

**Literacy Volunteers of Illinois**  
**VOCAL AmeriCorps**  
(Volunteer Outreach for Community Action in Literacy)  
**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and**  
**2009/2010 AmeriCorps\*State**

**Host Sites**

**Albany Park Community Center**

5121 N. Kimball Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60625

The Albany Park Community Center (APCC) is a multi-service center offering a range of adult education and literacy programs, including one-to-one tutoring in ESL, basic reading and math. The APCC also offers various programs in family literacy, citizen preparation and computer literacy, and serves as a neighborhood Community Technology Center.

Members: Carey Clifford, Luke Herman, Emily Moss and James Rogers

Contact: Michelle Fleming, Director of Volunteer Services      773/433-3737    773/304-1970 (fax)

**Anixter Center (The)**

2032 N. Clybourn  
Chicago, IL 60614

The mission of Anixter Center is to enhance the ability of individuals living with or at risk of disabilities to live, learn, work, and play in the community. Each year, at dozens of locations across greater Chicago, the Center provides an array of services to more than 5,000 children and adults, including education, employment, life skills, communication, recreation, health care, counseling, and support. Most of the people who receive services have a significant disability – physical, intellectual, developmental, sensory, psychiatric, and many have more than one.

Member: Amy Arthur

Contact: Regina Grant, Adult Literacy Coordinator    773/929-8200 ext. 265    773/929-3244 (fax)

**Centro Romero**

6216 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60660

Centro Romero, located on the northeast side of Chicago in the Edgewater neighborhood, is a non-profit organization providing options and opportunities for low-income Latino immigrants. Services offered include ESL and Spanish Literacy, Immigration Services, and various programs for youth and women. Through education, Centro Romero emphasizes the development of the whole family unit, the creation of community leadership and self-reliance.

Member: Daniel Rosen

Contact: Jeff Tinley, Program Director      773/508-5300      773/508-5399 (fax)

**Corazon a Corazon**

8235 South Shore Drive  
Chicago, IL 60617

Corazon a Corazon, under the sponsorship of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, serves as a catalyst for fundamental change in the community by providing individualized educational services to women and children at-risk. Programs include ESL, after-school and summer tutoring.

Member: Paul Johnstone

Contact: Sister Loretta Rosendale, SSND    773/221-0620      773/221-4590 (fax)

**Howard Area Community Center**

7647 N. Paulina  
Chicago, IL 60626

The Howard Area Community Center (HACC) is a multi-service, community-based agency located on the far north side of Chicago in the Rogers Park neighborhood. HACC's mission is to assist low-income individuals and families in Rogers Park to stabilize their lives and develop the social skills necessary to become effective community members. Programs offered by the HAAC include: education and employment, intensive home visiting for parents with young children, center-based early childhood education, social services, youth development, and an alternative high school.

Member: Alexis Hansford

Contact: Shannon Callahan, Director of Education and Employment 773/262-6622 773/262-6645 (fax)

**Indo-American Center**

6328 N California Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60659

The mission of the Indo-American Center is to promote the well being of South Asian immigrants through services that facilitate their adjustment, integration and friendship with wider society, nurture their sense of community and foster appreciation for their heritage and culture. The range of educational, cultural, social, and charitable programs that are offered to South Asian immigrants by the Center are open to anyone who needs help, regardless of ethnicity or language, religious or political affiliation.

Member: David Gordon

Contact: Matt Larson, Youth Program Coordinator 773/973-4444 ext 112 773/973-0157 (fax)

**Instituto del Progreso Latino (IDPL)**

English Literacy & Basic Skills for Latino Immigrants  
2570 S. Blue Island  
Chicago, IL 60608

IDPL is an educational organization whose mission is to contribute to the fullest development of Latino immigrants and their families through education, training and employment. With offices in three different communities on the southwest side of Chicago, IDPL offers a continuum of adult education services from learning how to read in Spanish up to the GED. ABE and pre-GED classes are also offered, as is English literacy for students with less than a 6<sup>th</sup> grade education in their first language. Also offered are computer literacy programs and internet access.

Members: Maggie Camp, Sara Dickett, Elizabeth Narvaez-Luna and Ana Vega

Contact: Stephen R. Alderson, Adult Education Director 773/890-0055 773/890-1537 (fax)

**Jane Addams Hull House – Parkway**

Adult Literacy  
500 E. 67th Street  
Chicago, IL 60637

Jane Addams Hull House Association's Parkway Community House has been a vital resource to Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood for more than 75 years. Formed to meet the social, economic, and recreational needs of these communities, Parkway provides services to more than 4,500 children, seniors and families each year. As a community-based center, Parkway works closely with neighborhood residents, local churches, local schools, social service agencies, and local businesses.

Member: Allison Oliver

Contact: Joanne Jones, Program Coordinator 773-493-1306 773-493-9392 (fax)

**Jane Addams Hull House - Uptown Head Start**

Even Start/Parent Training Initiative

1020 W. Bryn Mawr

Chicago, IL 60660

Literacy is an overarching focus of Jane Addams Hull House Association's educational and child developmental programs, where programs focus on providing family support services that strengthen literacy and parenting skill development. Programs offered place a strong emphasis on emergent literacy skill development that includes providing parents with information, materials and activities to effectively engage their children at home. Interactive parent/child activities are provided regularly, such as family reading nights, supported classroom participation by parents, and a lending library of take home kits.

Member: Kristin Fitzsimmons

Contact: Cathy Miller, Even Start Coordinator 773-769-5753 773-769-5626 (fax)

**Literacy Volunteers of Illinois (LVI)**

30 East Adams Street, Suite 1130

Chicago, IL 60603

LVI is a statewide organization that is committed to developing and supporting volunteer literacy programs that help families, adults and out-of-school teens increase their literacy skills. Programs sponsored include VOCAL AmeriCorps, of which all of the agencies described herewith are a part, as well as the Jump Start program, described below. LVI also offers training to staff, tutors, and adult learners through two annual conferences and conducts special events and advocacy efforts to raise awareness about the problems of and solutions to low literacy in adults.

Members: Kyle Bucy, Allison Payne and Theo Stripling

Contact: Dorothy M. Miaso, Executive Director 312/857-1582 312/867-1586 (fax)

**Jump Start at the Illinois Youth Centers**

A program of LVI that recruits retirees, especially retired teachers, to serve as tutors and mentors for youth incarcerated in the Illinois Youth Centers. The program was begun in 1995 through funding from the Retirement Research Foundation, and currently receives public and private support.

**IYC-Chicago**

136 North Western Avenue

Chicago, IL 60612

Members: Kyle Bucy, Sarah Kosmin, Allison Oliver and Allison Payne

**IYC-Harrisburg**

1201 W. Poplar

Harrisburg, IL 62946

Member: Open

**IYC-Kewanee**

2021 Kentville Road

Kewanee, IL 61433

Member: Phyllis Dotson

Contact: Debra Sundberg 309/852-4601 ext. 3313

**IYC-St. Charles**

3825 Campton Hills Rd.

St. Charles, IL 60175

Member: Open

**IYC-Warrenville**

30 W 200 Ferry Road  
Warrenville, IL 60555  
Member: Theo Stripling

**Mercy Housing Lakefront**

1512 S. Wabash  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Through a variety of services offered at Mercy Housing, residents have opportunities to gain the skills they need to change their lives and improve their communities. Resident services include after-school and summer programs for youth, GED and English courses, financial education programs, health classes, health care services for seniors and more.

Member: Janea Raines

Contact: Lekeeta Charley, Career Services Manager 312/913-1605x112 312/341-9169 (fax)

**Midwest Asian American Center (MAAC)**

Adult Literacy Program  
2534 W. Devon - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60659

MAAC is a non-profit organization that assists new immigrants in becoming productive American citizens. Service offered include: ESL, Citizenship classes, legal assistance on immigration issues, computer classes, literacy arts, and social service referral.

Members: Erlinda Escobar and Saira Khan

Contact: Vandana Dalal, Executive Director 773/262-8650 773/262-8651 (fax)

**Morton College - Project CARE**

3801 S. Central Ave.  
Cicero, IL 60650

Project CARE is a volunteer literacy program serving the Berwyn and Cicero communities in the near southwest suburbs of Chicago. Daytime and evening ABE and GED classes are offered through the College with tutors from Project CARE supplementing the classroom work by providing one and one and small group tutoring. Project CARE students can also use the Adult Education Computer Lab. The lab has educational software programs that can help students build a variety of skills. Students can use the lab on their own, or with the help of a tutor.

Member: Susan Amparan

Contact: Karin Johnsey, Adult Literacy Director 708/656-8000 708/656-3924 (fax)

**Pui Tak Center**

2216 S. Wentworth  
Chicago, IL 60616

Established in 1994 by the Chinese Christian Union Church to be a Christian witness to Chinese in Chicago, the Pui Tak Center serves over 2,500 individuals each year through a variety of educational, family and community services that include a computer learning center, a music program, and a preschool through 6th grade school. The Adult ESL program offers six levels of English and citizenship preparation classes. Nearly 1,200 adults attend the classes each year. Classes are offered Monday through Thursday in the mornings (8:15-10 a.m.) and evenings (5:30-7:15 p.m.).

Members: Robin Freed, Melanie Leung, Ashley Robinson and Brad Woodrum

Contact: Bill Wong, Adult Tutoring Coordinator 312/328-1188 312/328-7452 (fax)

### **Schuler Family Foundation Scholar Program**

28161 N. Keith Drive  
Lake Forest 60045

The mission of the Schuler Family Foundation Scholar Program is to provide bright but disadvantaged high school students with academic support, college counseling, cultural and social exposures and a college scholarship to ensure they enroll in and graduate from institutions of higher learning. Operates in Round Lake, Warren Township, Highland Park, Maine East and Waukegan High Schools where VOCAL members along with Foundation AmeriCorps members serve as tutors and mentors to the youth selected to be Schuler Scholars.

Members: Maureen Barradas and Sarah Warzecha

Contact: Candace Browdy, Executive Director 847/607-2091 847/367-9586 (fax)

### **Township HS District #214**

Read To Learn For A Brighter Future

2121 S. Goebbert Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005-4297

Part of District 214, the Community Education program, which houses the Read To Learn program, provides services to the adults using public school facilities as bases of operation. A wide array of services are offered adult learners that includes literacy screening assessment, goal-setting, interest inventories, individualized lesson plans, weekly one-on-one tutoring sessions, and weekly conversation classes, among others.

Member: Jojee Trinidad

Contact: Rhonda J. Serafin, Adult Literacy Director. 847/718-7719 847/718-7927 (fax)

### **World Relief**

3507 W. Lawrence Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60625

World Relief-Chicago's mission is to engage communities to foster dignity and wholeness for immigrants and refugees in transition. English language and literacy development to obtain employment and integrate more fully into the Chicago community is a key avenue that World Relief uses to accomplish its mission. Education services include intensive English Language Training part-time ESL programming, family literacy and in-home tutoring. Also offers weekly employment preparation and cultural adjustment training.

Members: Margaret Martin and Valerie Strattan

Contact: Keri Lucas, Director of Education 773/583-9191 x 248 773/583-9410 (fax)  
Sara Knight, Director, Resettlement Services 773/583-9191

### **YWCA Pekin – STAR Program**

315 Buena Vista  
Pekin, IL 61554

The YWCA Pekin has been serving Pekin and surrounding communities since 1929 providing a range of aquatics and other fitness, child care, adult literacy, health and leisure and community service programs. The adult literacy STAR Program offers ESL classes to non-English speakers and one-to-one tutoring in basic reading, writing, math, and conversational English.

Member: Katy Aveledo-Sanchez (completed)

Contact: Pam Ritter, Literacy Director 309/347-9922 309/347-7457 (fax)