

The Welcoming City



1. **Advocate** for immigrant, migrant and refugee rights
2. Provide **strategic leadership and operations guidance** for the asylum seeker response effort
3. Operationalize the **Welcoming City Ordinance** across city departments and agencies
4. Promote **long-term integration** of immigrants, migrants, and refugees into the life of Chicago through multi-sector partnerships and coalitions
5. Share **resources and accurate information** about immigration policy and immigrant integration





Current Shelters Overview

Current Census: 12,793

Total Shelters: 26

Wards with Shelters: 19

Shelter Population Breakdown

Single Women = 4%

Single Men = 24%

Families = 72%

Current Beds Needed: 1,250

- 1,097 CPD Police Districts
- 153 at ORD
- 0 at MDW

Total New Arrivals Responsible For: ~14,500

New Arrivals Buses as of November 28, 2023

- Chicago has received over **22,600** new arrivals since the mission began.
- **427** Buses have arrived in Chicago since Jan 1, 2023
- **418** Buses have arrived in Chicago since May 12, 2023

•NOTE: The census numbers are updated daily and can fluctuate due to resettlement, finding housing independently, onward movement, among other factors. Additionally, the bus numbers are fluid and can change.



Total Buses This Week

17

From November 13 – 27, we placed 1,207 individuals in shelter.

We are **currently averaging 500 individuals exiting our system** due to outmigration and resettlement efforts.

Continued **collaboration with mutual aid and CBOs** to coordinate transportation from police stations to shelters.

Continued **conversation with CCH** on expanding services.



Chicago is a resettlement city.

By investing in in each of these areas we are improving Chicago's community infrastructure.

Short Term: Basic and urgent needs

- Mutual Aid Rapid Response
- In-Kind Donations
- Food Insecurity- Meals and Water
- Staffing & Volunteer Coordination
- Medical and Education Supports

Mid-term: Improving Shelter System and Resettlement

- Shelter and community safety
- Social Emotional Supports
- Recreational and wellness activities
- Expanded Medical care
- English classes
- Funding faith-based and other shelter providers

Long-term: Resettlement and Community Integration

- Legal aid and work authorization
- Workforce development training
- Community integration
- Housing Models
- Sustained educational supports

- **Catholic Charities Monthly Resettlement**
 - **September:** 350 households (approx. 763 individuals)
 - **October:** 500 households (approx. 1,090 individuals)
 - **November:** Updates coming soon
- Last week over **300 applications were submitted** for rental assistance in city-run shelters.



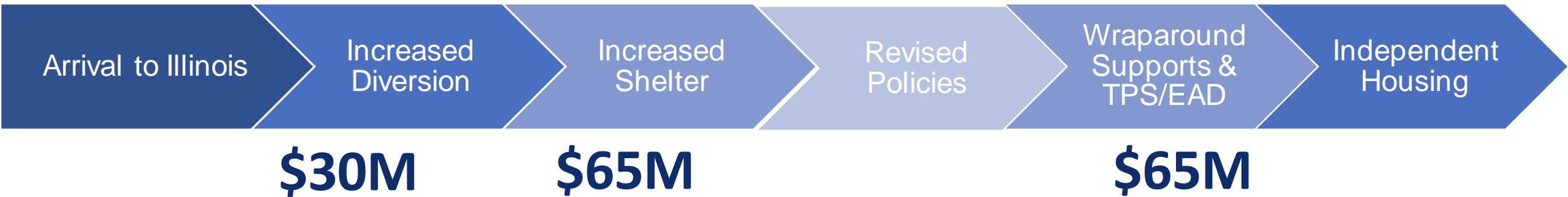
WELCOME, SHELTER, INDEPENDENCE



OFFICE OF
Governor
JB Pritzker

Bottlenecks and Plan

The State of Illinois will invest an additional \$160 million in data-driven investments to, in partnership with the City of Chicago and community-based organizations, address bottlenecks in comprehensive asylum seeker resettlement pipeline



- Launch intake center to welcome and coordinate new arrivals
- Reduce the number of people going to shelters by 10% through a coordinated arrival process

- Create a winterized “soft shelter site” providing temporary housing for up to 2,000 people for up to 6 months

- Reduce ASERAP from six to three months
- Allow all current shelter residents access
- Clear communication on benefits available for new arrivals

- Expand case management, housing assistance, and legal services
- TPS/EAD assistance for ~11,000 shelter residents by Feb. 2024

- **60-day limited stay policy** for residents of emergency new arrivals shelters run by the City.
 - Establishes exit dates based on arrival dates to shelter, with a written notice.
 - Those who still need shelter at the time of their exit date will be instructed to return to the landing zone to request a new shelter placement.
 - Temporary extensions may be granted for individuals under extenuating circumstances, such as medical crises or extreme cold weather.
- The goal of this policy is to:
 - Support residents and their families in their resettlement in Chicago expeditiously.
 - Be able to serve new households arriving in Chicago and waiting at police stations/airports.
- As a part of this policy, **the City and State are partnering to increase support** for legal immigration services and **accelerate resettlement resources.**

- **New arrivals who entered shelter in 2022** will receive a 60-day notice beginning 11/17/2023. There are approximately 50 people in this group.
- **New arrivals who entered shelter between 1/1/2023 - 7/31/2023** will begin receiving 60-day notices on 12/4/2023. There are approximately 3,000 people currently in shelter who arrived in this time frame.
- **New arrivals who entered shelter between 7/31/2023 - 11/16/2023** will begin receiving 60-day notices on 2/1/2024. There are approximately 8,800 people currently in shelter who arrived in this time frame.
- **All new arrivals to shelter on or after 11/17/2023** will receive a 60-day notice upon intake.

- **Base Camp Tent sites**

- 38th and California
- CVS Little Village
- 115th and Halsted



- **Incoming brick and mortar shelter**

- Multiple locations under assessment



Mayor Johnson announces new church-city partnership to house migrants

The plan will shelter migrants in local churches until they find housing. It will reach 100 migrants immediately and 340 in total. More than 1,000 migrants remain at police stations.

By Michael Loria | Chicago Sun-Times

Nov 28, 2023, 2:56pm CT



- 17 Chicago churches to take in migrants from police stations
- Effort funded by philanthropy
- Coordination between places of faith and city agencies
- Pilot program – to be reviewed early 2024
- One of many efforts led by the faith community.

Incoming Winter Weather Planning

- Continue utilization of CTA warming buses with incoming inclement weather
- Utilize Park District and Library facilities during daytime as needed
- Cold Weather Clothing – working with philanthropy and community-based organizations



Photos by Chicago Tribune

Warming buses are provided by the CTA at 21 police district locations.

Departamento de
Policía de Chicago
DISTRITO 001

**Donde ir para evitar
temperaturas frías**



Este sitio del Distrito de Parques y la biblioteca local brindarán una oportunidad para que las personas se mantengan calientes y pueden incluir actividades durante



**BIBLIOTECA PÚBLICA DE CHICAGO
SUCURSAL DE CHINATOWN**

2353 S Avenida Wentworth
Teléfono: 312-747-8013

HORAS:

Lunes/Miércoles 12PM – 8PM
Martes/Jueves 10AM – 6PM
Viernes/Sábado 9AM – 5PM
Domingo 1PM – 5PM



**DISTRITO DE PARQUES DE CHICAGO
PARQUE TAYLOR**

39 W. Calle 47
Teléfono: (312) 747-6728

HORAS

Lunes/Miércoles/Viernes
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Centros de calentamiento para el frío

Centros solo abren cuando la temperatura cae por debajo de 32 F

El Departamento de Servicios Familiares y de Apoyo (DFSS, por sus siglas en inglés) activa áreas de calentamiento en los seis centros de servicios comunitarios de la Ciudad. Los Centros de Servicios Comunitarios están abiertos de lunes a viernes, de 9 a.m. a 5 p.m.

- Las áreas de calentamiento y otras instalaciones de la Ciudad de Chicago están abiertas cuando las temperaturas son de 32 ° F o menos.
- Por las noches y los fines de semana, ciertas ubicaciones de la Biblioteca Pública de Chicago y las instalaciones del Distrito de Parques de Chicago también servirán como centros de calentamiento durante el horario comercial habitual.

**CENTRO DE SERVICIOS
COMUNITARIOS**

King Center
Centro de Servicios Comunitarios

4314 S Cottage Grove Avenue 
Teléfono 312- 747-2300
De lunes a viernes
HORARIO: 9AM – 5PM

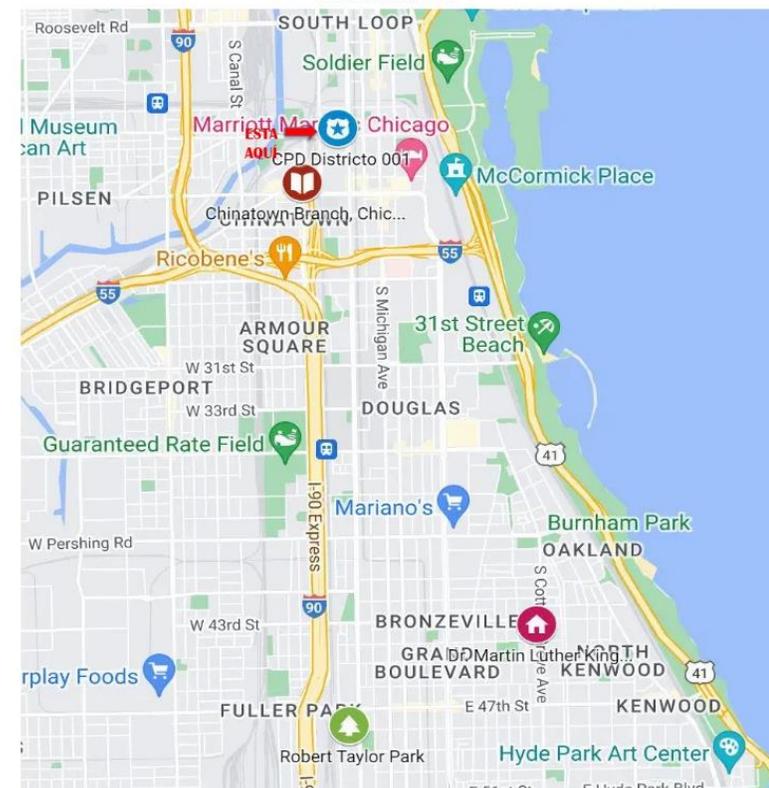
Para obtener un mapa de todas las ubicaciones, días y horarios de atención de los Centros de Calentamiento de la Ciudad de Chicago, escanee este código QR.



Todas las oficinas e instalaciones de la Ciudad de Chicago estarán cerradas los siguientes días festivos: jueves 23 de noviembre de 2023, lunes 25 de diciembre de 2023 y lunes 1 de enero de 2024.

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- An estimated **11,000 new arrivals** in Chicago are eligible for work permits.
- In collaboration with State, City, sister agencies, delegate agencies, and USCIS, new arrivals are submitting their applications for TPS or EAD.
- Ongoing workshops from November through early 2024 to capture people that are eligible for TPS and EADs
- Applicants from the 11/9 workshop have received their approvals.
- [Volunteer Opportunities: TPS-EAD Volunteers](#)



Coordinated federal advocacy with County, State, Illinois Congressional delegation, and external partners to reduce the financial and operational burdens, and to secure increased funding that will cover comprehensive sheltering and resettlement work in Illinois.

Five core asks:

1. Nationwide coordination of resettlement to receiving cities/States with a single federal leader,
2. Donated use of Federal land and buildings for sheltering throughout Illinois such as military bases and training facilities,
3. Flexible use of federal funding for sheltering operations and overall expenses.
4. Resources and technical assistance for expedited Temporary Protective Status (TPS) and employment authorization document (EAD) processing, and
5. Expansion of TPS and EAD for all non-citizens

Policy specific

- Waive fees for work authorization requests
- Improve backlog on asylum applications and workforce authorization request

1. Establish Shelter and resettlement hubs in at least two other municipalities directly supported and operated by the State
2. Increase Asylum Seeker Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ASERAP) to \$50M
3. Additional Support for Chicago Public Schools
 - Increased STLS services for all students
 - Additional resources and flexibility in licensing of Bilingual educators
 - Expedite existing capital projects and new construction for replacement purposes
4. Create sustainable funding stream for Chicago to cover costs from shelter to resettlement services.

- **Donate or 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
- Volunteers at [New Life Centers Warehouse](#)



- **Recommend Sites for Shelters or Apartments**
 - Suggest potential shelters or rental units
 - <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/shelter.html>
- **Advocate** for State and Federal Action





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**Thank you for
your partnership.**