



North  
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**Early  
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## OUR MISSION

The North Lawndale Early Learning Collaboration (NLELC) is dedicated to providing vital support for North Lawndale families with young children aged 0-8. The collaboration's mission is to ensure seamless access to early childhood education and care (ECEC) programs and services.

Since 2013, the collaboration has brought together community organizations across North Lawndale to advance the mission and promote a 'no wrong door' approach for families to access ECEC programs. Its overall goal is to increase North Lawndale families' enrollment in ECEC programs by leveraging community partners that are invested in the success of ECEC and creating a pipeline of coordinated referrals.

The collaboration has taken on creating this pipeline by adopting the Integrated Referral and Intake System (IRIS), which is the coordinated referral system in North Lawndale that is spearheaded by the North Lawndale Early Learning Collaboration led by Illinois Action For Children.

IRIS will enhance the collaboration work and will be the referral system used across collaboration partners to advance the mission of promoting a 'no wrong door' approach for families to access Early Childhood Education and Care programs.

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## OUR PARTNERS

- [Carol Robertson Center for Learning](#)
- [\(FACE\) CPS Office of Family & Community Engagement](#)
- [Catholic Charities City Wide Home Visiting](#)
- [Chicago Children's Museum](#)
- [Chicago Public Library Douglas Branch](#)
- [Child and Family Connections #9](#)
- [Children's Discovery Center](#)
- [CTS Health](#)
- [Erikson DCFS Early Childhood Project](#)
- [Family Focus Lawndale](#)
- [Friends of the Children - Chicago](#)
- [Gads Hill Learning Center](#)
- [HIRE360 Chicago](#)
- [Holy Family Ministries](#)
- [I AM ABLE](#)
- [Illinois Action for Children](#)
- [Juvenile Protective Association](#)
- [Lawndale Christian Legal Center](#)
- [Lawndale Community Coordinating Council](#)
- [Malcolm X College](#)
- [Malcolm X College Child Development Lab School](#)
- [Marillac St. Vincent Family Services](#)
- [Metropolitan Family Services](#)
- [North Lawndale Employment Network](#)
- [Open Books](#)
- [Options for Youth](#)
- [Pineapple Haven Inc. Daycare Center](#)
- [Sinai Community Institute](#)
- [The Encompassing Center](#)
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IRIS

## SERVICE REFERRALS

IRIS is an online referral tool that streamlines communications between community providers offering services to individuals and families.



Families & Individuals can refer themselves by visiting <https://ready4kready4life.com/resource-referral-form>



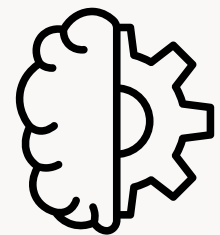
### People Powered

- Community-based leadership
- Co-created approach
- Dedicated implementation team
- Peer learning with leaders across IRIS networks



### Technology Enabled

- Closed referral loops
- Customized forms
- Real-time notifications
- Organization capacity indicator



### Data Driven

- HIPAA compliant
- Data owned and managed by the community
- Meaningful reporting
- Support for data-driven decision making



IRIS was founded by the Center for Public Partnerships & Research (CPPR) at the University of Kansas. Built upon evidence based practices, and supported through collaborative relationships, the team has supported the launch of more than 30 IRIS networks since 2016.





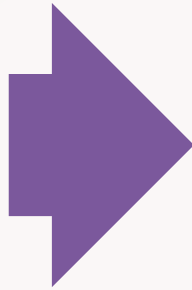
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## JOIN THE IRIS NETWORK

Benefits of  
becoming an  
IRIS Partner:



- Coordinated referral process
- Chat feature for real-time updates on referrals
- Access to community aggregated data
- Analyzing gaps in services to identify community needs.

IRIS Partners follow Community Standards that were collectively created to ensure partners have a clear flow of communication and a clear understanding of partner expectations when connecting families to the supports and services they may need (below).

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# BASIC NEEDS SERVICE DIRECTORY

## Illinois Dept of Human Services

Find programs, services and information, IDHS can help you meet basic needs, cope with illness, emergencies, or other challenges.



## Baby Items, Clothing, Furniture, School Supplies

Family Focus Lawndale ~ [3517 West Arthington Street in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-722-5057

## Food Pantries

### 60608

St. Agatha ~ **Tuesday 9AM - 11AM** ~ [3147 W Douglas Blvd in Chicago](#) ~ 773-522-3050

[Harmony Community Cares](#) ~ **Wednesday 10:30 AM - 1PM** ~ [1908 S. Millard Ave in Chicago](#) ~ 312-971-8869

Jireh Food Pantry ~ **Thursday 10AM - 12PM** ~ [4224 West 13th Street in Chicago](#) ~ 773-762-2432

[Carey Tercentenary AME Church](#) - **Friday 1PM - 3PM** ~ [1448 S. Homan Ave in Chicago](#) ~ 773-886-1700

Our Lady of Tepeyac Parish ~ **Saturday 9AM - 11AM** ~ [3047 West Cermak Rd](#) ~ 773-521-8400

### 60623

St. Agatha ~ **Tuesday 9AM - 11AM** ~ [3147 W Douglas Blvd in Chicago](#) ~ 773-522-3050

[Harmony Community Cares](#) ~ **Wednesday 10:30 AM - 1PM** ~ [1908 S. Millard Ave in Chicago](#) ~ 312-971-8869

Jireh Food Pantry ~ **Thursday 10AM - 12PM** ~ [4224 West 13th Street in Chicago](#) ~ 773-762-2432

Greater Garfield MBC ~ **Friday 10AM - 12PM** ~ 3757 W. Douglas Blvd ~ 773-277-1700

Carey Tercentenary AME Church - **Friday 1PM - 3PM** ~ [1448 S. Homan Ave](#) ~ 773-886-1700

Our Lady of Tepeyac Parish ~ **Saturday 9AM - 11AM** ~ [3047 West Cermak Rd](#) ~ 773-521-8400

### 60624

Above & Beyond Free Food Pantry ~ **Mon - Fri 12PM - 3PM; Sat 10AM - 12 PM** ~ 817 S. Pulaski ~ 773-823-1660

St. Agatha ~ **Tuesday 9AM - 11AM** ~ 3147 W Douglas Blvd in Chicago ~ 773-522-3050

[Harmony Community Cares](#) ~ **Wednesday 10:30 AM - 1PM** ~ [1908 S. Millard Ave in Chicago](#) ~ 312-971-8869

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## Housing Services / Emergency Shelter

A Safe Haven ~ 2750 West Roosevelt Road ~ 773-435-8300 - [Website](#)

Catholic Charities ~ [Website](#) ~ #311 ~ 312 744 - 5000

[Colbert and Williams Bridge Subsidy Programs](#) ~ 312 - 655-7466

[FIT \(Families in Transition\)](#) ~ 312-655-7719







Illinois Dept. of Human Services - [Applicant Portal](#)

[New Hope Apartments](#) ~ 2601 W. Marquette Rd., Chicago, IL 60629 ~ 312-655-7719

# NLELC PARTNER SERVICE DIRECTORY

 IRIS Partner

## After-School Programs

-  Carole Robertson Center for Learning ~ [3701 W Ogden Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-522-8400
-  Family Focus Lawndale ~ [3517 West Arthington Street in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-722-5057
-  Friends of the Children ~ [1512 S. Pulaski Rd in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-359-8159
-  Gads Hill Center ~ [2653 W. Ogden Ave. in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-521-1196
-  Open Books ~ [3812 West 16th St. in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 872-270-0904
-  Vocel ~ [1550 W Carroll Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-887-3736

## Behavioral Health & Counseling

- CTSHHealth ~ 3801 W North Ave in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-360-1389
- Erikson Institute ~ 3948 W. 26th Street, Suite 107 in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 312-755-2250
- I Am Able ~ [3410 Roosevelt Rd in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-826-2929
- Juvenile Protective Association ~ 1707 N. Halsted in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 312-440-1203
- Sinai Community Institute ~ [2653 W Ogden Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-257-6246
- The Encompassing Center ~ 3019 W Harrison St in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-638-5703

## Child Care (0 - 5)

- Carole Robertson Center for Learning ~ [3701 W Ogden Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-522-8400
- Gads Hill Center ~ [2653 W. Ogden Ave. in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-521-1196
- Les Finches ~ 4217 West 16th Street in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-521-5434
- Malcolm X College Child Development Lab ~ 1900 West Jackson in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 312-850-7177 (Accepting 2 Yr Olds)

## Crisis Intervention

- CTSHHealth ~ 3801 W North Ave in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-360-1389
- I Am Able ~ [3410 Roosevelt Rd in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-826-2929
- Sinai Community Institute ~ [2653 W Ogden Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-257-6246
- The Encompassing Center ~ 3019 W Harrison St in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-638-5703

## Domestic Violence

- Center for Advancing Domestic Peace ~ [813 S Western Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 312-265-0206
- Connections for Abused Women ~ [1900 W Harrison St in Chicago \(Stroger Hospital\)](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 312-433-2390
- Deborah's Place ~ [3410 Roosevelt Rd in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-826-2929
- Mujeres Latinas en Accion ~ [2124 West 21st Place in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-890-7676
- Sinai Community Institute ~ [2653 W Ogden Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-257-6246

## DUI Evaluations & Risk Education

- I Am Able ~ [3410 Roosevelt Rd in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-826-2929



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## Early Childhood Education & Programs

Carole Robertson Center for Learning ~ [3701 W Ogden Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-522-8400

CPS - Chicago Early Learning Online Portal

Gads Hill Center ~ [2653 W. Ogden Ave. in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-521-1196

Holy Family Ministries ~ 3415 W Arthington St in Chicago ~ [Website](#)~ 773-265-0550

## Early Intervention

Child Family Connection #9 ~ 5422 W Roosevelt, Rd in Chicago ~ 773-830-5221

## Education (Elementary)

Chalmers Elementary School ~ PK-8th ~ [2745 W Roosevelt in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-534-1720

Dvorak ~ PK-8th ~ 3615 W 16th St in Chicago ~ 773-534-1690

Frazier International Magnet Elementary School ~ K-8th ~ 4027 W Grenshaw St in Chicago~ 773-534-6880

Gregory ~ PK-8th ~ 3715 W Polk in Chicago ~ 773-534-6820

Holy Family Ministries ~ PK-8th ~ 3415 W Arthington St in Chicago ~ [Website](#)~ 773-265-0550

Hughes ~ PK-8th ~ 4247 W 15th St in Chicago ~ 773-534-1762

Kipp - Ascend ~ K-8th ~ 1616 S Avers in Chicago ~ 773-521-4399

Lawndale ~ PK-8th ~ 3500 West Douglas Blvd in Chicago ~ 773-534-1635

Legacy ~ K-8th ~ 3318 W Ogden in Chicago ~ 773-542-1640

Mason ~ PK-8th ~ 4217 West 18th St in Chicago ~ 773-534-1530

Penn ~ PK-8th ~ 1616 S Avers in Chicago ~ 773-534-1665

## Education (High School)

Collins STEAM ~ 1313 S. Scaramento in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-542-6766

Christiana ~ 1615 S. Christiana in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~

Noble - DRW ~ 931 S Homan in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-893-4500

YCCS - CCA Academy ~ 1231 S Pulaski Rd in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-762-2272

## Education (Higher)

Malcolm X College

# NLELC PARTNER SERVICE DIRECTORY

## Employment, Job Training & Financial Education

North Lawndale Employment Network ~ 1111 S. Homan in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-638-1825

LadderUp ~ 350 N Orleans St suite c2-100 ~ [Website](#) ~ 312-409-1555

## Family Advocacy

CTSHHealth ~ 3801 W North Ave in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-360-1389

Family Focus Lawndale ~ [3517 West Arthington Street in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-722-5057

The Encompassing Center ~ 3019 W Harrison St in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-638-5703

## Immunizations

Lawndale Christian Health Center ~ 3860 Ogden Ave in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 872-588-3000

Pilsen South Ashland Health Hub ~ 1713 S. Ashland in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 312-743-7500

## Legal Services / Immigration / Restorative Justice

Lawndale Christian Legal Center ~ 1530 S. Hamlin in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-762-6381

Legal Aid Chicago ~ 120 S. LaSalle St Suite 900 in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 312-341-10710

## Literacy Programs

Open Books ~ [3812 West 16th St. in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 872-270-0904

## Maternal & Child Health

Family Focus Lawndale ~ [3517 West Arthington Street in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-722-5057

Sinai Community Institute ~ [2653 W Ogden Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-257-6246

St. Anthony Hospital ~3810 West 16th Street in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-522-5299

## Medical & Public Health Services

Sinai Community Institute ~ [2653 W Ogden Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-257-6246

St. Anthony Hospital ~3810 West 16th Street in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-522-5299

Lawndale Christian Health Center ~ 3860 Ogden Ave in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 872-588-3000

Pilsen South Ashland Health Hub ~ 1713 S. Ashland in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 312-743-7500

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## Parent Coaching (Childcare classes for new parents)

 Carole Robertson Center for Learning ~ [3701 W Ogden Ave in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-522-8400

 Family Focus Lawndale ~ [3517 West Arthington Street in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-722-5057

The Encompassing Center ~ 3019 W Harrison St in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-638-5703

## Respite Care

## Speech / Audiology / Vision Services

## Substance Abuse Treatment

CTSHHealth ~ 3801 W North Ave in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-360-1389

I Am Able ~ [3410 Roosevelt Rd in Chicago](#) ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-826-2929

## Veterans & Military

## Youth Mentoring

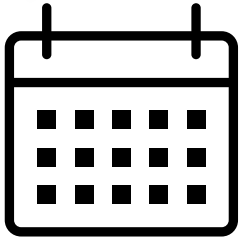
Friends of the Children ~ 1512 S. Pulaski Rd in Chicago ~ [Website](#) ~ 773-359-8159



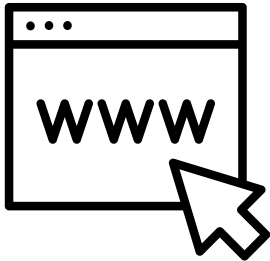


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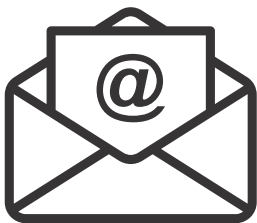
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The NLELC meets monthly! Find & share your North Lawndale events by visiting: [ready4kready4life.com/events](https://ready4kready4life.com/events)



Learn more about the NLELC online by visiting [The Illinois Action for Children website](https://www.actionforchildren.org)



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