



SERVICES FOR THE Disadvantaged

Academic Support Program (ASP)

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, fifty percent of the students who enter the program have graduated and/or are persisting at the University.

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
United States Department of Education,
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1987—present
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Bridges to the Doctorate for Minority Nursing Students

Doctorally prepared minority nurses constituted 6.9% of U.S. doctorally prepared nurses in 2000 while the percentage of the minority population in the States was projected to be 23% (1995 census report). This disproportionately small number of minority nurse scholars, together with the recent report (2002) on health disparities between the minority Americans and whites in the U.S. clearly indicate the need for increasing doctoral-prepared minority nurse scholars who will educate future nurses and conduct research on health problems with cultural sensitivity.

The long-term objective of this training program is to increase the pool of doctoral-prepared minority faculty members. An aim is to help master's students at partner schools prepare for doctoral study at UIC College of Nursing by gaining appropriate scientific knowledge, research skills, and professional socialization. Enhancing the academic environments of the partner schools is another component to achieve successful retention and transfer of master's students to UIC College of Nursing.

Specific aims of the program include (1) offering UIC College of Nursing programs of teaching and research training for master's students at two partner schools; (2) providing academic counseling/professional socialization and mentoring for master's students at partner schools; (3) enhancing the curriculum of partners' programs in preparing students for the biomedical and/or behavioral research and cultural competency; and (4) stimulating and enhancing the academic environment for increased collaborative research activities between the faculties of the partner schools and UIC. Four master's students are recruited each year.

Partners:

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National Institutes of Health
National Institute of General Medicine

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Center for Integrated Health Care (IHC)

Integrated Health Care is a community-based academic nursing center where advanced practice nurses who are UIC faculty innovatively integrate primary physical care with mental health care services for people with severe mental illness and actual or risk of physical disease/illness. To date, such integration of services is rare in the health care system. This initiative provides venues for service learning for nursing students and for faculty and students to evaluate practice and conduct research.

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UIC Medicine
UIC Nursing
Chicago Partnership for Health Promotion (CPHP)
Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center
William H. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine

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Center for Reducing Risks in Vulnerable Populations (CRRVP) Multiethnic Emphasis Core

Through this Core, as part of a Center, we are expanding the infrastructure to facilitate research with ethnic minorities by nurturing community partnerships and preparing culturally competent nurse researchers. The specific aims are to: 1) expand the capacity to conduct community collaborative, multiethnic research addressed to issues of health disparities among vulnerable groups, usually attributable to age, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status; 2) optimize recruitment and retention of multiethnic research participants, particularly Black and Hispanic Americans who are most at risk for health disparities; 3) foster the development of culturally sensitive, tailored, individual group or system interventions; and 4) build collaborative community relationships by maintaining and expanding the multiethnic community-based advisory board of experts.

Partners:

UIC Nursing
Austin Health Center (Cook County)
Circle Family Care
Evanston Health and Human Resources Department
Healthcare Consortium of Illinois
National Institutes of Health
National Institute of Nursing Research
West Side Future YMCA
Westside Health Authority

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September 2004—July 2007
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Center for Urban Economic Development

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.

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs
Chicago Metropolis 2020
Illinois Department of Commerce and
Economic Opportunity
Illinois Department of Human Services
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur
Foundation
Rockefeller Foundation
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Improvement*)

Chicago Health Corps

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 experience.

Partners:

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AmeriCorps, Health Resources and Services
Administration (HRSA)
Illinois Health Education Consortium
Lloyd A. Fry Foundation

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1994—present

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Chicago Youth Development Study (CYDS)

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.

Partners:

UIC Medicine
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

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1991—present
(see also *Violence Prevention*)

Clinical Services in Psychopharmacology

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.

Partners:

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Collaborative for Equity and Justice in Education

CEJE is an intellectual, research, and policy center for teachers and community people working to develop schools that are focused on giving youth the tools to become critical and active participants in society.

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Comprehensive Assessment and Response Training System (CARTS)

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.

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Evaluation and Technical Assistance Program

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.

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Family Start (FAST) Learning Centers

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.

Partners:

UIC Education	Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service
Barnes & Noble, Inc.	Literacy Volunteers of Illinois
Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services	Malcolm X College
Chicago Public Library	Wilbur Wright College, Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center
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Food Donation Program

UIC donates leftovers from campus events to area homeless shelters.

Partners:

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Chicago Christian Industrial League
Mercy Home for Girls and Boys
Pacific Garden Mission

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Dates Active:

1990s—present

Get Involved in Volunteer Experience (GIVE)

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, and Youth Assistance

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Dates Active:

1982—present

GIVE Annual Volunteer Fair and Service Week

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

Partners:

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

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Dates Active:

2000—present

Health Care Needs of Addicted Criminal Offenders

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

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs	Illinois Department of Corrections
Cermak Health Services of Cook County	National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
Cook County Department of Corrections	Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

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1998–2003

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Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)

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.

Partners:

UIC Provost's Office	Cook County Department of Public Health
UIC Public Health	Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network
UIC Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
African American Health Care Council	Healthcare Consortium of Illinois
American Academy of Epidemiology	Illinois All Kids
American Heart Association	Illinois Department of Public Health
American Public Health Association, Hispanic Caucus	Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition
Black Caucus of Health Works (Chicago Chapter)	Institute for Diversity in Health Management
Chicago Department of Public Health	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Chicago Public Schools	United States Department of Health and Human Services
Chicago State University	US Public Health Services, Office of Minority Health
City Colleges of Chicago	
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Homeless Youth in Illinois Service Needs Assessment

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

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UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs
Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
Illinois Department of Human Services

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Illinois Career Pathways Initiative

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.

The Illinois Career Pathways Initiative is a program of the Great Cities Institute in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs.

Partners:

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Chicago Jobs Council
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur
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Women Employed Institute

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Workforce Development)

Illinois Public Health and Corrections Task Force

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

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs	CORE Center
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	Illinois Department of Corrections
Cermak Health Services of Cook County	Illinois Department of Public Health
Chicago Department of Public Health	National Commission on Correctional Health Care
Cook County Department of Corrections	

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Immigrant Organizations Project

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

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs
Baruch College (CUNY)
Rockefeller Foundation
University of California—Los Angeles
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Institute for Research on Race and Comparative Public Policy

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.

Partners:

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Jane Addams Center for Social Policy and Research

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.

Partners:

UIC Social Work
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

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Jane Addams Substance Abuse Research Collaboration (JASARC)

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.

Partners:

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

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April 2003–March 2008

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Kinship Care Practice Project

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.

Partners:

UIC Social Work
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

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1992–present

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

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.

Partners:

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CAUSES for Children
Chicago Legal Aid for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM)
Companions Journeying Together, Inc.
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Mile Square Health Center (MSHC)

The University of Illinois Mile Square Health Center (MSHC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) with over thirty years of rich history of providing primary healthcare and social services to high risk, vulnerable populations throughout greater Chicago. MSHC offers a comprehensive array of medical care and social services, including Family Practice Medicine, Family Planning, Obstetrics and Gynecology Services, Podiatry, Pediatrics, Optometry, Pediatric and Adult Psychiatry, Nutritional Counseling, Breastfeeding Support, WIC Program and an extensive Community Outreach Program and several school-based Health Clinics. MSHC is managed and staffed by health professionals from the University of Illinois.

Partners:

UIC Medical Center
Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago
Catholic Charities
Chicago Department of Public Health
Cook County Bureau of Health Services
United States Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources Administration
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Monarch Center: The National Center for Personnel Preparation in Special Education in Minority Institutions of Higher Learning

The Monarch Center (National Center for Personnel Preparation in Special Education at Minority Institutions of Higher Education) helps educators integrate knowledge of cultural and linguistic differences into instructional practices for students with disabilities, and increases preparation of special educational professionals from traditionally underrepresented groups.

Monarch offers two strands of technical assistance: grant proposal development and program development and enhancement.

Partners:

UIC Education

Linking Academic Scholars to Educational Resources (LASER)

National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)

National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO)

National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME)

National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)

National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems (NCCREST)

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2003–2007

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Monthly Day of Service Events

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.

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

City of Chicago, Mayor's Office of Special Events

Greater Chicago Food Depository

Habitat for Humanity

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1995–present

National Day Laborer Survey

Survey of street corner day laborers in fifty-nine metropolitan areas regarding employment, immigration, and incorporation issues.

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs	New School University
Ford Foundation	Rockefeller Foundation
National Day Laborer Organizing Network	University of California—Los Angeles

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National Worker Center Survey

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.

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Ford Foundation	Rockefeller Foundation
National Day Laborer Organizing Network	University of California—Los Angeles

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Negotiating African American Adolescent Fatherhood

The incidence of unmarried adolescent fatherhood among low-income African Americans is twice that of other ethnic groups. These young fathers face many barriers to the positive and consistent paternal involvement that fosters child well-being. Existing cross-sectional research suggests that adolescent father involvement declines substantially between 12-24 months. In this study, we describe the influence of the paternal-maternal kinship system (the adolescent father, his parents, the adolescent mother and her parents) on unmarried, low-income, African American adolescent fatherhood over time. The kinscripts conceptual framework (Burton and Stack, 1993), a culturally sensitive conceptualization of minority families, identifies three conceptual domains that guide this study: kin-work, the work needed to ensure the survival of the baby; kin-time, shared understandings about the appropriate sequence of role transitions into parenthood and grandparenthood; and kin-scription, the process of socializing kinship system members to kin-work. Thirty paternal-maternal kinship systems experiencing adolescent fatherhood are interviewed in late pregnancy and at 1, 6, 12, 18 and 24 months after birth. Analysis describes: 1) the expectations in kin-time and kin-work of adolescent fathers, specifically who needs to do what tasks; 2) the kin-scription mechanisms used by the paternal-maternal kinship system members and health care professionals that facilitate or inhibit implementation of these expected roles; 3) the actual kin-work of the adolescent fathers, specifically the implementation of the adolescent father roles; and 4) the degree of satisfaction with the adolescent fathers' actual kin-work.

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

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.

Partners:

UIC Nursing	National Institutes of Health
Family Focus Inc.	National Institute of Nursing Research
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September 2005–August 2008

Statewide Community Safety and Reentry Program Working Group

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; and 5) Faith, Family and Community.

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs	Pilsen-Little Village Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
Haymarket Center	Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)
Illinois Department of Corrections	
Office of the Governor (Illinois)	

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December 2004–present
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Stepping up Chicago

Analysis of career path opportunities for residents of supportive housing.

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Temping and Low-Wage Work: Bridge or Trap?

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

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(see also *Workforce Development*)

Transportation Research for Low-Income Groups

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.

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs
Community Transportation Association of
America
Illinois Department of Human Services
United States Department of Transportation,
Federal Transit Administration

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(see also *Transportation Innovations*)

UIC Athletics Halloween Event

Various athletic teams donated money for various party gifts. Athletics teams create a partnership with John M. Smyth to make sure inner city kids have resources to celebrate the holiday.

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Chicago Public Schools
John M. Smyth Elementary

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Dates Active:

2002—present

UIC Athletics Hospital Party

Over 75 student-athletes and staff bring gifts, yuletide greetings to children at the University of Illinois Medical Center and Smyth School.

Partners:

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Dates Active:

1990—present

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

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.

Partners:

UIC Urban Planning and Public Affairs
Baruch College (CUNY)
New York University
Rockefeller Foundation
Russell Sage Foundation

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Upward Bound (UB)

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.

Partners:

UIC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Chicago Public Schools
United States Department of Education,
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Dates active:

1966—present
(see also *Education Innovation*)

Urban Passage Mentorship Project

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.

Partners:

UIC Applied Health Sciences
Chicago Public Schools
Illinois Department of Children and
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Dates Active:

2000–2002

(see also Violence Prevention)