Youth Travel Adventures

Chicago Board of Elections

Chicago Center for Arts & Technology

Chicago Children's Museum

Chicago Children's Theatre

Chicago City Council Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

Chicago Commission on Human Relations

Chicago Community Arts Studio

The Chicago Community Trust

Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership Chicago Council on Science & Technology

Chicago Fire Department Chicago Fire Football Club

Chicago Free For All Fund

Chicago Housing Authority

Chicago Latino Caucus Foundation

Chicago Learning Exchange

Chicago Loop Alliance

Chicago Market

Chicago Park District

Chicago Police Department

Chicago Public Library

Chicago Public Schools

Chicago Scholars

Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Chicago Teachers Union

Chicago Training Center

Chicago Transit Authority

Chicago Treasurer's Office

Chicago Votes

Chicago Youth Centers

Chicago Youth Continuum

Chicago Youth Service Corps Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras

Children's Place Association

Choose Chicago

Christ for Life Motorcycle Club NFP

CircEsteem Inc

City Colleges of Chicago

Civic Studios

Civilian Office of Police Accountability

Code Your Dreams

Collaborative Institute of Cultural Arts Communities in Schools of Chicago

The Community Builders

Community Commission for Public Safety

and Accountability

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago

Community Safety Coordination Center Concordia Place

Cook County Board of Commissioners

CRE8 Space

Creative Netwerk

Cycle Breakers

Department of Aviation

Department of Business Affairs and

Consumer Protection

Department of Cultural Affairs and

Special Events

Department of Family and Support Services

Department of Fleet and Facility Management

Department of Housing

Department of Planning and Development

Department of Public Health Department of Streets and Sanitation

Department of Transportation

Department of Water Management

DePaul University

Digital Youth Network

Discovery Partners Institute

Divine Purpose Youth Performing Arts Center

The DuSable Black History Museum and **Education Center**

Economic Awareness Council

Enlace Chicago

Erie Neighborhood House

EX3 Labs Family Matters Chicago

Far South Community Development Corporation

fastweh

Federal Aviation Administration

Ferrara

The Field Museum

Fine Arts Building

Forest Preserves of Cook County **Future Founders**

Future Ties Gads Hill Center

Garfield Park Conservatory

Garfield Park Rite to Wellness Collaborative

Garfield Ridge/Midway Chamber of Commerce

Gary Comer Youth Center

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and

Northwest Indiana

Girls in the Game Girls Inc. of Chicago

Girls Who Code

Global United Diaspora

GODDESS Mentoring GoodKids MadCity

Goodman Theatre

Grant Park Music Festival Greater Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Greater River North Business Association

Green City Market

GSJ Family Life Center

Guitars Over Guns Organization

Gyrls in the H.O.O.D. Foundation Habilitative Systems, Inc.

Hariho Harris Theater for Music and Dance

Hispanic Center of Excellence at UIC

Holy Cross Immaculate Heart of Mary **Holy Family Ministries**

The Honeycomb Project

Hope For The Day

Hughes Who Technologies Studio

Humboldt Park Skate I Am You Wraparound Services 2.0

i9 Sports Chicago

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Illinois Humanities

Illinnis Joh Link #IncreaseThePeace

Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN)

International Latino Cultural Center of Chicago

Intonation Music It Takes A Village Family of Schools **Jackson Park Golf Association**

Joffrey Ballet John Walt Foundation

K.L.E.O. Community Center **Kids STEM Studio** Kuumba Lynx

La Escuelita Bombera de Corazón





MY CHI. MY FUTURE. PARTNERS

Lawrence Hall **Lefkofsky Family Foundation** Life Changing Community Outreach Lincoln Park Zoo **Lincoln Presidential Foundation** Lincoln Square Ravenswood Chamber of Commerce

Lion's Pride Mentoring Little Black Pearl Workshop Live the Spirit Residency Local Initiatives Support Corporation **Lookingglass Theatre Company** Lost Boyz Inc. L.O.T.U.S.

Loyola University of Chicago Lucky Jefferson HIMAR

Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago Luv City Lyric Opera of Chicago

Male Mogul Initiative Marillac St. Vincent Family Services

Mars Wrigley Marwen

Math Circles of Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

Mayor's Office of Community Engagement Mayor's Office of Community Safety Mayor's Office of Education, Youth, and

Human Services Mayor's Office of Equity and Racial Justice

Mayor's Office of Immigrant, Migrant and **Refugee Rights**

Mayor's Office of Policy Mayor's Youth Commission

Men of Purpose Mentor Teacher Brother, Inc.

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls **Metropolitan Family Services**

Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority . Midtown-Metro Achievement Centers

Midwest Learning Group

Mikva Challenge **Mindfulness for Teens**

Muntu Dance Theatre Museum of Contemporary Art

Music in Urban Schools Inspiring Change My Block, My Hood, My City My State of Mind

NAMI Chicago

National Fluid Power Association National Museum of Mexican Art **National Science Foundation**

NEBC Employment Resource Services New Community Outreach

New Eclipse Community Alliance New Life Covenant Church Southeast

Northeastern Illinois University Northwest Center

Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Northwestern University The Obama Foundation

Office of Budget and Management Office of Emergency Management and

Communications Office of the City Clerk Office of the Mayor

Office of Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García Office of Congresswoman Delia Ramirez Office of Illinois State Senator Omar Aquino Office of Illinois State Senator Lakesia Collins Office of Illinois State Rep. Kam Buckner Office of Illinois State Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado

Office of County Commissioner Alma Anaya Office of County Commissioner Anthony Quezada Office of County Commissioner Bill Lowry

Office of County Commissioner Tara Stamps Office of Vice Mayor Walter Burnett Office of 1st Ward Alderman Daniel La Spata

Office of 4th Ward Alderman Lamont Robinson Office of 5th Ward Alderman Desmon Yancv Office of 6th Ward Alderman William Hall

Office of 10th Ward Alderman Peter Chico Office of 12th Ward Alderwoman Julia Ramirez

Office of 14th Ward Alderwoman Jeylú Gutiérrez Office of 16th Ward Alderman Stephanie Coleman Office of 18th Ward Alderman Derrick Curtis

Office of 20th Ward Alderwoman Jeanette Taylor Office of 21st Ward Alderman Ronnie Mosley Office of 22nd Ward Alderman Michael Rodriguez

Office of 24th Ward Alderwoman Monique Scott Office of 25th Ward Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez

Office of 26th Ward Alderperson Jessie Fuentes Office of 28th Ward Alderman Jason Ervin Office of 29th Ward Alderman Chris Taliaferro

Office of 30th Ward Alderwoman Ruth Cruz Office of 36th Ward Alderman Gilbert Villegas Office of 48th Ward Ald. Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth Once Upon Our Time Capsule

ONE Northside One Summer Chicago

OneGoal

Open Books LTD **Operation Basketball**

Organic Oneness

Party Per Purpose PBS Kids

Peer Health Exchange

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum People for Community Recovery

Pep Rally Takeover **Phalanx Family Services**

PNC Rank **Polished Pebbles** Polk Bros. Foundation **Project Exploration**

Project Hood Project Impact 180 Project OneTen **Project SYNCERE**

The Puerto Rican Cultural Center

Pui Tak Center Pullman Tech Workshop Rapunzl Investments **REACH Pathways**

Recycle by City Refugee Education & Adventure Challenge Rhema Community Development Corporation

Rincon Family Services

Ring of Hone

Rise Up Community International Rogers Park Business Alliance

Rush Education and Career Hub Rush University Medical Center

S.T.A.R.R. Community Services International Sacred Ground Ministries

Scholly

Serving People with a Mission SGA Youth & Family Services

Shedd Aquarium Social Works

Soul Children of Chicago

South Shore Drill Team & Performing Arts Ensemble

South Side Help Center The Southwest Collective Southwest Organizing Project St. Paul Lutheran School

STEAMbassadors

Step by Steo Foundation

Step Up

Steppenwolf Theatre Company

The Still Searching Project

Streeterville Organization of Active Residents

Students Demand Action

Sylvester Broome Empowerment Village Chicago

Teen Line

Teens Take on Climate

Telpochcalli Community Education Project

TGiMovement

Think Outside Da Block

This is Life

True Star Foundation UCAN Chicago

IINICEE IISA

Union League Boys & Girls Clubs

United States Tennis Association - Midwest

United Way of Metro Chicago Uniting Voices Chicago

Unity for Chicago's Youth and Adults

University of Chicago

University of Illinois Chicago

The Urban Canopy

Urban Growers Collective, Inc.

Urban Male Network

Urhan Warriors

The Village Legal and Community Project Voices of Youth in Chicago Education

Washington Park Chamber of Commerce

West Town Bikes William Blair

Women of Color in Education Wood St. Collective

World Business Chicago YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago

Yollocalli Arts Reach

YOUMedia

Young Chicago Authors

Young Men's Educational Network

VourPassion1st **Youth Guidance**

Vouth Joh Center



By the Numbers

50K+ **VISITS TO THE WEBSITE**

45K+ UPLOADED OPPORTUNITIES

28.5K+ FREE OPPORTUNITIES

JANUARY 1, 2024 -**DECEMBER 31, 2024**

My CHI*
My Future*

OPPORTUNITIES IN ALL Community Areas

PARTNERS UPLOADED TO THE WEBSITE AND APP



MY CHI. MY FUTURE.

Website and Mobile App

The My CHI. My Future. website and app collectively provided access to over 45,350 opportunities to over 50,000 unique users in 2024. Over 230 organizations contributed opportunities for youth and residents to the MCMF digital platforms.

The My CHI. My Future. mobile app offers youth the ability to find opportunities based on their age, interest areas, and location. In its second year, the app was updated based on user feedback to include a map view of search results, offering another visually appealing way to connect to opportunities throughout the year.

By the Numbers 50,000+UNIQUE USERS MOST POPULAR CATEGORY: JOBS



DOWNLOAD THE/APPL







MY CHI. MY FUTURE. IN THE COMMUNITY

My CHI. My Future. **Community Strategy** Regions





SAFE SPACES FOR YOUTH

Year-round programming and kickback events for youth and families

Employment opportunities for teens and young adults ages 16-24





COMMUNITY ANCHORS

Local anchor organizations convene with communitylevel stakeholders, including local organizations, City departments, caring adults, and youth

Strengthens local, youth-opportunity ecosystems



- A local organization distributes funding to communitybased organizations
- Mobilizes and connects young people to out-of-school time programs



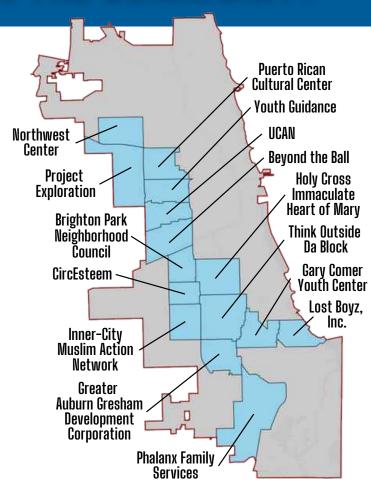


MY CHI. MY FUTURE. IN THE COMMUNITY

Community Anchors

The My CHI. My Future. Community Anchor Organizations program continued in 2024 with 15 organizations leading work on maintaining stakeholder networks and developing community plans to support youth in their communities. Each agency hosted monthly convenings of caring adults and youth to address identified needs in the community for youth.

2024, the community networks worked collaboratively draft and implement community that informed plan was community feedback. The networks published their individual plans in December 2024.



By the

140 COMMUNITY MEETINGS Numbers 20,000+ stakeholders engaged







Published Community Plans

In December 2024, My CHI. My Future. Anchor Organizations presented the community plans developed by their community networks at the Harold Washington Library Center. The Mayor, City leaders, community representatives, and funders were in attendance to acknowledge, learn about, and celebrate this work.

These community plans now live on their very own landing page on the My CHI. My Future. website for all to view. These plans will continue to be an important reference and guide for progress in each community as the community work continues in 2025.

For more information on each plan, scan the QR code to the right.







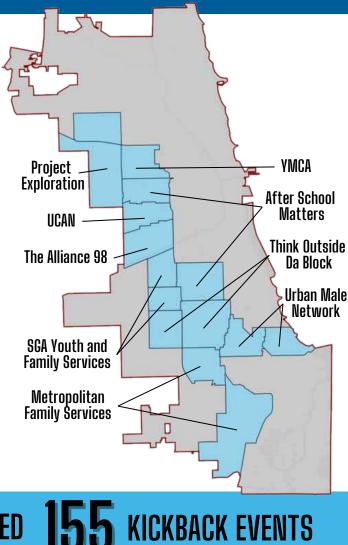
MY CHI. MY FUTURE. IN THE COMMUNITY

Safe Spaces for Youth

In 2024, the Year-Round Safe Spaces for Youth initiative funded community-based organizations to develop and host a series of fun and safe events for youth (ages 13-19) and their families in the MCMF Community Strategy Regions.

Funded delegates employ youth (ages 16-24) who reside in the MCMF Community Strategy Regions to plan these events. The Safe Spaces events-called "Kickbacks"strengthen healthy community ecosystems for young people and their families through enriching, communityout-of-school time activities. based The youth employment component helps young people increase their self-efficacy and gain work experiences and skills needed to succeed in today's (and tomorrow's) economy.

Overall, 97% of youth participants agreed that the program helped them feel closer to their community.



By the

YOUTH EMPLOYED Numbers 16,750+ attendees







MY CHI. MY FUTURE. IN THE COMMUNITY

Micro-Grants

The Micro-Grant Program distributed a total of \$600,000 in small grants to community-based organizations serving the 15 MCMF Community Strategy Regions. Grants ranged from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each with a maximum of \$40,000 allocated per region.

These grants provided funding for safe and engaging programs implemented by community-based organizations for youth ages 6-24 in their communities. Funded programs included jazz jam sessions, mural painting, restorative justice circles, trades mentorships, a mental health basketball series, and more.

What grantees are saying

"With this funding we were able to expand our youth enrichment programs as well as create a program that the youth requested."

"We were able to create conversations/circles with youth to think who they are and how they show up for their community. We were able to teach restorative justice practices."





HallowHooD | Lost Boyz & South Shore Partners October 2024

By the Numbers

\$600,000 AWARDED IN 62 GRANTEES 538 YOUTH EMPLOYED 5,900+ SERVED

MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM AWARDEES



Auburn Gresham

Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation S.T.A.R.R. Community Services Men of Purpose **Urban Male Network**

Back of the Yards

Building Bridges, Inc. B.I.G. Baseball Academy Serving People with a Mission Girls Inc.

Brighton Park

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council CICA **Operation Basketball Party Per Purpose**

Gage Park

The Southwest Collective

TGiMovement

Teens Take On Climate

Greater Englewood

Global United Diaspora Male Mogul Initiative Wood St. Collective

Youth Guidance Live the Spirit

Greater Roseland

Hughes Who Technology Studio Burst Into Books Mentor Teacher Brother Pullman Tech Workshop

Little Village

Urban Warriors Chicago Community Arts Studio Telpochcalli CEP **Un Nuevo Despertar**

South Shore

CRE8 Space Jackson Park Golf Association Still Searching Project Lost Boyz, Inc.

Austin

NEBC Employment Services GSJ Family Life Center Unity for Chicago's Youth & Adults Rhema CDC

Belmont Cragin

Christ for Life Motorcycle Club Northwest Center Teens Take on Climate I Am YOU Services 2.0

Chicago Lawn

Operation Basketball Southwest Organizing Project The Village Legal and Community Project

Garfield Park

Creative Netwerk GODDESS Mentoring Kuumba Lynx **Luv City**

Greater Grand Crossing

Gary Comer Youth Center Project SYNCERE Sacred Ground Ministries

Ring of Hope **South Shore Drill Team**

Humboldt Park

CALOR **Guitars Over Guns**

La Escuelita Bombera de Corazon Children's Place Association **Mobile Makers**

North Lawndale

Holy Family Ministries Polished Pebbles

MIISIC Inc.

Project Impact 180

Young Men's Educational Network





MY CHI. MY FUTURE. BRONZEVILLE

In May 2024, the My CHI. My Future. Bronzeville network of organizations met to discuss data insights, identify needs, and create a calendar of upcoming opportunities to support youth in the community. This meeting was voluntarily planned and led by New Community Outreach, Organic Oneness, Intonation Music, UChicago and the Advisory Coucil at Mandrake Park.

The Bronzeville youth network is the first community cohort to independently adopt the My CHI. My Future. anchor organization model without receiving direct funding from the City. If your community would like partner directly with My CHI. My Future. on a new or existing youth serving network, email MyChiMyFuture@CityofChicago.org.





FOR YOUTH BY YOUTH: DIGITAL MARKETING

Social Media

The My CHI. My Future. initiative partnered with youth creatives in 2024 to promote opportunities and connect youth to the My CHI. digital resources throughout the year.

Mayor's Office Youth Marketing Interns Marshall Callery and Zion Ali created dynamic video content for social media throughout the fall and winter. Their effortless interview style and sharp editing illuminated each video subject's work, opinions, and successes with a broader audience. To view their content featuring community organizations, youth, event recaps, and influencers, check out the My CHI. My Future. Instagram @mychimyfuture



My CHL Mondays

My CHI. Mondays was a mobile app campaign that ran for six weeks during the summer of 2024. Each Monday, pairs of four-day Lollapalooza passes were raffled off exclusively on the MCMF App. In addition, Lollapalooza passes were raffled at the MCMF Spring Forward Teen Bash and Youth Budget Engagement Roundtable.



MY CHI. MY FUTURE. Cta CAMPAIGN

MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON PRESENTS:

My CHI. My Future. partnered with youth artist Clue? on an expansive CTA campaign to promote the MCMF app on buses and trains in the fall and winter of 2024. Clue? put together dynamic designs featuring Chicago iconography and a nod to Little Village where he grew up and continues to work. Hear from Clue? about his designs and artwork for this campaign with the QR code below.

"Hopefully [youth] feel or leave inspired by how much there is to do. That's always my goal, to inspire people to pursue a certain thing." - Clue?









2024 CITYWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

Teen Bash

The 2024 Spring Forward Teen Bash was held at Navy Pier in the Aon Grand Ballroom to celebrate the end of spring break. Over 1,100 youth attended.

The event featured an artist lineup headlined by DLOW, DJ Hot Rod, DJ B-Man, and youth performers such as TiPFest winner Zia Jenaye, Astronaut Fleet, Goon Squad, and Group S.E.R. Activations included GoGrind skateboarding, a mechanical bull, mini golf, esports, a graffiti wall, 360 cameras, a NASCAR driving simulator, a raffle, and pizza.

The 2024 Teen Bash offered an expansive resource and jobs fair that provided teens an opportunity to sign up for One Summer Chicago and connect to additional resources.

My CHI. My Future. Presents...

SPRING FORWARD*





2024 CITYWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

CHICAGO FALLFEST ** 2024 ***

Chicago Fall Fest 2024 brought City departments and community-based organizations together to plan two weeks of activities and events celebrating fall, Halloween, Dia de los Muertos, Diwali, and more, from October 18th to November 3rd. The result was two successful parades, eight community Fall-4-All activations, 16 kickbacks, and over 300 events featured on the ChicagoFallFest.org website. In addition, over 9,000 candy bags were passed out and over 12,800 people visited ChicagoFallFest.org.





2024 CITYWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

Fall-4-All Events

The City of Chicago Mayor's Office and Community Safety Coordination Center (CSCC) partnered with community-based organizations on eight "Fall-4-All" activations during Chicago Fall Fest. Community leaders were central in the event planning, coordinating events with a haunted house, trunk or treat, pumpkin carving, and movie night, among other activities. The City provided additional resources such as food trucks, fun activations, resource fairs, and more. Over 3,800 residents attended these events.



48th Ward Fall-4-All Event Broadway Armory Park | October 2024

Teen Fallapalooza

Teen Fallapalooza, a new event for teens ages 14-19, kicked-off Fall Fest at the Harold Washington Library Center Winter Garden. This fun, safe party for teens included a 360 camera, a silent movie screening, crafts, music and dancing, food, and more. Fallapalooza was planned in partnership with youth employees from the Safe Spaces for Youth Program and drew 275 teens downtown for a safe and enjoyable evening.



Teen Fallapalooza Harold Washington Library Center | October 2024



2024 RECAP





Overview

The Mayor's Youth Commission (MYC) is a council of up to 40 youth, ages 14-19, who advise the Mayor and other City leaders on key policies and projects relevant to young people. Youth Commissioners are selected annually and represent communities throughout all regions of the city. A Youth Commissioner's term lasts for one year from September through the following August. If all requirements are met, Youth Commissioners have the option to serve a second term as well.

The Youth Commission is made up of four working groups: Community Safety, Education, Neighborhood Development, and Public Health. Commissioners select a working group to be a member of and collectively work on a new policy idea in that area throughout the term.

Goals

The Youth Commission focuses on the following goals:





Empowerment: Elevate youth voice by equipping young Chicagoans with the skills and confidence needed to become leaders in their communities and providing opportunities for them to be heard.



Civic Engagement: Encourage active participation in City government, fostering a sense of responsibility and ownership over community and city issues.



Policy Influence: Provide a structured forum for youth to advise the Mayor and City leaders on policies and initiatives that impact young people.



Community Development: Promote youth-led projects and initiatives that address local challenges and contribute to the overall well-being of Chicago neighborhoods.



Leadership Development: Offer professional development training and mentorship opportunities to develop the next generation of civic leaders.



2023-2024 Cohort Overview

The fifth cohort of the Mayor's Youth Commission published their New Ideas booklet in May of 2024. Their new ideas included:

- A youth community safety coalition
- An expanded youth tutoring network
- A small business youth employment program
- A Narcan awareness campaign

You can read more at tinyurl.com/MYCNewIdeas2024



2024 Youth Leader Activation Summit

In August 2024, the Mayor's Youth Commission hosted 175+ youth ages 14-19 at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) for the 2024 Youth Leader Activation Summit. During this event, attendees heard from Mayor Brandon Johnson and a panel of youth leaders about the need for youth leadership and different ways that young people can impact change. Attendees were then guided through discussions on their own ideas as they developed their own personal action plans.







2024-2025 Cohort Overview

The sixth cohort of the Mayor's Youth Commission began in September 2024. Youth commissioners are presently meeting to determine their new policy ideas, hear from guest speakers, and consult on important projects.



Community Service Days

In October 2024, Youth Commissioners voted in favor of adding community service days as a core program component throughout the term. In November 2024, Youth Commissioners volunteered to pack food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository as their first community service opportunity.

MYC By the Numbers in 2024 (2023-2024 and 2024-2025 cohorts combined)

67 TOTAL COMMISSIONERS

30 COMMUNITY AREAS REPRESENTED

12 MONTHLY MEETINGS









DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

2024



CITY OF CHICAGO COLLABORATION

First Friday Meetings

City of Chicago departments and agencies continued to meet with the collective mission of supporting youth in Chicago through "First Friday" meetings. Taking place on the first Friday of each month, these meetings centered key discussions, direct partnership opportunities (such as the Teen Bash), support for community organizations, and more in 2024.

Represented departments, agencies, and entities include:

- Office of the Mayor
- Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA)
- Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH)
 - Community Safety Coordination Center (CSCC)
- Chicago Housing Authority (CHA)
- Chicago Park District
- Chicago Police Department (CPD)
- Chicago Public Library (CPL)
- Chicago Public Schools (CPS)
- City Colleges of Chicago (CCC)
- Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA)
- Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (CCPSA)
- Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE)
- Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS)
- Department of Housing (DOH)
- Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)
- After School Matters (ASM)



DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Youth Services



The DFSS Youth Services Division (YSD) designs initiatives and funds programs aimed at serving young Chicagoans ages 6-24 to support their growth, development, and success. Funding provided by the YSD supports more than 150 community-based organizations annually who then implement these programs directly with youth and young adults.

As part of the social safety net for young people across Chicago, the DFSS Youth Services Division pays careful attention to youth needs and the composition of their population across the city. Work is driven by best-practice research in the field of youth development as well as feedback from youth and the community. The YSD supports young people through programming in three distinct portfolios: Enrichment, Youth Employment, and Prevention & Intervention.

The Youth Services Division works with stakeholders to develop initiatives that are outcome-driven, focusing on whether youth are actually better off after receiving services. Currently, YSD programs are focused on the following outcome goals:

- 1. Increase access to education, employment, and supportive services that assist in the achievement of youth-identified goals.
- 2. Develop relationships between youth and caring adults who advocate, support, and assist in their transition to adulthood.
- 3. Provide youth with a sense of increased safety, enhance their emotional well-being, and support their self-efficacy to make choices that decrease their likelihood to engage in violence.
- 4. Build work readiness skills, support financial literacy, and personal and professional development.

DFSS YSD manages the MCMF Community Strategy through the Safe Spaces for Youth, Community Anchor Organization, and Micro-Grant programs, as well as the One Summer Chicago initiative.



DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES



ENRICHMENT

DFSS Enrichment programs provide supervised after-school and year-round programs for more than 17,000 youth and young adults each year throughout the City of Chicago that strengthen relationships with parents, teachers, peers, and community. Enrichment programs support participants' success in school, physical and emotional safety, and social and emotional development.

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CHA Programs

Out-of-School Time Programs



PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

The Prevention and Intervention Portfolio programming serves youth and young adults who may not be connected to school, may have been touched by the juvenile justice system, may be experiencing homelessness or need behavioral health support. Programs are focused on making connections to education, mental health services, prosocial activities and other support services.

GFMS

Service Coordination and Navigation

Youth Intervention Pathways

Mentoring



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The Youth Employment Portfolio brings together government institutions, communitybased organizations, and employers to offer career exploration, financial literacy, paid employment and internship opportunities to youth and young adults ages 14-24.

One Summer Chicago Chicago Youth Service Corps

Chicagobility

Corporate Partnerships



By the Numbers

\$106 MILLION AWARDED IN FUNDING

106,860 YOUTH SERVED 18 PROGRAM MODELS

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Teens in the Park Summer Teen Tour



The 2024 Teens in the Park Summer Teen Tour featured events ranging from athletics to beach bashes at park locations citywide from June 3, 2024 through September 7, 2024. Events were all drop-in, with preregistration optional. Highlights for the Teen Tour included a Teen Bash on 12th Street Beach at Northerly Island, Tip Fest, and so much more. In all, more than 10,000 teens participated in the tour in summer 2024 alone.

The mission of the Teen Engagement Unit at the Chicago Park District is to empower teens to become active participants in their community by providing them opportunities to advocate for programs, events, and activities that are important to them. This unit collaborates with schools, community organizations, and other stakeholders to address the needs of teens and amplify their voices.

Through intentional activities and events, the Teen Unit's goal is to increase participation and engagement levels in local programs, enhance teen leadership skills abilities through incentive-based and programs city-wide through partnerships. overcome barriers help teens participation through social media interaction and public transportation, and develop partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and institutions to expand opportunities for teen engagement.





CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

T.I.P. Fest 2024

The goal of Chicago Park District's T.I.P. (Teens in the Park) Fest is to provide teens an opportunity to showcase and develop their entertainment and performance skills through participation in auditions and the end-of-program culminating event. The event also allows participating teens to work with local industry professionals to network and develop connections to further their entrepreneurial and performance abilities.

The September 2024 edition of T.I.P. Fest brought out 40 vendors, headliner G Herbo, and over 600 youth to celebrate at Northerly Island.



CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Teen Services: Radical Fit



Radical Fit at Chicago Public Library (CPL) supports interest driven learning for queer youth and allies through fashion-based programs, resources and materials designed with input from LGBTQIA+ artists, teen interns, educators and CPL staff. The program is a largely arts-based initiative focused on fashion and costume design in partnership with Sky Cubacub of Rebirth Garments and Vieve White of Vulpinic Vestements. Annually, CPL hosts Queer Radical Fair, which happened in July 2024. This summer celebration reflected the Radical Fit program and provided an opportunity for the community to gather at Tom (Ping) Memorial Park to showcase fashion created by teens, and enjoy live music, a photo-booth, library resources and more! 240 youth and families attended in 2024.



Children's Services: Jump Into Reading

Jump Into Reading is an initiative developed to support emerging and struggling readers and their parents and caregivers. Aligned with CPS's literacy curriculum and designed to teach librarians and parents the basics of how children learn to read, this initiative provides parent education pieces, decodable books, and training for librarians and Teachers in the Library to support kids and their adults through their journey to become fluent readers. This effort has equipped thousands of children and families with early literacy tools, including 3,750 decodable books, 8,000 reading kits, and 4,000 literacy games citywide.



CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY



Partnership with Future Founder's Be Your Own Boss Program



The Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) offers a robust selection of paid summer youth opportunities. In 2024, CHA and its program partners provided 2,240 CHA youth ages 13 to 24 paid work and skill development opportunities through worksite placement and intensive career exploration programs. CHA offers one of the few paid opportunities for 13-year-olds in the city.

This past summer, participants collectively earned nearly \$2.8 million while gaining valuable exposure to career and education pathways, which enhance their future employment prospects and earning potential. One example of these diverse opportunities is the Be Your Own Boss entrepreneurship program, created in partnership with Future Founders.

The field of entrepreneurship has become increasingly desirable, but for many people barriers like education and a supportive network deter them from pursuing entrepreneurship. Thus, CHA's partnership with Future Founders was forged with the intention of bridging this divide for CHA residents in High School. During CHA and Future Founders' Be Your Own Boss program, participants work together to build a startup solution to a problem they are passionate about solving. The 20 participants are led through an accelerated entrepreneurial process with the guidance of real entrepreneurs, innovative business professionals, and Future Founders staff. Youth walked away from the program with a set of skills that will prove valuable for the rest of their life.

Looking ahead, CHA expanded our partnership with Future Founders by launching a ten-week Apprenticeship program for 18–24-year-olds CHA residents that is set to begin January 21st, 2025. Upon successful completion of this program, each of the 20 participants will receive a stipend of \$1,000.

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT



Youth District Advisory Council - Summer Youth Forum

In July 2024, the Youth District Advisory Council (YDAC) took a significant step towards fostering a positive relationship between the city's youth and the Chicago Police Department by organizing a Youth Forum. The event was a resounding success, attracting over 300 young individuals from diverse backgrounds across Chicago. The primary objective of this engagement was to create a safe space where the city's youth could express their thoughts, opinions, and concerns freely. By doing so, YDAC aimed to promote understanding, respect, and collaboration between the youth and the police department.

The Youth Forum served as a platform for the youth to engage in open and honest discussions with police officers, addressing their fears, anxieties, and suggestions for improving community-police relations. The event helped build trust, promote transparency, and dispel misconceptions, leading to a more cooperative and understanding environment. The YDAC recognized the importance of young people's voices in shaping the future of their communities and worked tirelessly to ensure the forum was inclusive, accessible, and engaging.

To further enhance the impact of the Youth Forum, YDAC collaborated with various City agencies and community organizations. These partnerships aimed to provide the city's youth with valuable educational and employment resources, empowering them to access opportunities that could improve their quality of life. By offering these services, YDAC demonstrated its commitment to addressing the holistic needs of the youth, acknowledging that their success extends beyond their interactions with law enforcement.







CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The Genius Summer League: Advancing Math Fluency Through Innovation and Competition

In the summer of 2024, through a partnership with The 5:30 Scholars, CPS invested in The Genius Summer League (GSL) that successfully engaged students from eight CPS elementary schools in an innovative and impactful mathematics program focused on Division and Multiplication. With funding support from OST, this initiative aimed to enhance math fluency among students in grades 4-8 through a dynamic NCAA-styled tournament. The GSL utilized competition, cultural relevance, and the celebration of mathematical excellence to promote STEM engagement and skill mastery. By integrating these elements into a structured and engaging learning experience, students were able to improve their mathematical skills and develop a deeper appreciation for STEM subjects.

The results of the program were outstanding, with participating students demonstrating an average fluency increase of 71% in Division and Multiplication. This significant improvement underscores the effectiveness of the GSL's approach in reinforcing core mathematical concepts in a way that resonates with students. By fostering a competitive and supportive learning environment, The Genius Summer League helped contribute to the broader mission of enhancing STEM education and closing achievement gaps in mathematics for Chicago's youth. This initiative serves as a model for future programs aimed at improving academic outcomes through innovative and engaging methodologies.

COMMUNITY SAFETY COORDINATION CENTER

CycleBreakers

The Community Safety Coordination Center (CSCC) partnered with community stakeholders in 2024 to create and activate initiatives that advance a narrative supporting communities most impacted by violence, drive behavioral change toward individual and collective wellness, and foster a culture of empowerment for building community safety. This campaign, known as 'Cyclebreakers,' also provides a resource hub to connect young people to services, including mental health support, mentoring, employment, and local neighborhood programs.

Over 150 youth were engaged to create the campaign, and since launch there have been 107,000 visits to the Cyclebreakers page on the City of Chicago's website.





CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

"Me and Nic Broke Up"

The "Me and Nic Broke Up" media campaign began in spring 2024. Developed by the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and agency Youth Marketing Connection (YMC), this campaign was designed to combat the prevalence of vaping among teenagers. The campaign leveraged social media (#MeAndNicBrokeUp), student creators, humor and relatability to engage the teen audience. The central concept framed the relationship with nicotine as a "situationship," a term familiar to students, capturing the ups and downs of informal relationships they could identify with. This strategy cut through conventional anti-vaping rhetoric by using humor to highlight the negative aspects of vaping without sounding preachy.

In the summer of 2024, in partnership with the Park District, two "Break Up Snack Shop" events were held. The pop-ups urged participants to pledge to live a vape-free lifestyle and provided youth with facts and resources surrounding cessation. Attendees enjoyed a customizable popcorn bar along with a gamified prize system that rewarded them for their breakup with "Nic."

In 2024, 20 student creators made 144 social media posts for this campaign that generated 137,000 impressions on Instagram and 253,812 impressions on TikTok. A TikTok mini-series was crafted to authentically connect to Chicago youth real-life scenarios, and it delivered impactful messages and directed audiences to resources that encourage a commitment to a vape-free lifestyle. It was also used as a means to promote scholarships that were made available as part of this campaign.

The Scholarship Pledge offers four (4) \$2,500 scholarships to randomly selected Chicago-based students who commit to living a vape-free lifestyle. Launched in September 2024, this initiative encourages teens to make their "break up" with nicotine permanent. Two scholarships were awarded to Chicago students in December 2024. The remaining two scholarships will be awarded in May 2025.









DEPT. OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Youth Jobs Supported by Yollocalli

This summer, a dedicated group of 12 teens created art in the Learning Lab at the Chicago Cultural Center. Under the direction of DCASE Artist in Residence, Bel Reyes, teens were employed by Yollocalli Arts Reach to experiment with a variety of materials and created their own artworks which were later exhibited at Yollocalli Arts Reach. Teens explored the galleries at the Chicago Cultural Center and shared their reflections and experience with visitors. They offered interactive tours to peers from My Block My Hood My City who were participating in DownTown Day in July and to their families during a culminating event in August. One of the highlights was engaging family members and teens to collectively compose and record a rap with Zion Ali. The program was documented by Marshall Callery with partial support from the Terra Museum of American Art.





CIVILIAN OFFICE OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY (COPA)

Mikva Challenge Safety and Justice Council Youth Leadership Cafe

In April 2024, COPA partnered with Mikva Challenge to host a youth leadership cafe that brought together over 100 young people to BUILD, Inc on the west side. The conversations were a culmination of several trainings held with Mikva's Justice & Safety Council on the role of COPA, the 4th amendment, police oversight, and community safety. This event was planned and facilitated by youth on the council and was titled "Walk A Mile In Our Shoes": Building Bridges for Community Safety & Police Accountability." Led by passionate youth facilitators, the event aimed to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the community while empowering the younger generation to actively participate in shaping the future of public safety.





MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Inclusive Summer Jobs Expo



The Inclusive Summer Jobs Expo, in partnership with DFSS and One Summer Chicago, gave teens and young adults with disabilities and their families an opportunity to apply for One Summer Chicago in a supportive environment, as well as meet with City departments who are hiring and access other job- and career-related resources.

MOPD also recorded a live department podcast featuring some of Chicago's young adults sharing their job and career goals. 190 attendees and their families attended this event.





DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Chicago Youth Business Expo

BACP, in partnership with Chicago Public Schools, held the first-ever Chicago Youth Business Expo at Kennedy-King College in May of 2024. The free expo provided over 200 high school students with the opportunity to hear inspirational stories during the keynote panel and learn valuable information on starting their own business while engaging with their peers. It also featured the opportunity to network one-on-one with exhibitors, attend a workshop with industry experts and peers to share knowledge and experiences, and take professional headshots to use for marketing purposes. The students left the expo with actionable strategies and practical tips to implement directly to their current or future business in Chicago.







CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

Enrollment Days

CITY COLLEGES®

Enrollment Days aim to streamline the process of enrollment for City Colleges-bound Chicago Public School students and is part of the Chicago Roadmap, an unprecedented partnership between City Colleges and Chicago Public Schools that is a national model for K-12 and community college collaboration. More than 1,000 students attended Enrollment Days at City Colleges in Spring 2024, and benefitted from the "warm handoff" between high school and college staff, received hands-on support with enrollment, and earned a first-pick at competitive programs that often reach capacity and waitlist students over the summer. No matter which City College a student attended for Enrollment Days, they received support on completing their application and enrolling in classes at any of the seven sister colleges and their satellite campuses.

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION

CDA Summer Internships

In 2024, the Chicago Department of Aviation's (CDA) internship program provided hands-on experience to 42 students, equipping them with valuable skills and industry exposure. Interns were strategically placed across a wide range of divisions to gain firsthand experience in various aspects of airport operations, including the Commissioner's Office, Concessions, Construction, Contracts, Design, Facilities, Finance, Human Resources, Intergovernmental Affairs, Information Technology, Midway and O'Hare Operations, Safety & Security Compliance, Workforce Development, and more. Students gained practical insights into the complexities of managing world-class airports, developing leadership and technical skills that will serve them in future careers. This structured approach reinforces CDA's commitment to building a strong pipeline of talent for the aviation industry.





AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS

Summer Programs

Over 10,000 Chicago teens participated in more than 600 diverse After School Matters summer programs in 2024.

From dancing to urban gardening, these programs provide a safe space for young people to develop new skills, earn money, and create lasting friendships. The teens gain confidence, express themselves creatively, and feel empowered to share their thoughts without fear of judgment.

"Having a place like ASM makes you feel like you're part of a community. I loved my program and learned so much! It was fun and informative." - Christian K., ASM teen.













PARTNER WITH US

My CHI. My Future. community and City partners convened as a collective three times in 2024 to connect and collaborate on supporting young people.

Within the meetings, the MCMF network heard from a youth panel on what it means to feel safe, discussed the reasons youth choose out-of-school programs, and listened directly to community based organizations who are leading the way in this work.

Join the My CHI. My Future. email list to be automatically invited to Citywide convenings in 2025, get community work updates, and receive information on youth employment opportunities, updates on the Mayor's Youth Commission, and announcements from the broader My CHI. My Future. network:



See you in 2025!

