

Great Cities Commitment Programs at UIC

Services for the Disadvantaged

Academic Support Program (ASP)

Description: ASP has been on the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago since 1987. An original TRIO program, ASP provides UIC-admitted low-income and first-generation college students and students with disabilities supportive services such as specially designed workshops and basic skills instruction in reading, writing and math. Students enrolled in the program also receive tutoring, personal counseling, academic advisement, and assistance in obtaining financial aid. ASP serves 150 eligible students annually. Thus far, 50 percent of the students who enter the program have graduated and/or are persisting at the University.

Dates active: 1987 -- present

Category: Undergraduate support
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor for

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Partners: Chicago Public Schools

United States Department of Education

Office of Post-Secondary Education

Center for Urban Economic Development

Description: CUED is a research center focused on urban economic unevenness and its implications for low-income and minority communities. CUED's mission is to address the economic needs of urban areas, emphasizing the retention and expansion of the economic base and improving conditions for low- and moderate-income communities. CUED pursues this mission by translating its research into practice on a wide range of economic and public policy issues involving access to and the quality of jobs, business strategies and outcomes, and the impact of development on neighborhoods. CUED also provides technical assistance to community-based organizations and public and private sector entities engaged in economic development planning.

Dates active: 1978 -- present

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Urban infrastructure improvement

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Chicago Metropolis 2020

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Illinois Department of Human Services

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Rockefeller Foundation

United States Department of Commerce

Chicago Health Corps

Description: Each year the CHC recruits and trains Corps Members who are placed in selected community sites that offer Primary Health Care (PHC) services to Chicago's underserved families and communities. Corps Members provide a combination of outreach, health education, home visitations and case management services to address unmet health needs identified by the community, including enhancing access of uninsured individuals to appropriate healthcare. The program strengthens Members' commitment to an ethic of service by providing hands-on, front line experiences.

Dates active: 1994 -- present

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Nursing

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Partners: AmeriCorps

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Illinois Health Education Consortium

Lloyd A. Fry Foundation

Chicago Youth Development Study (CYDS)

Description: African American and Latino male adolescents living in the inner city and poor urban communities are at the highest risk for violent and delinquent behavior; they are also the most underrepresented in comprehensive studies.

This longitudinal study, begun in 1991, tracks the development of risk for school failure, antisocial behavior and violence among inner-city male adolescents. In addition, romantic partners of the at-risk youth are interviewed to assess the occurrence of domestic violence among this population.

Dates active: 1991 -- present

Category: Violence prevention
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

National Institute of Mental Health

National Science Foundation

William T. Grant Foundation

Clinical Services in Psychopharmacology

Description: Provides consultation services to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Consent Line to assure the safety and appropriateness of psychotropic medications prescribed for DCFS wards with severe emotional disturbances.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Community Technology Center: Computer Training Courses at Instituto del Progreso Latino

Description: UICNI, in partnership with Instituto del Progreso Latino, a community-based nonprofit organization, received funding for a one-year program to provide computer training to 570 low-income Latinos and African Americans living in Chicago's Pilsen (Lower West Side), Little Village (South Lawndale), South Deering, and Back-of-the-Yards (New City) communities. The proposed courses are Computers en Espanol (to introduce non-English speakers to computers) and Computers for Careers (to help participants learn how to use a computer to search for and apply for jobs).

Dates active:

Category: Workforce development
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
Instituto del Progreso Latino

Community Technology Center: North Lawndale Community News

Description: In partnership with Strategic Human Services (also known as North Lawndale Community News), the Community Technology Center provides basic and intermediate computer skills, Web site design, desktop publishing courses, open computer lab for career-related information, employment opportunities, and internet searches to low-income, primarily African American, residents of the North Lawndale and Garfield Park communities in Chicago.

Dates active:

Category: Workforce development
Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
North Lawndale Community News

Community Technology Center: North Lawndale Employment Network

Description: In partnership with the North Lawndale Employment Network, this Community Technology Center will provide open computer lab for access to career-related information, employment opportunities, internet searches, basic computer literacy classes, and Microsoft Office Specialist Certification training to low-income, primarily African American, residents of the North Lawndale and Garfield Park communities in Chicago

Dates active:

Category: Workforce development
Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
North Lawndale Employment Network

Comprehensive Assessment and Response Training System (CARTS)

Description: CARTS is an innovative collaborative assessment and treatment program that addresses the needs of severely ill wards of the state of Illinois. This program provides comprehensive evaluation, crisis intervention and stabilization, and treatment planning services for DCFS wards with severe emotional disturbances, as well as training, technical assistance, and service design consultation to providers serving these adolescents. The program strives to increase the stability of the ward's placement thereby preventing multiple placement disruptions, hospitalizations and referrals to out-of-state, locked residential treatment facilities.

Dates active:

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Partners: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Evaluation and Technical Assistance Program

Description: The purpose of this program is to provide culturally respectful evaluation, research and technical assistance; offer training and experiences in evaluation research for grad students; advancing the development and dissemination of women-centered feminist evaluation; working with clients to arrive at reasonably priced services tailored to their needs and resources.

The ETA Program is a program of the Center for Research on Women and Gender.

Dates active: 1991 -- present

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Undergraduate support

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Partners: N/A

Family Start (FAST) Learning Centers

Description: FAST Learning Centers provide education and training for parents and families enrolled in Head Start and Child Care programs. Parents enroll in basic-skills workshops, GED preparation classes, English as a Second Language classes, or computer literacy training while also participating in a wide array of family literacy programs.

Dates active: 1991 -- present

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Education innovation

UIC Partners: Education

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Partners: Barnes & Noble, Inc.
Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services
Chicago Public Library
First Book
Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service
Literacy Volunteers of Illinois
Primo Center
Richard J. Daley College
Westside Technical Institute
Wilbur Wright College
Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center

Get Involved in Volunteer Experience (GIVE)

Description: An agency clearinghouse for the UIC community. The main goal of GIVE is to ensure that all students receive the support needed to gain valuable experiences from their volunteer and community service placement. Lists of volunteer programs/activities are available in the office. Students can provide service in a variety of areas, including:

Aging/Seniors
Arts and Culture
Crisis Intervention
Developmentally Disabled
Environment
Government, Law, and Civic Organizations
Health Care
Hunger and Homelessness
Literacy Corps
Teen Parenting and Women's Organizations
Youth Assistance

Dates active:

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Partners: N/A

GIVE Annual Volunteer Fair and Service Week

Description: A week of service opportunities connecting community agencies and UIC students. Includes a toiletry drive and volunteer fair.

Dates active:

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American Cancer Society, Inc.
Bethany Brethren Community Center
Center on Halsted
Chicago Area Project
Chicago Children's Advocacy Center (CCAC)
Chicago Children's Museum
Edward Hines Veterans Administration Hospital
Erie Neighborhood House
Franciscan Outreach Association
Gads Hill Center
Girls in the Game
Instituto del Progreso Latino
Joint Action in Community Service, Inc. (JACS)
Korean American Women in Need
Latino Youth, Inc.
Latinos Progresando
Loyola University Health System
Metro Achievement Center
Mount Sinai Hospital
National Runaway Switchboard
Onward Neighborhood House
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
Poder Learning Center
Rainbow Shelter for Battered Women
Rush University Medical Center
Salvation Army
South Chicago Parents & Friends
United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
Victor C. Neumann Association
Vietnamese Association of Illinois
Vital Bridges
World Vision in Chicago
YMCA
Youth Outreach Services, Inc.

Health Care Needs of Addicted Criminal Offenders

Description: A 5-year research project designed to illuminate health care needs, consequences and utilization among a sample of currently or formerly incarcerated persons.

Dates active: 1998 -- 2003

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Cermak Health Services of Cook County

Cook County Department of Corrections

Illinois Department of Corrections

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)

Description: The University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health (UICSPH), in collaboration with the Chicago State University, is implementing an HCOP (Health Careers Opportunity Program) Comprehensive Model. The model will increase the pool and the competitiveness of disadvantaged individuals (from Health Professional Shortage Areas of Illinois) that are enrolled, retained, and graduated with professional/graduate degrees (MPH, MS, DrPH, PhD) in public health or in combination with degrees in medicine, dentistry, nursing or business. Furthermore, it will increase the percentage of disadvantaged individuals that enter into practice in underserved areas of Illinois by 10% annually.

Dates active: 09/01/2001 -- 08/31/2006

Category: Undergraduate support
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Provost's Office

Public Health

Social Work

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American Academy of Epidemiology

American Heart Association

American Public Health Association

Hispanic Caucus

Black Caucus of Health Works (Chicago Chapter)

Chicago Department of Public Health

Chicago Public Schools

Chicago State University

City Colleges of Chicago

Cook County Ambulatory Health Care Centers

Cook County Department of Public Health

Gift of Hope -- Organ and Tissue Donor Network

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Healthcare Consortium of Illinois

Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois KidCare
Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
Institute for Diversity in Health Management
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
United States Department of Health and Human Services
US Public Health Services, Office of Minority Health

Health Promotion for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: Train-the-Trainer Project

Description: The Train-the-Trainer Project is a five-year research study focused on establishing best practices for training staff to develop health promotion programs within community-based organizations providing services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Dates active:

Category: Rehabilitation and disability services
Health and wellness

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Anixter Center

Avenues to Independence

Chicago Arc

Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago

Misericordia Heart of Mercy

Retirement Research Foundation

Special Olympics International

Trinity Services, Inc.

United States Department of Education

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

Victor C. Neumann Association

Hispanic Diagnostic and Family Support Program

Description: This program provides specialized diagnostic and family support services to Hispanic families living in Chicago in the area of learning and developmental disabilities. The emphasis of the program is working with parents to prepare them to interact more effectively with their child who may have a disability.

One technique used by this program is the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), which is a unique augmentative/ alternative training package that allows children and adults with autism and other communication deficits to initiate communication. According to the creators of the technique, "PECS does not require complex or expensive materials. It was created with educators, resident care providers and families in mind, and so it is readily used in a variety of settings."

Program bilingual staff have been trained in this technique. In turn, approximately 40 Hispanic family members and/or community workers will be trained in the use of PECS. The Illinois Autism/PDD Training and Technical Assistance Project and The Autism Project are funding this project. The entire two-day workshop will be conducted in Spanish.

Dates active:

Category: Rehabilitation and disability services

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Partners: El Valor

Illinois Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project (IATTAP)

LaGrange Area Department of Special Education

Homeless Youth in Illinois Service Needs Assessment

Description: Statewide surveys of homeless youth and service providers are being conducted in the Spring of 2005 to obtain estimates of the numbers of homeless youth in Illinois and their service needs.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Chicago Coalition for the Homeless

Illinois Department of Human Services

Illinois Career Pathways Initiative

Description: Grassroots effort to encourage Illinois community colleges, in partnership with high schools, universities, and workforce and economic development agencies, to rethink their programs and services in ways that support educational and economic advancement by all of their students, particularly those from underserved groups.

Dates active:

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Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Chicago Jobs Council

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Women Employed Institute

Illinois Public Health and Corrections Task Force

Description: Brings together practitioners, researchers, and community activists to address issues relating to the health of incarcerated and those re-entering society.

Dates active:

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Services for the disadvantaged

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Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Chicago Department of Public Health
Cook County Department of Corrections
CORE Center
Illinois Department of Corrections
Illinois Department of Public Health
National Commission on Correctional Health Care

Immigrant Organizations Project

Description: Comparative research project examining the capacity, activities, and policy networks of immigrant-serving community organizations in Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Baruch College (CUNY)
Rockefeller Foundation
University of California--Los Angeles
University of Notre Dame

Institute for Research on Race and Comparative Public Policy

Description: The mission of IRRPP is to promote, coordinate, and conduct innovative research at the intersection of race, ethnicity and public policy. IRRPP represents a major commitment by the university to better address growing racial and ethnic diversity in Chicago, the nation and the world. Based in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, this university-wide institute has a special focus on historically underrepresented people of color as they are effected by, and as they affect, public policy. An early IRRPP focus on African Americans has evolved into a more comprehensive multiracial, multiethnic and multicultural agenda that also includes Latinos, American Indians, Asian Americans and other groups of color confronted with systematic racial and class barriers. A primary goal is to improve both the understanding and conditions of such diverse racial and ethnic groups that continue to represent major challenges within contemporary urban contexts in the Chicago area and beyond.

Dates active: 1996 -- Present

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Education
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Nursing
Social Work
Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: N/A

Jane Addams Center for Social Policy and Research

Description: The Jane Addams Center for Social Policy and Research promotes and facilitates university-community partnerships in advancing social welfare policies, programs, and services. As an operating unit of the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Center engages faculty in public service and research activities directed toward meeting the needs of urban communities, especially poor families and children. The Center conducts research and evaluation studies, analyzes public policies, disseminates research findings, holds forums on important policy issues, and tests new program models and service delivery strategies. Major Center initiatives focus on social work, families, and the criminal justice system; child welfare system development; and community based social services. The Center maintains an extensive resource collection including research studies and program literature, public policy reviews, organizational development models, and original publications and training material in each of these areas.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Social Work

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Partners: Chicago Department of Public Health
Citizens Alert
CURE: Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants
Illinois African-American Family Commission
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Department on Aging
John Howard Association of Illinois
National Network for Social Work Managers
Salvation Army

Jane Addams Substance Abuse Research Collaboration (JASARC)

Description: JASARC provides a structure and support for the substance abuse research program at the Jane Addams College of Social Work, upholding the College's mission to promote social, racial and economic justice. This multi-disciplinary collaboration conducts research on drugs, women and the criminal justice system with particular attention to the impact of drugs and the societal response to drugs on women and their children and families.

Dates active: 04/01/2003 -- 03/31/2008

Category: Healthcare for at-risk populations
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Social Work

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Partners: Cermak Health Services of Cook County
Cook County Adult Probation Department
Cook County Juvenile Probation and Court Services Department
Healthcare Alternative Services
Heartland Alliance
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
Lake County (IL) Department of Health
Mental Health Services
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
National Institutes of Health
North Lawndale Employment Network
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Reclaiming Futures Initiative
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)
Women's Treatment Center (TWTC)
Youth Outreach Services, Inc.

Kinship Care Practice Project

Description: The Kinship Care Practice Project of the Jane Addams College of Social Work conducts research, develops training materials, and provides educational opportunities to ensure safety, well-being, and permanent homes for children through collaborative work with extended families. The project began in 1992 as a research and demonstration project that: 1) examined child welfare practice with children in foster care placements with relatives, and 2) developed a training curriculum based on practice principles that promote safety, well-being and permanent homes for children. Currently the Kinship Care Practice Project provides training for supervisors, trainers, and child welfare practitioners based upon this training curriculum.

While the Kinship Care Practice Project has focused primarily on families with children who are in the custody of the child welfare system, research is also being conducted that examines the protective factors in informal kinship care arrangements, where the child welfare system is not involved.

Dates active: 1992 -- present

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Social Work

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Partners: Grand Boulevard Association
Illinois African-American Family Commission
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
South Austin Coalition Community Council
United States Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children, Youth, and Families

Mental Health of Children of Incarcerated Parents -- the FAMILY STORIES program

Description: African American children lag behind white children on health and social indicators; at the same time, huge disproportions exist between black and white adults in the criminal justice system. The impact of disproportionate incarceration on African American children of the prisoners has not yet been explored. Children with incarcerated parents manifest a variety of behavioral and psychiatric disorders; they are far more likely to experience emotional and behavioral disturbance, negative self-image, withdrawal from family and friends, eating and sleeping disorders, anxiety and hyperarousal, developmental regression, and antisocial behavior. One study estimates that 30-50% of boys who are children of incarcerated parents will end up incarcerated themselves. The FAMILY STORIES program sends age-appropriate storybooks, in the name of the parent, to these children on a monthly basis. FAMILY STORIES has been developed over several months in collaboration with churches, community agencies, organizations of former prisoners, and prison administration. It is specifically designed to reach as many children as possible at the lowest cost. It will be evaluated by UIC.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Health and wellness

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Partners: CAUSES for Children

Chicago Legal Aid for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)

Companions Journeying Together, Inc.

El Valor

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Mile Square Health Center

Description: Mile Square Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center affiliated with the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center. It is managed and staffed by health professionals from the University of Illinois, and has a Board of Directors, 51% of whom are residents of the Near West Side of Chicago. Mile Square offers a comprehensive array of Medical Care and Social Services which includes Geriatrics, Family Practice, Obstetrics and Gynecology Care, Family Planning, Pediatric Dental and Mental Health, Podiatry, and Nutritional Services and a Specialty Clinic dedicated to sexually transmitted diseases. Medical services are provided on a sliding fee scale for patients who possess limited or no medical insurance. Patients are seen regardless to their ability to pay.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Medicine

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Partners: N/A

Monthly Day of Service Events

Description: The Office of Student Leadership Development & Volunteer Services recognizes that all students may not have schedules that allow for an ongoing commitment to a service agency, but would still like an opportunity to give of their time, energy, and creativity. Therefore, the office sponsors one day of service per month that gives students an opportunity to work as a team on a number of service projects throughout the community.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor for

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Partners: City of Chicago

Mayor's Office of Special Events

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Habitat for Humanity

National Day Laborer Survey

Description: Survey of street corner day laborers in 59 metropolitan areas regarding employment, immigration, and incorporation issues.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Workforce development

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Campaign for Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles

Ford Foundation

National Day Laborer Organizing Network

New School University

Rockefeller Foundation

University of California--Los Angeles

National Worker Center Survey

Description: Survey of the worker centers that provide services to street corner day laborers. The Survey explores program models, service delivery, funding, and other issues related to organizational capacity.

Dates active:

Category: Workforce development
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Ford Foundation

National Day Laborer Organizing Network

New School University

Rockefeller Foundation

University of California--Los Angeles

Northeast Illinois Community Food Security Assessment

Description: This proposal describes a large-scale comprehensive and collaborative study of community food security (CFS) in the six-county Chicago area. It arises out of a need expressed at the November 2001 Illinois Food Security Summit for an extensive base-line study of community food security in the Chicago region. The U.S. Conference of Mayors' 2001 Hunger and Homelessness Survey indicates that in the 27 cities studied requests for emergency food assistance rose an average of 23 percent in 2001 (U.S. Conference of Mayors, 2001). Specifics for Chicago, however, are difficult to find, and neither the scope nor the nature of these changes are well documented. The proposed community food security assessment will seek to answer: 1) Who and where are people without adequate and acceptable food? 2) What are the barriers to adequate and acceptable food? and 3) What are the current components and distribution patterns of the existing food system?

Dates active: 07/01/2003 -- 06/30/2006

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Health and wellness

UIC Partners: Public Health

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Partners: Chicago Area Food Policy Council
Chicago State University

Pro.ME.SA. Coalition Safety Seat Project

Description: The long term goal of this project is to increase correct utilization of safety seats by 1,800 children in low-income, working poor, Spanish-speaking populations in Chicago, and thereby contribute to an overall increase usage in the Chicago area.

Dates active: 10/01/2001 -- 09/30/2006

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Partners: Centro San Bonifacio
Illinois Department of Transportation

Psychometric Testing of a Measure of Family Functioning in Low-Income African American Single-Parent Families

Description: The purpose of this community-based study is to test the psychometric properties of an instrument developed with community participation to assess family functioning in low-income, African American single-parent families. Future plans include the use of this measure to assess changes in family functioning following community-based interventions to support family functioning in this population.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Nursing

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Partners: Family Focus Inc.
North Lawndale Area
National Institute of Nursing Research
West Side Future YMCA

Salvation Army Field Placement Unit

Description: Partnership with Salvation Army to create community-based field placement unit located in Chicago's Uptown and provides shelter, support services and advocacy for homeless families

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Salvation Army

Statewide Community Safety & Reentry Program Working Group

Description: The primary responsibility of the Working Group is to serve as a forum to track the various efforts in Illinois concerning statewide safety and re-entry issues: to share information and to coordinate efforts; create, coordinate and advocate for statewide policy and structural changes to enhance community safety and reduce recidivism. The Working Group will develop a plan to guide statewide policy and program development. The Work Group is further divided up into five subcommittees: 1) Public Safety; 2) Housing; 3) Health and Behavioral Health; 4) Employability, Education and Training; 5) Faith, Family and Community

Dates active: Dec. 2004 -- present

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Health and wellness

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Partners: Haymarket Center

Illinois Department of Corrections

Office of the Governor (Illinois)

Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc.

Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

Stepping up Chicago

Description: Analysis of career path opportunities for residents of supportive housing.

Dates active:

Category: Workforce development
Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Corporation for Supportive Housing
Wilbur Wright College

Temping and Low-Wage Work: Bridge or Trap?

Description: Examination of the role of temporary staffing agencies in the delivery of public sector welfare-to-work program in urban areas.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged
Workforce development

UIC Partners: Urban Planning and Public Affairs

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Partners: Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Transportation Research for Low-Income Groups

Description: The UIC project on worker accessibility explores trends and needs in the low-income labor market sector. Our objective is to identify user needs, evaluate new transit markets and also to couple empirical research in this area with transportation demand modeling and Geographic Information Systems.

Current activities include: 1) Evaluating the impact of transit services on low-income groups and the extent to which transit makes a difference in employment opportunities; 2) Monitoring national and local trends on low-income worker accessibility; 3) Exploring innovative partnership initiatives that offer cross-sectoral, holistic approach to accessibility; 4) Providing assistance to FTA, state and local agencies on job access issues; and 5) Exploring decision making techniques and public participatory methods to facilitate cross-sectoral planning.

Dates active:

Category: Transportation innovations
Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Community Transportation Association of America

Illinois Department of Human Services

United States Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

UIC Athletics and Chris Zorich Care to Share Program

Description: Various athletic teams organized Thanksgiving Dinner food baskets in conjunction with the Christopher Zorich Foundation's Care to Share program.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor for

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Partners: Christopher Zorich Foundation
Care to Share Program
St. Sabina Academy

UIC Athletics Halloween Event

Description: Various athletic teams donated money for candy and toothbrushes.

Dates active:

Category: Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Chicago Public Schools

John M. Smyth Elementary

Under the Radar: Unregulated Work in Chicago and New York City

Description: Comparative research project examining the growth of informal employment arrangements that exist beyond the reach of government regulation. This project aims to identify the drivers behind the growth of unregulated work, both on the demand side (industrial structure, competitive dynamics) and on the supply side (worker characteristics) of local labor markets.

Dates active:

Category: Workforce development
Services for the disadvantaged

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Partners: Baruch College (CUNY)

New York University

Rockefeller Foundation

Russell Sage Foundation

Upward Bound (UB)

Description: Upward Bound, one of the first TRIO programs, is a highly successful college-based program of rigorous academic instruction, individual tutoring, and counseling for low-income, disadvantaged high school students, most of whom are the first generation of their families to consider post-secondary education. Upward Bound has been on the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago since 1966. This program has served over 10,000 high school students, successfully placing over 95 percent of its graduates in various colleges and universities throughout the country. The Upward Bound target schools include Austin Career Academy, Chicago Vocational, Crane, Dunbar, Julian, Lindblom, Marshall and Schurz High Schools.

Dates active: 1966 -- present

Category: Education innovation
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Student Affairs, Vice Chancellor for

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Partners: Chicago Public Schools
United States Department of Education
Office of Post-Secondary Education

Urban Passage Mentorship Project

Description: The participants in this project are under the legal guardianship of DCFS and most reside within group home settings. The goal of the project is to support the reduction of at-risk behaviors (including truancy, tardiness, fighting/violence, involvement with gangs, trouble with the law and use of drugs) by providing participants with mentors. Additionally, youths will learn skills to set goals, develop action plans, and recruit their own mentors. A group of mentors will be provided for participating youths to choose from and develop a mentoring relationship with. This mentoring relationship will be supported within the school and the group home and will serve as a medium for providing both social and academic support. Program effectiveness will be evaluated based on the outcomes achieved by the students as well as the reduction of at-risk behaviors.

Dates active: 2000 -- 2002

Category: Violence prevention
Services for the disadvantaged

UIC Partners: Applied Health Sciences

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Partners: Chicago Public Schools
Illinois Department of Children and Family Services