

27th Ward New Arrivals Sheltering Operation

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Goal – welcome asylum seekers with supports and put them on a path to resettlement and self-sufficiency

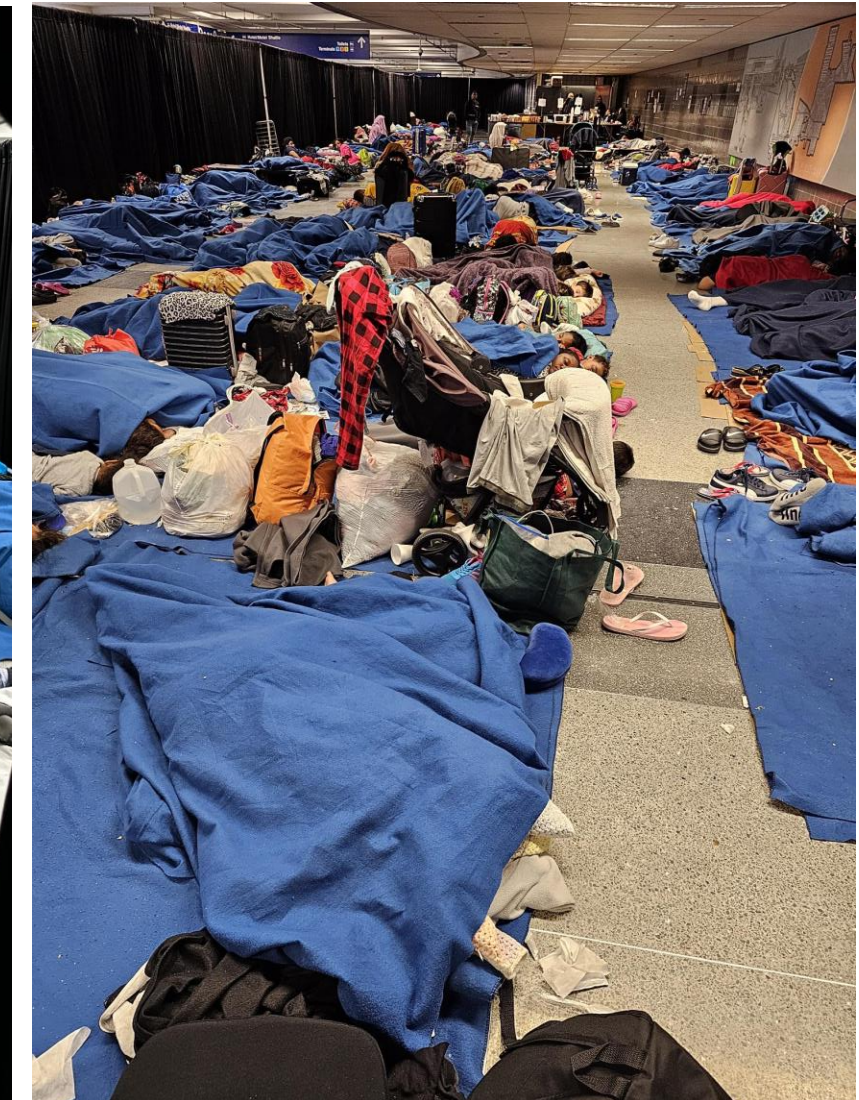
- Move asylum seekers out of police stations and into temporary shelters
- Open new shelters
- Build community among shelter residents and community members
- Get it right

- Chicago has welcomed over **14,000** asylum seekers since August 2022
- Arriving from across the globe, primarily from Central and South America.
- Asylum seekers are also arriving via plane and other means, seeking shelter.
 - **7,668** new arrivals in city shelters
 - **2,208** awaiting placement at police district stations, O'Hare and Midway
 - **143 buses** have arrived since January 2023.
 - **139 of those** have arrived since May 2023.



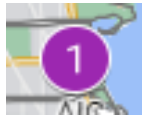


Our goal is to welcome asylum seekers with dignity and to put them on a path to self-sufficiency and resettlement.





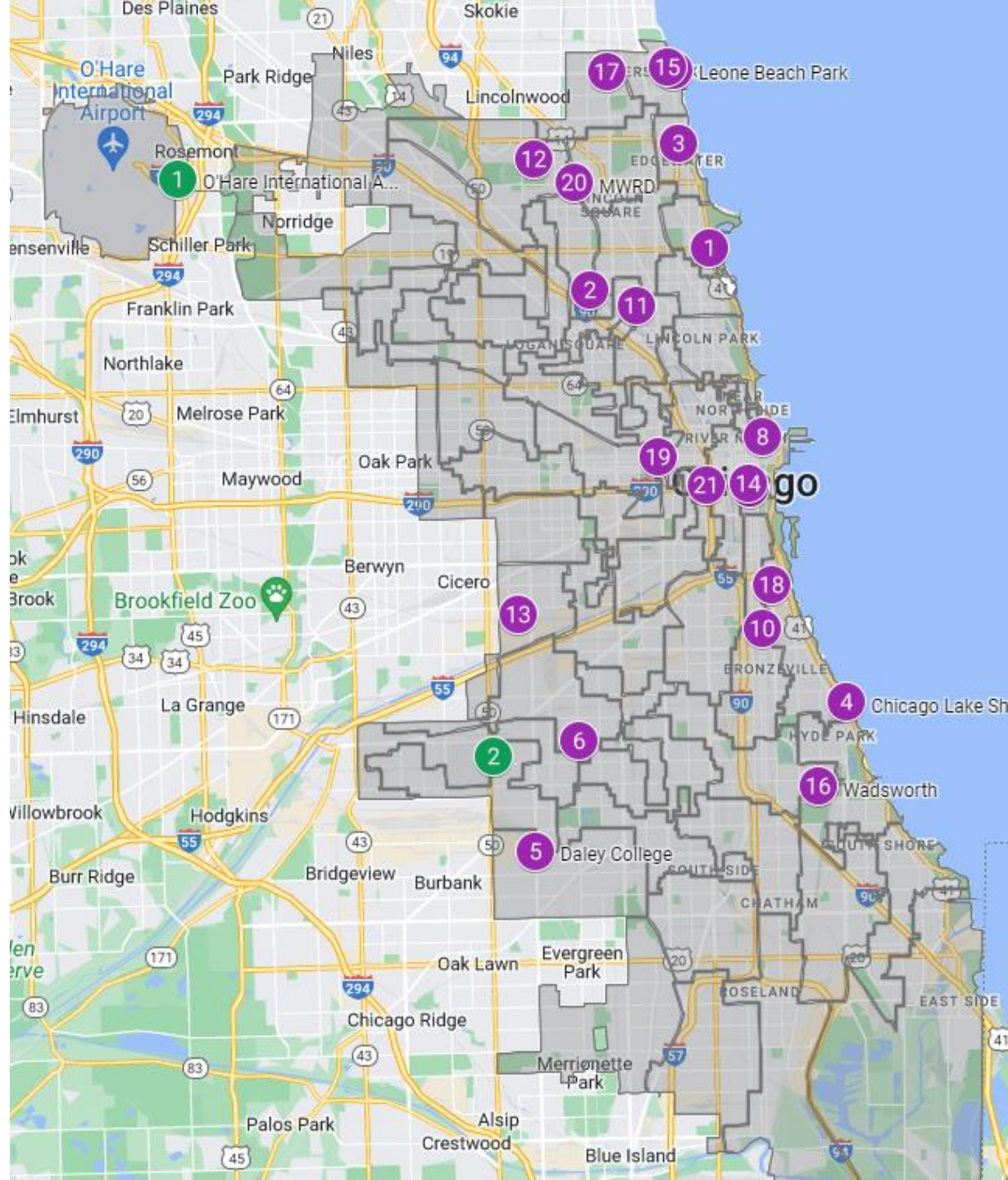
Map showing current New Arrival Shelters



Shelter Sites (21)



Staging Area (2)



- **21 shelters** are currently operating across the City.
- Upon arrival to shelter, a welcome orientation is conducted, and initial intake is completed.
- Asylum seekers are provided with:
 - Cot + blanket + pillow
 - Three meals per day
 - Showers and towels
 - Hygiene kits: toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo
 - Access to laundry room or service



Intake process and access to existing case management support:

- Outmigration – Catholic Charities
- Resettlement – Catholic Charities, IHDA, and New Life
- Legal – MFS Legal Aid Society and partners
- Health – Mental health screening and appointment for health screening in partnership with Cook County Health; on-site health care from CDPH lead coordinating organizations Heartland Alliance Health and Lawndale Christian Health Center
- CityKey Events - City Clerk
- IDHS Victims of Trafficking, Torture, or Other Serious Crimes (VTTC) Benefits Enrollment
- Chicago Public Schools enrollment

- Move in to 1640 W Walnut took place this weekend.
- Projected move-in date for 344 N. Ogden is **Friday, September 22nd**
- Both facilities will shelter families with children.

- Security outside campus: CPD
 - Special attention
 - Frequent building checks on every watch
 - Logbook and interactivity with onsite security
- Together with onsite security resulting in 24/7 security.
 - Piloting new security measures including swiping in/out & wands.
 - Metal detections at entry point.
- Deputy Mayor of Community Safety Garien Gatewood and his team are coordinating resources to support shelter and community safety.
- Non-emergency contact available: communityengagement@cityofchicago.org

- Expedited work authorizations
- SSP Funding Guidelines Changed – 45 days is not feasible
- Housing assistance
- Additional flexible funding streams to assure sustainability of resettlement
- Improving back log on asylum applications

- Donate
 - Amazon Wish List: chicago.gov/support
- Volunteer
 - Mutual Aid Networks
- Share the new RFP for shelter operations
- **Advocate for Federal Action**



We want to hear from you!
Questions and Comments

