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To: Honorable John P. Daley, *Chairman, Finance Committee*

From: Honorable Thomas J. Dart, *Sheriff, Cook County Sheriff's Office*
Office of Cook County Sheriff

CC: Kanako Ishida Musselwhite, *Budget Director*
Department of Budget & Management Services

Date: October 31, 2023

Re: Request for Information from FY2024 Budget Hearing

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's budget hearing held on October 25, 2023.

1. Request ID #1210-01

Commissioner Anaya requested how many calls does the ETSB receive.

Cook County Sheriff's Office Response: In 2022, the ETSB processed 704,390 telephone calls. To date in 2023, the ETSB has processed 624,613 telephone calls.

2. Request ID #1210-02

Commissioner Aguilar requested how many missing persons are transgender female.

Cook County Sheriff's Office Response: As of October 31, 2023, the Cook County Sheriff's Office is unaware of any open missing persons cases in Unincorporated Cook County where the subject was reported to be a transgender female.

3. Request ID #1210-03

Commissioner Stamps requested how many people have come through the SAVE program.

Cook County Sheriff's Office Response: Since the program's inception in May of 2016 and as of October of 2023, a total of 1,739 detainees have opted-in to the SAVE program.

4. Request ID #1210-04

Commissioner Stamps requested the percentage of people who commit crimes that are on electronic monitoring.

Cook County Sheriff's Office Response: Our analysis indicates that approximately 5% of EM placements end in a new arrest.

5. Request ID #1210-05

Commissioner Morita requested a memo with a list of programs that are available to the public, individuals that are in custody, and individuals that been released.

Cook County Sheriff's Office Response: A memo and list of programs/services offered by the Cook County Sheriff's Office both within the Cook County Department of Corrections and out in the community are attached for your reference.

6. Request ID #1210-06

Commissioner K. Morrison requested to understand why a staff reduction in court security is there for both domestic violence and juvenile.

Cook County Sheriff's Office Response: The positions that were eliminated from the FY24 budget in Domestic Violence and Juvenile Court are long-term leave of absence positions that were deleted per County policy. If those employees return, the CCSO will place them in vacant positions.

7. Request ID #1210-07

Commissioner K. Morrison requested what is the data proportion of missing persons found and identified who are transgender and black transgender.

Cook County Sheriff's Office Response: At the present time, the Cook County Sheriff's Office is unaware of any missing persons cases in Unincorporated Cook County in which the missing subject was reported to be transgender or black transgender.

8. Request ID #1210-08

Commissioner K. Morrison requested the types of LGBTQ specific programs exist in the jail. And is there a trusted person in the jail the LGBTQ individuals can speak too.

Cook County Sheriff's Office Response: Individuals in custody can request the services of a social worker by filling out a correctional rehabilitation worker request form and request the services of a licensed clinician. The following LGBTQ specific services are offered to individuals in custody at the Cook County Department of Corrections.

- *Weekly counseling sessions and case management services from a DOC counselor.*
- *Individualized accommodation plan created by DOC counselor.*
- *Gender affirming hygiene services and undergarments provided by DOC Staff.*
- *Chicago House group services in Division 6, zoom services and Re-entry services for all TG/GNC clients.*
- *PRIDE peer support group for trans males in Division 3 Annex.*
- *Monthly interagency accommodation meeting (Includes DOC and Cermak medical staff who represent leadership within the Department of Corrections, social workers, case managers, clinical psychologists, medical doctors and nurses, and experts in PREA).*



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS JULY 2022

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FOREWORD

July, 2022

The Cook County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to challenging injustice, fighting the violence plaguing our communities, and bringing a thoughtful approach to public service.

This booklet serves as a compendium of services that the CCSO provides to the communities of Cook County.

These services have been created in coordination with community members and for community members.

The last 19 months have been especially challenging for all of us. We've introduced several programs to help navigate a reopening world with an emphasis on health and well-being.

We offer this booklet as a resource so that you may become more familiar with our services.

Thank you for your time and your dedication to the people of Cook County.

Undersheriff Marlon Parks
Cook County Sheriff's Office



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

With our Community Programs, our goal is to bring wellness and hope to Cook County's citizens, no matter their zip code.

We work every day to foster positive relationships within our communities and create trust. We know that we are stronger together. So we form new programs in partnership with community members, based on their wants and needs.



The Sheriff's Office partners with suburban agencies to provide them with a consolidated computer aided dispatch service and associated analytical tools.

The Sheriff's Police also has several specialized units that provide services to suburban police departments on a mutual aid basis.

Investigations

The Sheriff's Gun Team, FOID Compliance, and Gun Recovery

The Child Exploitation Unit

Cold Case Investigations

Missing Persons

Public Corruption and Financial Crimes

Police Training

Bomb Squad

Fugitive Warrants

The Street Crime Suppression Unit

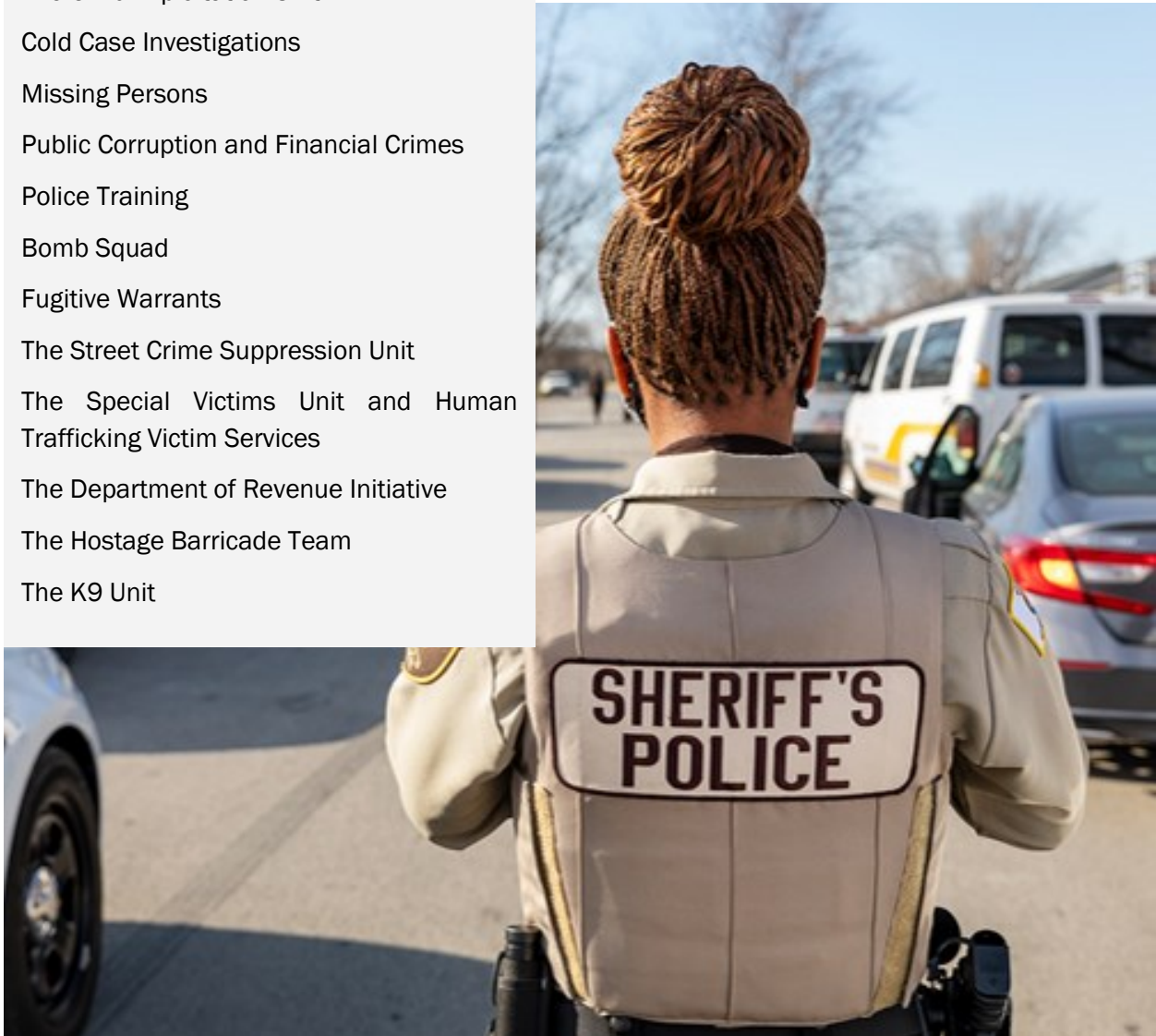
The Special Victims Unit and Human Trafficking Victim Services

The Department of Revenue Initiative

The Hostage Barricade Team

The K9 Unit

911 AND SPECIALIZED POLICE SERVICES



COMMUNITY POLICING

The Sheriff's Office emphasizes a high level of commitment to community policing. We ask residents and community leaders for help in the fight to reduce crime.

We listen to community concerns and address their concerns with operations.

We've established a permanent presence on Chicago's West Side where we've developed a robust community policing program outfitted with engagement and programming, and we continue to provide services to Chicago's South Side.



Photo Credit Nancy Stone / Chicago Tribune

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER



The Community Resource Center (CRC) is a supportive services initiative created and launched by CCSO in direct response to the increase in critical situations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The CRC connects individuals to resources in their communities that satisfy mental health, substance abuse, housing, trauma, domestic violence, and/or employment and financial needs.

CRC staff members' areas of expertise include case management, domestic violence/survivor support services, care coordination, forensic psychology, counseling, behavioral health, substance use treatment, advocacy, and evictions social services.

The CRC's primary target populations include:

1. Individuals involved in the criminal justice system
2. Households facing eviction
3. Victims of domestic violence

Any Cook County resident can contact the CRC for services.

COMMUNITY TOWN HALLS

The Sheriff speaks directly with community members at Community Town Halls to address their concerns and share information on the Office's resources.

The Sheriff's Office also partners with doctors from groups such as Partners in Health to bring answers to community members' most pressing questions on COVID-19, variants, and vaccinations.



COVID-19 VACCINATION POPUPS

The Sheriff's Office coordinates pop-up vaccination events with community leaders, the Mobile Care Foundation, Meals on Wheels of Northern Illinois, and CCDPH to make it as simple as possible for a community member to receive a COVID-19 vaccination.

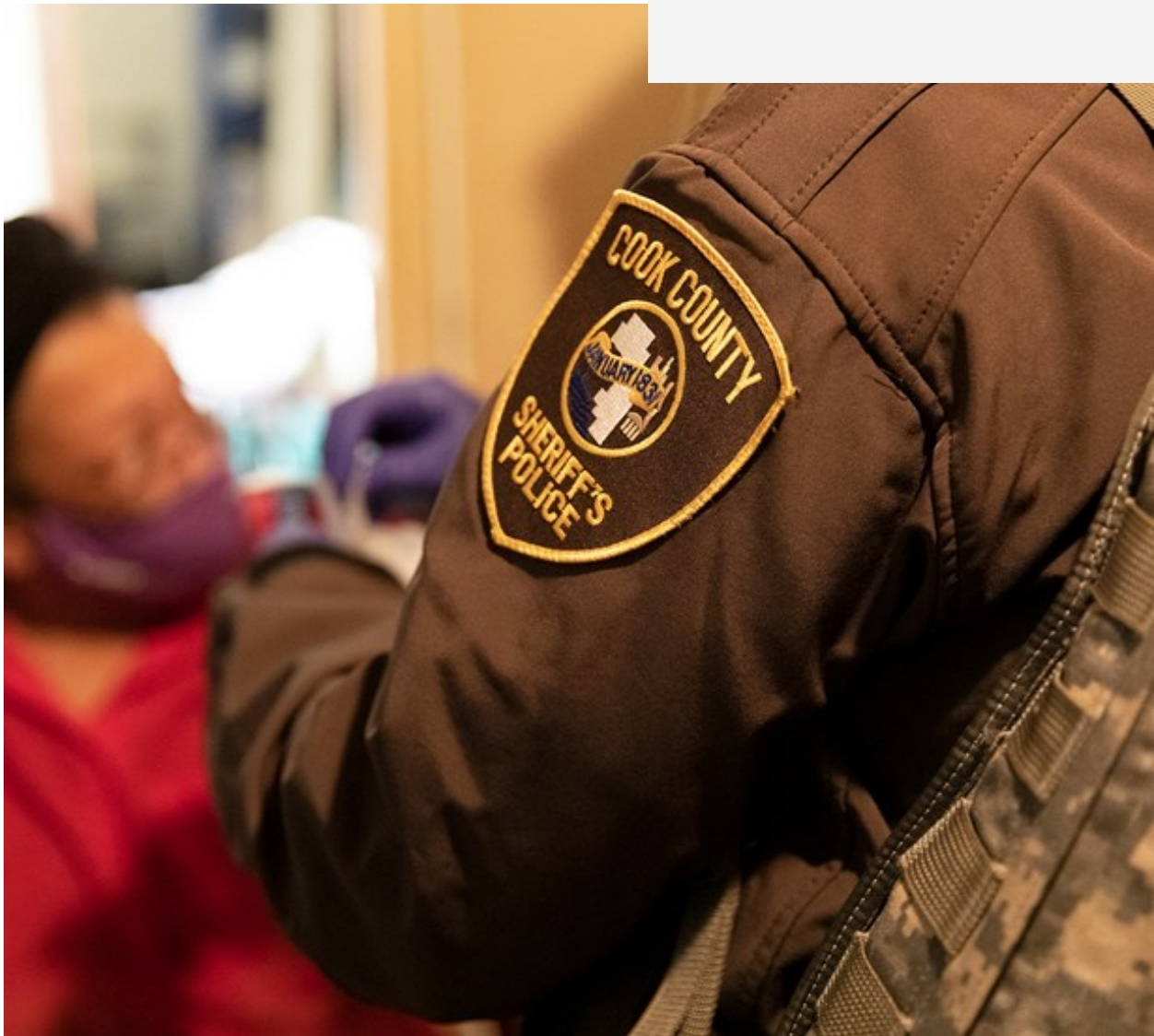
We have vaccinated nearly 200 individuals in some of the County's most under-resourced regions.



COVID-19 HOMEBOUND VACCINATIONS

The Sheriff's Office was one of the first agencies in Cook County to vaccinate homebound individuals.

Partnering with the Mobile Care Foundation, Meals on Wheels of Northern Illinois, and CCDPH, we vaccinate homebound and non-ambulatory individuals who have no other way of receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.





DOG ADOPTION — TAILS OF REDEMPTION

The Cook County Sheriff's Tails of Redemption program provides an opportunity to incarcerated detainees to work with shelter dogs and train them to increase their chances for adoption.

These dogs are available for adoption by the general public.

DRUG TAKEBACK PROGRAM

Cook County residents can safely dispose of their unwanted medicines by taking them to a collection box, dozens of which are located throughout Cook County, or to designated community prescription drug take back events.

Participating local law enforcement and government agencies and pharmacies will accept unwanted Covered Drugs, including most prescription and over-the-counter medicines for disposal.

Mail-back envelopes are available for residents who are elderly or home-bound and have limited mobility.

There is no cost to residents to use this service.





FOOD DISTRIBUTION

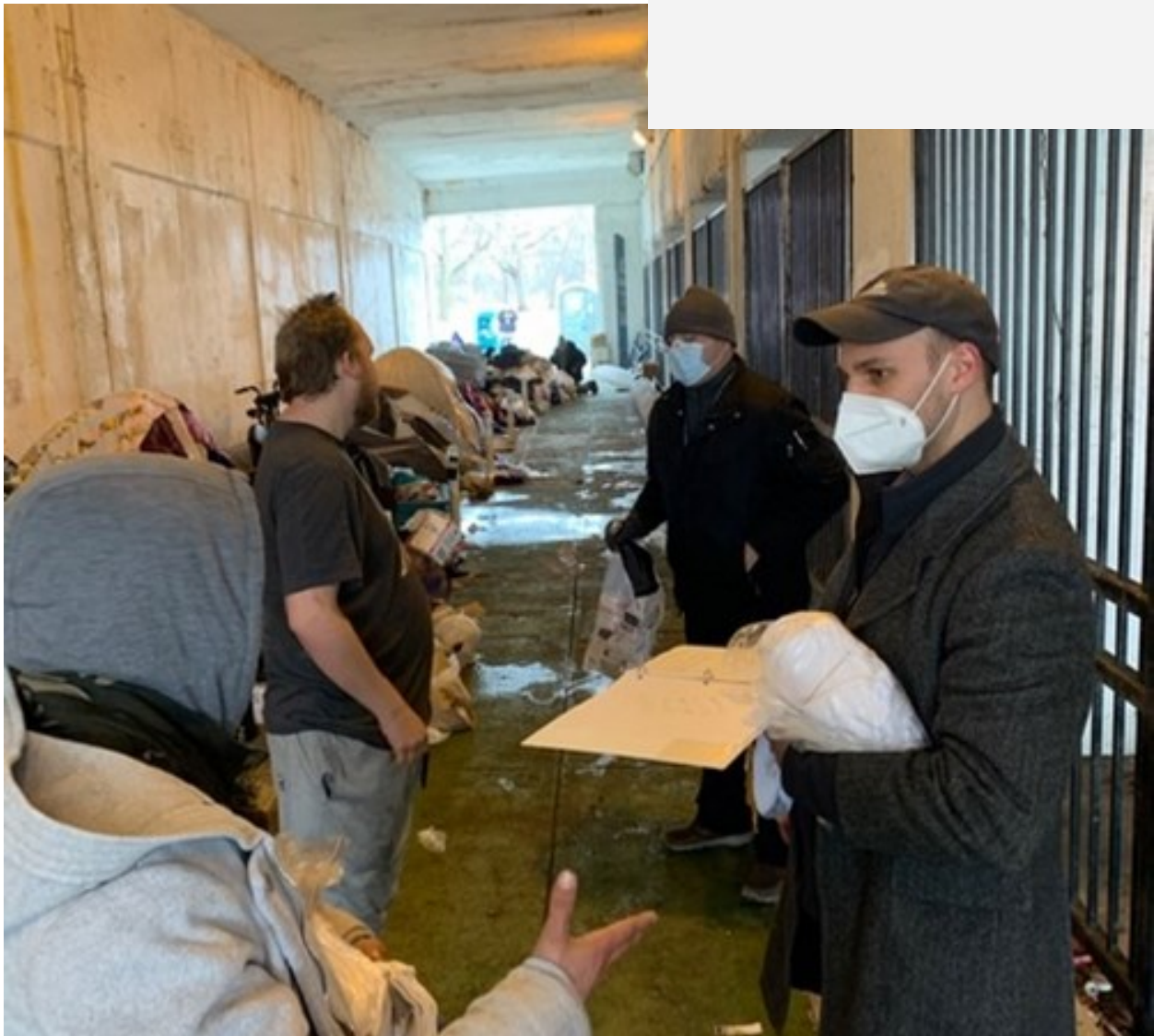
Our Office partners with dozens of food pantries and the Greater Chicago Food Depository to coordinate food deliveries and distribution to citizens experiencing food insecurity.

We distribute directly to seniors through Meals on Wheels, to thousands of community members at drive-through distributions, and to those in dire need of food through a direct drop-off of shelf-stable goods supplied by the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

HOMELESS SERVICES

Our staff perform regular outreach to the homeless, coordinating on-site service as well as visitation to our partners who specialize in services for the homeless.

Our staff also provides care packages to the homeless, giving them tools to fight the spread of COVID-19. These packages include Narcan, a life-saving opioid antagonist.





GIFT DISTRIBUTION

Every year our staff delivers thousands of donated gifts to Cook County's children, visiting schools, churches, daycares, and family homeless shelters to see that no child is left wanting during the holidays.





COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



HR RESOURCE FAIRS

Members of our Human Resources department partner with local groups to participate in employment resource fairs, introducing employment opportunities directly to community members.

MOBILE POPUPS

The Office has partnered with the Mobile Care Foundation to provide dental care, asthma care, optical care, food stuffs, and back to school supplies to children and their guardians.

We travel to where resources are most needed and individualize resources based on the needs of each community.

PATROL

The officers in the Patrol Division are the front-line, immediate first responders of the Sheriff's Police. Their primary responsibility is to provide basic police services to the 109,000 citizens in unincorporated Cook County. Additionally, Sheriff's Police patrol units respond to requests from suburban law enforcement agencies for assistance in areas of traffic control, back-up response, and additional manpower.



PEACE CIRCLES

In support of healing, our Community Engagement Unit coordinates peace circles in communities.

These circles give community members and staff a place to safely reconcile and learn from one another.





PET FOOD PANTRIES

Acknowledging our furry four-legged friends, the Sheriff's Office strove to ensure that pets would not suffer during the financial turmoil suffered by many during the pandemic.

The Sheriff partnered with Rescue Pack Chicago, Fetching Tails Foundation, the Thornton Township Food Assistance Center, and Meals on Wheels of Northern Illinois to distribute hundreds of bags of quality pet food to owners and their pets waiting in food pantry lines.





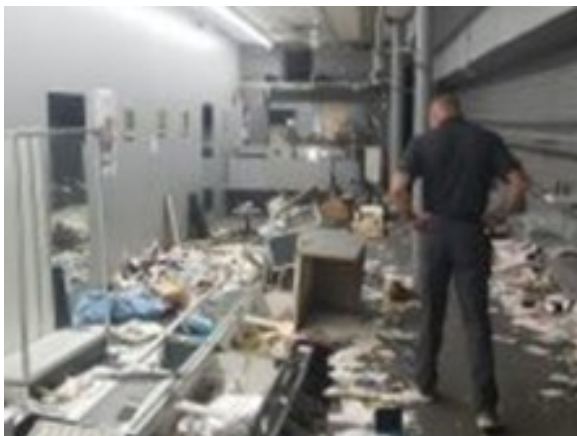
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



RANGER AND ZILLY—THE THERAPY DOGS

Ranger and Zilly, our therapy dogs, bring much needed comfort to staff members and new friends alike.

They often visit meeting rooms but can also be found at the bedside of patients at the children's hospital.



REBUILD

Rebuild is a program that works with local businesses to help them recover from damage.

Our Union Skilled Tradesmen can work to clean up damage including painting walls, mending doors, light carpentry, and more.

RENEW

The one-of-a-kind Restoring Neighborhoods Workforce initiative has been removing blight and creating opportunity since late 2013 by training individuals in deconstruction techniques, removing abandoned properties, and connecting participants to employment.

RENEW participants gain skills and job site experience under a diversion program for those sentenced on non-violent crimes. RENEW trains participants in deconstruction techniques through in-class and on-site education, helping them build a work history and critical real-world experience.

SHERIFF'S VEHICLE LIGHT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

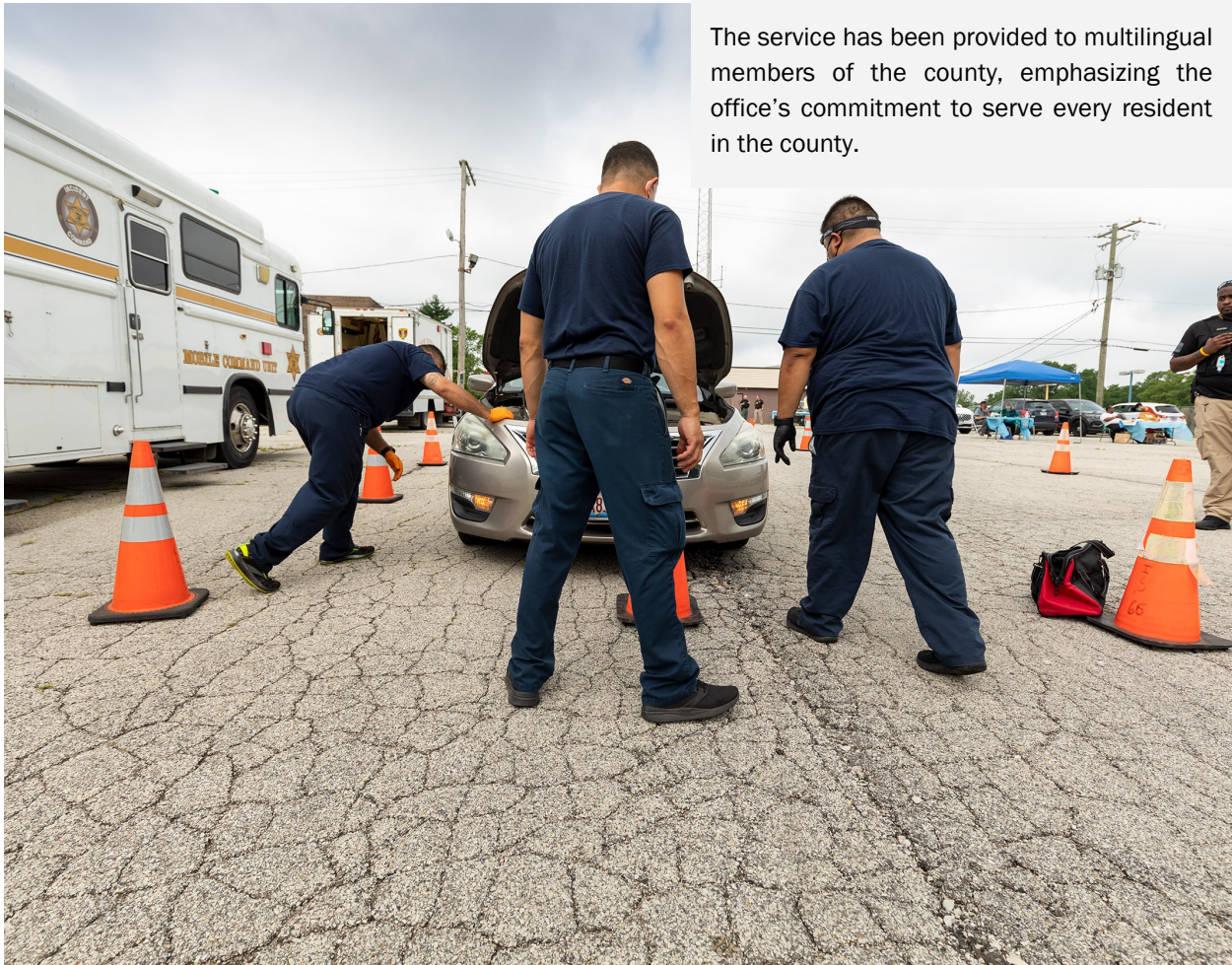
The Sheriff's Office has made long-term investments in non-traditional law enforcement programs. The Sheriff's Vehicle Light Replacement Program falls into this non-traditional model.

CCSO mechanics provide the expertise necessary to replace defective and missing lights on vehicles. Replacing broken bulbs reduces the number of traffic-related stops and removes some auto repair costs. It also eliminates court costs and associated fees.

We've hosted nine events in 8 communities and repaired lights on 247 vehicles since the program's inception in August of 2021.*

*Through June 15, 2022.

The service has been provided to multilingual members of the county, emphasizing the office's commitment to serve every resident in the county.



SELF-DEFENSE CLASSES

When community members felt unsafe, our office responded with on-site self-defense classes. We coordinate with local entities to provide awareness lessons and basic defensive tactics to willing participants who want to assure their own safety. The self-defense class is inclusive to all ability levels and has included modifications for seniors and those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, including ASL-interpretation.



STOP THE BLEED

Recognizing that the number one cause of preventable death after injury is bleeding, the Sheriff began offering the Stop-the-Bleed Program. Stop-the-Bleed is a nationally recognized program developed by the American College of Surgeons. Participants are taught how to identify life-threatening bleeding as well as how to stop it by sworn paramedics. Participants earn a certificate for successful completion of the class.



SHERIFF'S WORK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

The Cook County Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) was established as a diversion program. In lieu of incarceration, those convicted of non-violent crimes serve their time by completing community projects.

Under direct supervision of Sheriff's personnel, offenders provide a variety of services to the community including street and park cleanup, viaduct cleaning, brush and weed removal, and upkeep of community gardens.





T AND U VISAS

The Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act (VTVPA) of 2000 was enacted to strengthen the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute serious crimes and trafficking in persons, while offering protections to victims of such crimes without the immediate risk of being removed from the country.

A U-Visa is a temporary visa issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to victims of certain crimes, providing temporary legal status and eligibility to work in the United States for up to 4 years.

Individuals can apply for a T or U visa through the Sheriff's Office.

TRUANCY PROGRAMMING

The Cook County Sheriff's Office's Juvenile Justice & Advocacy Unit (J.J.A.U.) collaborates with school districts and others to address attendance issues.

The J.J.A.U. conducts home visits, assists students and their families/caregivers, and provides educational programming.



TREATMENT RESPONSE TEAM

The Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team (TRT) is a social service program embedded in a law enforcement agency. In this interdisciplinary team, highly trained police officers save the lives of overdose victims and refer them to licensed mental health/substance abuse professionals for treatment.

The TRT assists individuals and families impacted by substance abuse and mental health concerns.

The TRT's new Co-Responder Virtual Assistance Program provides our Police Officers with a powerful tool to help individuals in crisis. This program allows our licensed professional staff to connect with clients in an impactful way across the large geographical area of Cook County.



Photo Credit Antonia Perez / Chicago Tribune

TURKEY DISTRIBUTION

Every year, the Sheriff's Office distributes hundreds of turkeys to families celebrating Thanksgiving. We coordinate with the Cook County Housing Authority, schools, and churches to see that everyone has a turkey on their table.



WANDERING RESPONSE PROGRAM

Those on the autism spectrum, people with developmental disabilities and seniors with dementia are likely to wander from their homes and other safe spaces, putting them at risk of death or injury.

The Sheriff's Wandering Response Program is intended to train family members, caregivers, and social service providers on ways to limit the risk of wandering.

One important way the wandering response program is doing this is by providing scent kits that help canines track scents in emergency situations. These kits allow an individual's scent to be stored for years without contamination by other environmental factors, helping first responders search for a missing individual.





SENIOR SERVICES

The Senior Services Department coordinates with law enforcement and other professionals in the community who specialize in meeting the needs of seniors through planning, education, communication, cooperative strategies, and supportive services.

Our commitment is to reduce victimization and enhance law enforcement services provided to our senior population.

For additional information on any of our Senior Services programs, please call 708-865-7341.



CELL PHONES FOR SENIORS

The Sheriff's Cell Phones for Seniors program provides a free 911 emergency cellular phone to Cook County residents over the age of 65 who do not have a cellular phone. The Office believes that senior citizens should have a cell phone as an extra measure of security whether they're traveling, taking public transportation, or participating in outdoor activities. Individuals, local organizations, and businesses are encouraged to donate their unwanted cell phones or sponsor a cell phone drive to support this program.

The Cook County Sheriff's Office has been collecting phones since 2006.



SENIOR ACADEMIES

The Senior Law Enforcement Academy is a six-week program designed to give seniors an overview of the responsibilities of law enforcement agencies in Cook County. The curriculum offers participants an in depth look at law enforcement agency operations, as well as specific crime prevention methods, including personal safety, gang and drug awareness, home protection and avoiding scams and con games.



SENIOR WELLNESS CHECKS

When community members are concerned for the health and well-being of their loved ones, our staff performs wellness checks at their homes.

We have paired this with proactive outreach, contacting seniors and checking their wellness over-the-phone in order to connect them to resources or an officer who can provide them with food and supplies.

Our office also proactively checks on individuals, including seniors and youth, during extreme weather conditions and power outages. If contact cannot be made with the resident, attempts are made to make contact with individuals listed as emergency contacts.



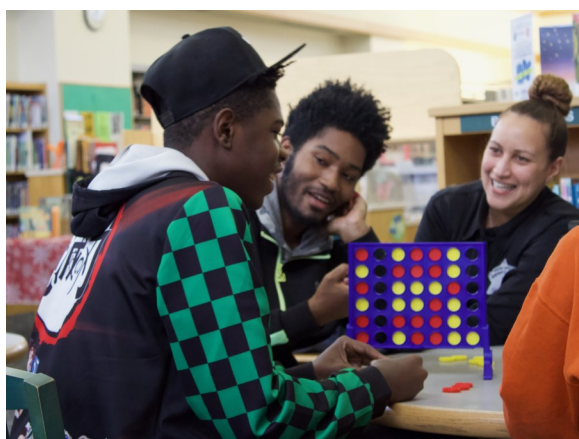


YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Children see possibilities where others see challenges.

Our Office shares that youthful vision. Our Youth Programs are based on what our young citizens tell us they need and enjoy. Each Youth Program has been born out of conversations with our children and young people. We eagerly partner with community programs to provide safe and fun ways to play together. And they have taught us what is important to them: Art, Community, Education, Friends, and Family. We respond by giving them access to the Arts, mentoring, school support, and safe spaces.

We believe that our young people are our future. Our Office does everything in its power to make sure that our children realize that future.



GAME NIGHT

The Sheriff's Game Night started in 2019 when members of the Sheriff's Office and the West Chicago Avenue Branch of the Chicago Public Library decided to develop constructive after-school-programming for Austin's students. CCSO staff bring a collated collection of board games meant to challenge the mind and one another. Staff and students bond over shared victories and losses, share a meal together, and practice communicating over structured fun.





YOUTH PROGRAMMING



THE JUNIOR SHERIFF'S PROGRAM

Through our partnership with the Catalyst Circle Rock school in Austin, we've developed the Junior Sheriffs Program.

We focus on developing young leaders for community ambassadorship as well as physical and emotional education.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Every year we host National Night Out in Ford Heights.

It's a time to celebrate police officers as members of the communities they work in.

We provide food and festivities while building relationships and familiarizing community members with our work.



SOUTH SUBURBAN FOCUS

Our Office has developed a number of programs specific to the enrichment of individuals living in underserved south suburban municipalities such as Ford Heights.

- Summer Basketball League, a 6-week summer basketball league for middle-school age students in Ford Heights.
- Personal Empowerment (P.E.) Mentoring Group, a mentoring program focusing on the areas of responsibility, leadership, and respect.
- SHAPE, a program that improves police-community relations while building trust and improving community safety. Programming is tailored to kids and teens. Officers visit school during lunch, gym and/or art periods, hosting informal and inclusive activities focused on creating positive relationships between youth and law enforcement. Officers hold constructive discussions with children about issues related to their personal lives.
- Life Application Series Program, which focuses on leadership and character building. Includes an educational field trip or service project during the weeks of Spring Break and Winter Break for middle school age students.

SUMMER CAMPS

The Summer Youth Leadership Academy Camp is a four-day program for elementary/middle school students that focuses on a character-building curriculum that includes anger management, decision making, and life skills workshops. The goals of the Academy are for campers to:

- recognize that peace can be cultivated from within
- increase interpersonal peacemaking skills
- develop an appreciation for nature and the outdoors
- learn how to get along with others through activities and games



APPENDIX

A sampling of the Community Engagement Unit's programs and services, by the numbers, grouped by color. Blanks are uncounted programs or those which have not yet taken place.

Community Services	2020	2021	2022*
Meals Distributed to Homebound Individuals & through Food Pantries (excludes pet food and pallets of food)	73,120	14,990	-
Deliveries of Pet Food to Homebound Individuals	-	12	33
Pet Food Pantries	-	3	3
Pallets of Food Distributed at Events	-	35	49
Mobile Health Events Including Vaccination Events	13	13	-
Community Event Vaccinations	-	168	-
Vaccines Distributed to Homebound Individuals	-	153	-
Businesses Assisted by Operation Rebuild	5	-	-
Vehicle Light Repair Events	-	4	5
Vehicles whose lights were repaired	-	78	169
Community Self-Defense Classes	-	5	3
Community Self-Defense Class Participants	-	61	63
Hate Crime Seminar Participants	-	1,000	
Community Townhalls	-	3	2
Peace Circles	-	1	
Wandering Kits Distributed	-	126	174
Thanksgiving Turkeys distributed to shelters, churches, and missions		1,447	
Toy Distribution Events	2	2	
Boxes of Christmas Toys Distributed		22	
Cyber Crimes / Senior Scams Seminars		1	3
Cyber Crimes / Senior Scams Seminar Participants			62
Stop the Bleed Classes	-	-	1
Stop the Bleed Class Participants	-	-	12
Number of Cell Phones for Seniors Collection Sites		70	
Number of Cell Phones Donated by the General Public		926	
Number of 911 Emergency Cell Phones Given to Senior Citizens		21	
Number of Senior Presentations/Events		44	29
Senior Academies		-	1
Basketball Teams Coached	-	-	1
Basketball Mentees	-	-	30
Board Game Nights	2	-	7
Youth discussion panel	-	1	2
Junior Sheriffs Participants	36	-	26
Summer Leadership Camps	4	-	2
CAPS Meetings			63

*Year to date 06/15/22



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SENIOR PROGRAMMING

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TREATMENT RESPONSE TEAM

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Programs for Individuals Detained at the Cook County Department of Corrections

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2 INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT & STRATEGIC ASSIGNMENT (I.A.S.A.)

The Sheriff's IASA initiative is a framework that was developed in 2020 to promptly target individuals with client-centered plans to support them if they remain in custody and when they return to the community.

IASA reaches individuals while they are "in on the new" and swiftly provides targeted recommendations for programming and services available within Cook County Jail. The goal of the IASA approach is to match individuals with jail-provided services and programs that are best suited to address their needs during the time they will be in custody. It is a proactive plan of engagement to meet people where they are.

Participation in IASA is voluntary. Interested individuals work with a Sheriff's behavioral health specialist to complete assessment forms shortly after they are booked into the jail. Using their completed assessments, their demographic information, their medical and mental evaluations by Cermak Health Services, and an estimated length of stay calculated by the Sheriff's Research Department, individualized plans are created that provide programming recommendations. The plans are then used to guide participants to available programs and services that will help with their needs and goals.

By providing connections to supportive resources during someone's first week in custody, the IASA framework also seeks to address their potential needs upon reentry.

The results of this unique framework are promising. About 60 percent of the jail's population is involved in some level of programming, largely due to IASA.

IASA's goal is rehabilitation and ultimately reducing recidivism. It ensures the needs of those ordered to the custody of the Cook County Jail are met, while in custody and after they leave, and provides direction so they can continue a path towards positively change their lives.

Pre-Bond Court

CCSO Mental Health staff conduct rapid assessments of all arrestees attending Bond Court at Central Bond Court for self-reported mental illness and substance use. CCSO tracks how many arrestees are opiate addicted and provides immediate intervention for treatment and education on Naloxone.

Referrals are provided to the Office of the Public Defender and the Office of the Assistant State's Attorney before Central Bond Court for any arrestees who may qualify for specialty courtrooms such as Mental Health Court, Drug Court, or Veterans Treatment Court.

Arrestees flagged as mentally ill and/or those who want mental health and substance abuse services are contacted in the community and in CCDOC. CCSO works with contracted community partners to provide case coordination to individuals who receive I-Bonds and EM and therefore do not receive services in Cermak or RTU.

The Sheriff's Enhanced Discharge Program

The Sheriff's Enhanced Discharge Program is a rapid response program to assess and provide discharge plans based on the needs of individuals leaving the jail. Providing a smooth transition back into the community for all those leaving custody has been a priority of the Sheriff for many years, and his vision paved the way for efforts like the "Discharge Lounge" and the Supportive Release Center, both of which were managed for several years in partnership with TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities).

The Discharge Lounge was an all-encompassing effort in which TASC staff were positioned within the Discharge Unit at CCDOC in the basement of division 5 during the afternoon/evening shift, and they interviewed those leaving custody in order to address any needs they may have, such as bus cards, a ride home, a place to live, directions on where to pick up discharge medications, a referral to a treatment program, verification of their healthcare coverage, a voter registration application . . . Due to funding concerns, TASC staff stopped working in CCDOC Discharge a few months prior to COVID.

At the onset of COVID pandemic, the Discharge Community Outreach Team was put together to make sure all COVID-positive individuals leaving custody had a safe and secure place to stay in the community that would allow them to isolate, and to make sure that outreach was done to the community hosts of all those leaving the jail.

The Sheriff's Office wanted to create a more permanent team that would not only continue the good work already being doing via the community outreach team, but also elevate the effort to include many of the aspects previously conducted by the TASC staff in the Discharge Lounge – and more.

The newly formed team, based out of the discharge area in division 5, works afternoons/evenings to cover the timeframe when most individuals are discharged, and covers Saturdays and Sundays.

Discharge is a focal point for a lot of different projects. It often comes up in criminal justice reform efforts, as so many different entities rightly view it as a good inflection point to provide support and resources to a population in need before they "disappear" into the community. I mention this because this role is dynamic, broad in scope, and constantly evolving, while also very rewarding in its ability to truly have a direct impact on people's lives as they leave the jail.

To provide a basic sense of the scope of this work beyond the current community outreach calls, here are a few projects the Discharge Community Outreach Team takes on:

- Cermak staff onsite provide prescriptions for those leaving custody, and they currently share information such as, "Please remind Mr. Dotson that medications will be available at the BC pharmacy" via a large email group. This team would notify Mr. Dotson to ensure he is aware that he has medications to be picked up. If Mr. Dotson had already been discharged at the time the information is received from Cermak, this team would then reach out to Mr. Dotson, inform him of where to obtain his medications, and provide a referral to the Resource Center.
- Recently enacted Illinois law requires the jail to provide both a voter registration application and educational materials on voter rights to all those leaving custody. This team is responsible for working with sworn DOC staff to ensure these materials are distributed and to monitor the number of handouts onsite, so we never run out/always remain compliant with the new law.
- Community organizations often receive grant funds to make sure there is a "warm hand-off" for those leaving custody between the jail and a community organization, like Thresholds, Safer Foundation, Gateway, CRC etc.... In these cases, this team would understand the type of

population that the community organization is seeking to serve, be able to identify those criteria in someone leaving custody and translate that into an appropriate referral.

- As part of their COVID response, the Chicago Department of Public Health requested a weekly report of all those that have left custody COVID-positive and where they went to upon release, including contact information. A member of this team compiles this report weekly.
- The team also covers vaccination discharges much in the same way it covers COVID discharges (confirming host information, compiling a weekly report).

3 RESTORATION & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING

Restorative and enrichment-focused programs are facilitated throughout Cook County Jail by Sheriff's Office IIC Programs Department staff, partnering community agencies, and independent volunteers. Offerings vary by division. These elective curriculums and courses cover a wide range of themes including creative expression, job readiness, and personal transformation.

Below is an incomplete list of current restoration and enrichment programming offerings for individuals detained at the Cook County Department of Corrections.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 12 STEP & A.A. 12 STEP FOR SPANISH-SPEAKERS

*A.A. Corrections Committee
Above & Beyond Recovery
Independent Volunteers*

ALPHA PARENTING

Chicagoland Prison Outreach

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Independent Volunteer

ART

*Radioactive - 96 Acres Project
Independent Volunteers*

AUNT MARY'S STORYBOOK

Companions Journeying Together

BECOMING A MAN

Youth Guidance

BEYOND MY BARS

Willow Creek Church

BIBLE STUDY

*Chicagoland Prison Outreach
Kolbe House
La Verdad Que Liberta*

BOOK CLUBS

*Free Write Arts & Literacy Chicago
Kolbe House
Independent Volunteers
CCSO Programs Staff*

CREATIVE WRITING

CCSO Programs Staff

DANCE

Independent Volunteer

DEBATE

Independent Volunteer

DRAMA AND IMPROV

Piven Theatre Group
Still Point Theater Collective
JustArt Theater

DESIGNING YOUR LIFE GOAL-SETTING WORKSHOP

Independent Volunteers

EMAGES TREATMENT GROUP**EMOTIONAL FITNESS**

Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry

FAMILY BRIDGES

I AM ABLE Center for Family Development

FATHERHOOD IN ACTION

Salvation Army Family & Community Services

FILM STUDY

International Children's Media Center

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Kolbe House
Independent Volunteer

"FOOTPRINTS" WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUP

Christian Community Health Center

HEALTH EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing
Rush University College of Nursing
Rush University School of Medicine

KNITTING

Committed Knitters

LARRY'S BARBER COLLEGE

Independent Volunteer

LGBTQ+ SUPPORT GROUP

Chicago House

MALACHI DADS

Awana Lifeline

MALE LEADERSHIP

Independent Volunteer

MEDIA LITERACY

CCSO Programs Staff

MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS

Zen Life Meditation Center
CCSO Programs Staff
Independent Volunteers

MEN & MASCULINITY

Kolbe House

MUSIC

Harmony, Hope, & Healing

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS 12 STEP

Independent Volunteers

PARENTING RIGHTS

Families' and Children's AIDS Network (FCAN)
Legal Council for Health Justice

PARENTING SUPPORT

Erikson Institute
EverThrive
CCSO Programs Staff
Independent Volunteers

PEACE CIRCLE

Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry

PICKLEBALL

CCSO Programs Staff

POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY

Kolbe House

POWER OF FATHERS

Independent Volunteers

PRENATAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Illinois Birth Justice

PRIDE LGBTQ+ FOCUS GROUP

University of Chicago

PROSTITUTES ANONYMOUS 12 STEP

Independent Volunteer

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Northwestern University

QUILTING

Inheritance Quilting Project

RADIO BROADCASTING

CCSO Programs Staff

**READING BETWEEN THE LINES -
COMMUNICATION SKILLS****SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM**

CCSO Programs Staff

SELF ESTEEM

Selah Freedom

SMART RECOVERY

Independent Volunteer

SPIRITUAL LIFE LEARNING

Kolbe House

University of Chicago Divinity School

Independent Volunteer

STORYTELLING LAB

Independent Volunteers

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Kolbe House

TELLING OUR STORIES

Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry

RE-ENTRY SUPPORT GROUPS

Cabrini Green Legal Aid

Kolbe House

Rethink & Relink

Rincon Family Services

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Kolbe House

THEOLOGICAL COURSE

McCormick Seminary

VALUES ALIGNED GOAL SETTING

Second Opportunity

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Joseph Center

WRITING SEMINAR

ConTextos

WRITING WORKSHOPS

Free Write Arts & Literacy Chicago

HyperText Magazine & Studio

JustArt

Illinois Humanities

University of Chicago

YOGA

Health and Wellness Yoga

Prison Yoga Chicago

Yoga for Recovery

Independent Volunteers

4 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PROGRAMS

The following substance use treatment programs offered by the Sheriff's Office are court-ordered.

SMART – MEN'S RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

The CCDOC Men's Residential Treatment Program is a modified therapeutic community treatment program for substance abuse and co-occurring disorders. It is dedicated to helping male detainees learn pro-social behaviors and equipping them with the support and tools they need to avoid substance use and criminal activity. SMART programming began being provided internally by the CCSO in January 2020 after a contract with an outside agency expired.

Onsite programming includes cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), individual and group counseling, psycho-educational groups (focused on topics such as fatherhood, men's aggression, and domestic violence), and re-entry planning, among other services.

Detainees who complete the 90-day program and remain in custody at CCDOC continue to receive Step-Down services, recovery-based programming with a focus on bio-psychosocial components. Step-Down services are provided by CCSO DOC Programs staff and outside community organizations.

THRIVE – WOMEN'S RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

The Therapeutic Healing Recovery Initiative for Vitality and Empowerment (T.H.R.I.V.E.) was created to support women who suffer from addiction while they are in jail. THRIVE provides gender- and culturally responsive services to women with complex chemical dependency, mental health, and community re-entry needs. The program employs evidence-based strategies to guide participants in establishing thought patterns and habits that will help them avoid future substance use and improve their overall psycho-social functioning. Programming consists of a 90-day curriculum designed to address the biopsychosocial factors related to addiction and incarceration. THRIVE programming began on April 1, 2017 after a contract with an outside agency running a similar program expired.

Onsite programming includes cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), individual and group counseling, psycho-educational groups (focused on parenting, anger management, domestic violence, trauma, emotional regulation, mental illness and substance abuse), and re-entry planning, among other services. Detainees also participate in restorative programming geared towards the development of pro-social behaviors as well as individual wellness, such as yoga, theater, book club, health education, AA/NA and art therapy.

Detainees with a psychological diagnosis who receive mental health treatment from Cermak Health Services and are cleared for participation in THRIVE receive programming from both partners.

SOAR – ELECTRONIC MONITORING AND CASE MANAGEMENT FOR OPIOID USERS

SOAR is dedicated to helping detainees recover from opioid addiction and transition into the community with supportive wraparound services. SOAR is a step-down program available to individuals who have completed a 90 day in-custody drug treatment program, either SMART or THRIVE. Participants are linked to community resources through an individualized case management re-entry plan. The case manager assists participants with addressing their needs and achieving identified goals. Services can include but are not limited to education, vocational training, employment, religious services, medical services, substance abuse treatment services and mental health services. In the summer of 2020, SOAR merged with the SMART and THRIVE programs, so SOAR eligibility is now determined by SMART and THRIVE program staff. As of April 2021, SOAR is preparing to offer services to individuals in the jail who have “MAT,” “Detox,” and “Naloxone Trained” alerts.

All people in CCDOC custody who were ordered to EM but do not have an eligible host site are considered No Place to Stay (NPTS – [see section 19 below](#)). Detainees designated NPTS are interviewed for potential host sites and then given brief assessments to determine their level of care (I, II, or III) for alternative housing placement. Through this assessment, if someone reports substance use issues, specifically problematic opioid use, they are offered services through SOAR. Additionally, they can be identified by reviewing detox or methadone alerts in CCOMS. These individuals are considered “volunteer” participants, which is different from those who were court-ordered to substance use treatment in custody and then receive a court order for EM with SOAR. Beginning in March 2020, SOAR phased out the NPTS program. The last volunteer SOAR participant was discharged in January 2021.

5 VRIC – VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IMPACT CENTER

The VRIC program is court-ordered.

The first stage of participation in the Vocational Rehabilitation Impact Center (V.R.I.C.) is the in-custody component, which is based on basic discipline, educational skills, counseling, and alcohol or substance abuse treatment. Many detainees are ultimately selected to take part in the sheriff’s new Neighborhood Restoration Initiative. Industry and OSHA-trained staff instruct the participants on deconstruction techniques and proper safety protocols. VRIC detainees then use these new skills to deconstruct abandoned homes in Cook County’s distressed communities. This instruction, combined with field coursework, provide VRIC graduates with skills that can serve them in obtaining employment.

The second stage is the post-release supervision program, where participants receive follow-up counseling and case management services as well as job-readiness training and job placement assistance. All post-release participants are on electronic monitoring for an eight-month period and are drug tested at least twice per month. If a participant is not enrolled in school or partaking in verified employment, they report to the VRIC facility and are assigned to a work crew with the Sheriff’s Support Services. All measures are designed to keep participants active and inspired to return to their communities as a productive member of society.

6 EDUCATION AND LITERACY SERVICES

ADULT BASIC AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PREP

Instruction provided by CCSO educational programming staff and volunteer tutors.

Cermak, Division 8 RTU, Division 6 Annex, Division 9, and Division 10

PACE INSTITUTE

Volunteers from the Safer Foundation help individuals in custody expand their literacy skills and provide instruction to individuals interested in earning a state-issued high school equivalency (HSE) credential.

Divisions 5 RTU Annex, Division 6, and Division 11

CONSUELLA B. YORK ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL

Operated by the Board of Education (BOE) and Chicago Public Schools (CPS). Serving high-school aged detainees working towards their diplomas.

Divisions 5 RTU Annex, Division 6, Division 9, and Division 11

SHERIFF'S HIGHER EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE

Includes: City Colleges of Chicago, DePaul University, Dominican University, Northeastern University, North Park University, Northwestern University, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), and McCormick Theological Seminary

The Sheriff's Higher Education Collaborative brings together higher ed institutions in Cook County to improve outcomes for those in the Cook County Jail through meaningful post-secondary education opportunities. This effort enables individuals in custody to earn college credits and establish relationships with local colleges and universities. The Collaborative seeks to engage those in the higher education community to ensure the education provided is thoughtful, cohesive, and culturally competent, and is provided in a manner which encourages those enrolled to seamlessly re-engage with the university system upon release.

The following community partners work with the Sheriff's Office to provide additional educational and literacy-based programming at CCDOC:

AFTER SCHOOL MATTERS

BECOMING A MAN (BAM) YOUTH GUIDANCE

CONTEXTOS

FREEDOM ROAD FOUNDATION

FREE WRITE ARTS & LITERACY

HARVARD CLUB OF CHICAGO (HCC)

JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

JOSEPH BUSINESS SCHOOL

JUSTICE SYSTEM RESTART INITIATIVE (JSRI)

POWER OF FATHERS INITIATIVE

RUSH UNIVERSITY

SHRIVER CENTER CIVIC CIRCLE

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

7 MENTAL HEALTH TRANSITION CENTER

Division 16

The Mental Health Transition Center (MHTC) opened in 2014 to assist detainees by providing mental health and substance treatment, criminal risk reduction and intervention, vocational skills training, educational services, fine arts, and discharge planning. MHTC serves current CCDOC detainee resident participants, participants in the MHTC MENS program, and former detainees who have been released from CCDOC. Programming is intended to empower justice-involved individuals diagnosed with a substance abuse and/or clinical mental health disorder with the development of a support system to ease their transition back into the community and aid their long-term recovery.

The MHTC Program launched its newest program component, the MHTC Mentoring, Empowerment, and Support (MENS) Program in October 2019. Participants in this program are housed in Division 6 and receive all program services on the MHTC MENS Program tier. This tier serves as a means to provide MHTC services to CCDOC detainees who do not qualify for off-site MHTC programming as a result of their charge or other security-related concerns. There are still eligibility criteria for participation in MHTC MENS, however it is less stringent than the criteria for off-site MHTC participation. Programming primarily consists of mentoring services with group content related to goal setting, healthy communication, self-respect, and societal expectations around manhood.

Behavioral interventions focus on cognitive restructuring, altering criminal thought patterns, and equipping participants with pro-social coping strategies.

Connecting to the Community is a monthly guest speaker series in which prominent members of the community are invited to present on topics related to employment and to share resources. Additional outside organizations are brought in to provide workshops on resume writing, networking, and job interview skills.

Fine arts programming is delivered via creative writing workshops, an advertising class, a photography class, and therapeutic drum circles. The fine arts programming provides therapeutic benefits tied to freedom of expression, stress reduction, and enhancement of non-verbal communication skills such as active listening. Participants are given the opportunity to showcase their work at Fine Arts Exhibitions hosted at the MHTC every three months.

Comprehensive discharge planning is comprised of an initial assessment and coordination of linkages to needed services such as housing assistance, outpatient treatment, and assistance with benefit enrollment or reinstatement. Each participant receives an individualized discharge plan within two weeks of beginning the program. The Community Outreach Manager follows up with individuals once they have been discharged, adding to their treatment plan at that time and updating CCSO's records to note what type of service linkages have been utilized post-release.

Upon discharge, participants are afforded the opportunity to remain connected to the Mental Health Transition Center through its Alumni Association. The Alumni Association meets twice a month to assist participants in staying engaged with treatment and recovery services, provide fellowship, and continuously promote participants' successful transition back into the community.

8 SAVE – THE SHERIFF’S ANTI-VIOLENCE EFFORT

Division 11

The Cook County Sheriff’s Anti-Violence Effort (SAVE) is a voluntary program that targets 18 to 25-year-old males who are likely to be victims of violence or to perpetuate violence. The cohort-based programming is grounded in an effective form of psychotherapy known as cognitive behavioral therapy, widely recognized as an evidence-based component to effective rehabilitation. SAVE is designed to install positive social norms and values in participants. Motivated participants are provided with the tools and support they need to reintegrate into some of the Chicago communities most impacted by violence.

The purpose of the SAVE program is to assist detainees in learning new ways to understand violence, maintain safety in the community, manage conflict, improve personal relationships, gain independence, decrease substance use, decrease associations with anti-social peers, and eliminate criminal thinking or attitudes while increasing personal pride, job skills, and life skills. The program is grounded in the Risk Needs Responsivity model intended to target the specific criminogenic needs of each program participant. The SAVE program staff are primarily licensed or certified counselors with advanced degrees in social workers, psychology, or education.

The SAVE program consists of two components. During the first component SAVE participants are housed together on a single tier. While in custody, participants are provided with daily individual therapy and programming based on and related to cognitive behavior therapy, anger management, and life skills. Upon discharge, participants are linked to partner agencies in the community while they receive ongoing intensive case management services from SAVE staff. The community-based component is intended to assist participants in staying on track to achieve their goals and to increase safety for themselves and loved ones. Partner agencies work directly with the participant and in collaboration with SAVE staff to maximize participants’ chance of success. Participants may be connected to as many partner agencies as their needs demand. SAVE case management staff continue to work with participants in the community for as long as the participant requests.

9 HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESPONSE TEAM

The HTRT works in collaboration with Cook County Sheriff’s Police to help human trafficking victims and prostituted women and girls. The team is comprised of mental health professionals, health service providers, addiction specialists, and case managers. HTRT staff, some of whom are former victims themselves, refer the sexually exploited individuals to our trauma-informed service partners.

10 LGBTQ+ PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Cook County Jail strives to create an environment where each detained individual is looked at on a holistic level and housed based on their needs. Each Transgender and Gender Non-conforming detainee is reviewed by CCSO and medical and mental health staff at monthly Interagency Meetings to ensure their housing, medical, psychological, programmatic and general safety needs are being met.

Each identified LGBTQ+ individual in custody may meet weekly with the LGBTQ+ IIC Population Specialist, who provides individualized re-entry assistance. The Sheriff's Office also partners with agencies who serve this population in the community, including Chicago House and Howard Brown's Broadway Youth Center, to provide onsite groups at CCDOC and to connect individuals with their services upon their discharge.

LGBTQ+ detainees can participate in SMART, MHTC, THRIVE, and other DOC programs as eligible.

This population receives dedicated beauty shop/barbershop time.

CCDOC provides gender-affirming appropriate undergarments as requested.

11 HEALTHY MOMS AND BABIES

The Healthy Moms and Babies Program connects justice-involved women and families to local Doula and Home Visitor organizations and research-supported services. Pregnant persons are referred to work with a Doula for support throughout pregnancy and labor and delivery, and Moms with young children are referred to a Home Visitor for parenting support that lasts until the child is 5 years old. These services are continuous and designed to work in tandem. Participants in custody can have meetings with their providers while at CCDOC, and participants who are released into the community will access services at home. Before COVID, Doulas from the program provided a weekly group meeting for pregnant and post-partum individuals in custody.

Healthy Moms and Babies has also forged a relationship with the EM Department and Family Focus Childhood Center's Power of Fathers Program to refer Dads on EM to group meetings and case management services at Family Focus.

12 EXPANDED CONTACT VISITATION AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

The Sheriff's Office has made a number of changes at the jail to reflect our commitment to providing a safe, trauma-informed space that supports family engagement and reunification. We have improved and expanded visitation opportunities and coordinated special events throughout the year to support families, including contact visit outings to commemorate Mother's Day and Father's Day and other reoccurring opportunities for connection and recreation with loved ones.

In addition to Video Visits conducted via Microsoft Teams, the CCDOC is allowing daily contact visitation for families (when safe to do so considering the pandemic). Visitation occurs in an outdoor setting with no obstructive objects between the visitors and their loved one who is incarcerated.

We are constantly working to minimize barriers for families attempting to visit the institution (e.g., allowing courtesy visits while applications are being processed, providing clear guidance on visitation on the Sheriff's Office website, and limiting reasons for the termination of visits).

We have partnered with community organizations on beautification efforts, making the area more welcoming and child-friendly by adding umbrellas for shade, sidewalk chalk, and other measures to increase comfortability.

The number of children allowed to visit with their loved one together has been increased to three.

Every effort is made to ensure that law enforcement and security practices occur outside of the visibility of visiting families except in urgent situations where individuals must be immediately secured (e.g., placing and removing handcuffs).

The least-invasive search procedures are employed for visiting families to effectively identify anyone attempting to introduce contraband into the facility while minimizing the risk of retraumatizing the individual.

The Cook County Sheriff's Office recognizes that we must become a more trauma-informed institution. Over the past year, we have sought the assistance of community organizations such as Chicago Beyond to assist us as we develop more trauma-informed policies and procedures, raise awareness and providing training on trauma to our staff, and build more trauma-informed environments and supports for all stakeholders.

13 CHESS

Chess instruction at CCDOC is not only geared to impart an understanding of the game. It also serves as a tool to motivate detainees to think critically, develop logic processes, and work through conflicts. Underpinning lessons are themes of patience, determination, and discipline.

The Sheriff's Office communicates with outside chess entities, both nationally and internationally, to plan and execute online chess tournaments and solicit new partnerships.

Family engagement events are held monthly in which the children of participants are invited to an off-site location to play chess virtually with their fathers. Participants can see and talk to their children while they play an online chess match. The goal of the program is not only to introduce children to the game of chess, but also allow them to strengthen their connection with their incarcerated parent while reducing the emotional trauma that is normally associated with such a relationship. The Sheriff's Office offers transportation assistance for families to and from the events.

14 URBAN FARM AND GARDEN

The Urban Farm and Garden engages detainees in a 12-week horticulture curriculum and job readiness training. The practice of horticulture is linked to numerous psychological and physical benefits such as increased patience, peer collaboration, strong work ethic, and aerobic exercise. Detainees learn employable skills such as business operations, production, packaging, delivery, book keeping and marketing.

The program operates from February to October each year. Produce and perennial cut flowers are sold to local high-end restaurants, florists, and at farmers' markets. All proceeds directly support Inmate Welfare initiatives.

15 APIARY

The apiary has two working hives complete with a colony of bees. The Sheriff's Beekeeping program operates from February to October. The program teaches participants sustainability and entrepreneurship. The bees pollinate the vegetables grown at the urban farm and garden so that the farm produces a higher yield, and the honey is also harvested and sold at farmers' markets. All proceeds directly support Inmate Welfare initiatives.

16 ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Entrepreneurship program uses business ownership as a framework for critical re-entry skills and provides participants with business tools, entrepreneurial skills, and self-confidence to foster alternative employment opportunities upon release. The skills learned in the program include personal goal development, business etiquette, financial literacy, effective communication and teamwork, and leadership and problem solving. Participants are required to complete weekly assignments and projects independently outside of programming hours. Interested candidates apply to the program and are selected for participation based on their commitment to entrepreneurship. Graduates complete the program with a comprehensive business plan.

17 RECIPE FOR CHANGE

MEN'S CULINARY PROGRAM + PIZZA KITCHEN INTERNSHIP

Division 11

Recipe for Change provides culinary training to medium-security male detainees in an effort to prepare them for successful employment post-release. A registered dietician facilitates the health and nutrition classroom component and trained chefs conduct the culinary instruction. Students receive training in commercial cooking techniques, industry-standard kitchen sanitation practices and safety protocols, and customer service, amongst other skills. Participants earn the ServSafe Food Handler Certificate and the ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification over the course of the 8-week curriculum. Both credentials are ANSI-accredited industry standards and give returning citizens a marked advantage should they choose to seek employment in food service upon their return to the community.

Following completion of the instruction phase, participants advance to the Pizza Kitchen Internship. This feature provides advanced students with exposure to a fast-paced work environment and allows them to practice small business management skills. Interns also learn and practice necessary job search skills including resume creation, networking, and interviewing. RFC and CCSO work collaboratively to provide students with re-entry planning services and job placement assistance once back in the community.

MUSIC AND ART STUDIOS

Division 11

The Recipe for Change music studio and visual arts programming provide an opportunity for aspiring musicians and artists to express themselves creatively, receive technical training in their fields, and learn

how to translate their skills into potential careers. Programming allows participants to process and express their emotions and reduce stress and anxiety, while the structure and expectations of the class reinforce coping skills and broader life skills, improving individual outcomes via creative processes.

WOMEN'S CULINARY PROGRAM

Division 8 RTU and Division 5 RTU Annex

Modeled after the men's culinary program, the women's program supports the development of work ethic and wellness within women in custody. Holistic programming components equip female detainees with job readiness skills and foster personal growth. Participants receive hands-on culinary instruction five days/week and are given the opportunity to obtain a ServSafe Food Handler Certificate and a ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification. Medical residents from the University of Chicago conduct health education sessions with the group once a month to promote health awareness and autonomy. Enrichment through the arts is a cornerstone of the program, with opportunities for creative expression offered via a variety of mediums including mural painting and floral arrangement. Detainees also participate in restorative programming geared towards the development of pro-social behaviors as well as individual wellness, such as dance fitness classes, book club, parenting support groups, and female empowerment forums. RFC and CCSO staff work collaboratively to provide women with basic re-entry planning services and job placement assistance once back in the community.

18 TAILS OF REDEMPTION

Division 9

Tails of Redemption is an 8-week training initiative that pairs male CCDOC detainees with Chicago Animal Care and Control (CACC) shelter dogs. Participating detainees live with their dogs and attend classes with them for five hours a day. The training supports the dogs' behavioral health and overall well-being while moving them towards the goal of becoming adoption-ready. Participants demonstrate discipline, compassion, and empathy as they acquire skills and practical work experience that can be applied to future employment opportunities.

The Sheriff Office's K9 unit provides the training and support to the detainees. The program began on August 27, 2018 and each round consists of two months of training. Rounds consist of both new detainee and canine participants, as well as participants from previous rounds. Canine participants rotate back into the program if they have not been adopted by the time the following round begins. Detainees are eligible to participate in following rounds if they are in CCDOC custody and have not previously violated any program rules by the beginning of the following round.

19 VETERANS

Division 16

Incarcerated veterans are housed together on a special population living unit. Veteran-specific programming is facilitated by community partners and CCSO staff. Participants are also offered Meditation & Mindfulness, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous 12 Step groups, Yoga, Soft Skills for Job Readiness workshops, and Health Education classes each week.

CCSO staff coordinates the submission of consent forms on behalf of all self-reported veterans who come in to custody without a DD-214 form. DD-214 forms are the official Certificates of Release or Discharge documents which are provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs upon request. A DD-214 is required for an individual to receive VA benefits and services.

Even if detainees do not meet the qualifications for VA benefits, they are provided with re-entry information and linkages while in the program.

CCSO facilitates access for designated personnel from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to meet with detainees for interviews, discharge planning, and pre-release applications.

Service providers also conduct in-reach to veterans who are housed elsewhere across the compound.

Additional veterans-focused services are provided through the following community partners:

VETERANS JUSTICE OUTREACH:

**REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HINES VA MEDICAL CENTER, THE JESSE BROWN VA MEDICAL CENTER,
AND THE CAPTAIN JAMES A. LOVELL FEDERAL HEALTH CARE CENTER**

Assessments and referrals to Veterans Treatment Court

VA REGIONAL OFFICE

Assistance with veteran verification process

Assistance with medical benefits

VETERANS REBUILDING COMMUNITY

Peer Mentoring

POSITIVE PATHWAYS

Career & Employment Opportunities

AFFORDABLE RECOVERY HOME

Housing and Employment Support Services

20 RELIGIOUS SERVICES

All Divisions

The Religious Services Department supports devoted individuals and community organizations in providing spiritual guidance and charitable items to detainees which enhance their lives during incarceration and support them upon reentry into the community. Religious Services staff coordinate volunteers to facilitate worship services, individual spiritual counseling, and other faith-based educational programming in all DOC divisions.

CCSO hosts quarterly Clergy Advisory Council meetings to provide updates on the Sheriff's initiatives to clergy members and to encourage faith communities to get involved in jail ministry. The meetings also allow for the circulation of community resources that may be of benefit to individuals upon discharge, such as pastoral counseling, housing or employment opportunities, etc.

Organizations interested in offering religious services must apply and attend an annual volunteer training session. There is a one-year participation minimum. The biannual application periods occur from March 1-15 and August 15-29. For more information, email: ccso.religiousservices@ccsheriff.org

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

ABIGAIL 8	CHRIST CENTER LIFE LEARNING MINISTRY	FAITH TEMPLE-EVANSTON
ABUNDANT BLESSINGS CHURCH		FAMILY CHRISTIAN CENTER VM
ACCESS BY FAITH	CHRIST TEMPLE APOSTOLIC F.C.	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMMOND
ALLEN METROPOLITAN	CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (TINLEY PARK)	FIRST BAPTIST CONGREGATIONAL
AMERICAN BAPTIST	CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (BERWYN)	FIRST MISSIONARY CHURCH
AMERICAN MUSLIM MINISTRY		FIRST TABERNACLE COMM. CHURCH
APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF GOD	CHRISTIAN SCIENCE	FRATERNITE NOTRE DAME
APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH	CHURCH ON THE BLOCK	GOLGATHA CHURCH
APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH (WORTH, IL)	CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	GREATER WORKS INTEGRATION
ASAMBLEAS PENTECOSTALES (THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE)	CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF CHICAGO	HAMMOND 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH/ THE REMNANT
BREATH OF LIFE	EASING THE PAIN	HAND OF GRACE
CHAPLAINS FOR CHRIST	ELZABAD OUTREACH MINISTRIES	HEALING THE BROKEN HEARTED MINISTRY
CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH	EXODUS AFTERCARE MINISTRIES	HOLY REMNANT OF GOD/CHRIST IS THE
CHICAGO TABERNACLE	FAITH INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	
	FAITH TEMPLE-CHICAGO	

ANSWER/SETTING THE CAPTIVE
FREE

INCREASING IN CHRIST
MINISTRY

INDIA TELUGU BAPTIST

INDIANA AVE PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH OF GOD

IN THE UPPER ROOM
MINISTRIES

ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF MIDWEST

JEHOVAH WITNESS

JESUS OUTREACH MINISTRY

JEWISH SERVICES, LUBAVITCH
CHABAD (HINDA INSTITUTE)

JOURNEY TO SERENITY

KEY OF LIFE

KINGDOM LIFELINE MINISTRIES

KINGDOM OF GOD MISSIONARY
B. C

KOLBE HOUSE

LIFE EMPOWERMENT CHURCH

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF ALL
NATIONS

LIVING FAITH CHURCH

LIVING WORD CHRISTIAN
CENTER

MASJID DAWAH

MASJID AT-TAWHEEL

MIRACLE REVIVAL CENTER

MISSION OF FAITH BAPTIST
CHURCH

MINISTRY OF
REFUGE/MONUMENT OF FAITH
CHURCH

MISSION USA

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

MT. CARMEL HOLINESS

N THE SPIRIT

NATION OF ISLAM

NEW BEGINNINGS-TRIEDSTONE

NEW COVENANT M. B.C.
(NAOMI'S DAUGHTERS)

NEW LIFE COVENANT -MAIN

NEW LIFE COVENANT NW

NEW MOUNT PILGRIM

NIGHT WATCHMEN

POWER AND LIGHT
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

PRISON OF GOD-NEED TO CALL

PRISONERS OF HOPE

PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY
CHURCH

RESURRECTION HOUSE

SALVATION ARMY

SAVING GRACE

SOLID ROCK OUTREACH

SOUTH SURBURBAN CHURCH OF
GOD

STRANGERS HOME CHURCH

ST STEPHEN AME CHURCH

ST. VINCENT FERRER CATHOLIC
CHURCH

THE MOODY CHURCH

THE ROCK CHURCH

THE WAY OF HOLINESS MISSION

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH OF
CHICAGO

TRUTH & DELIVERANCE

US HISPANIC CHAPLAINS

US CHAPLAINS CHICAGO

UNION EVANGELISTIC BAPTIST
CHURCH

UNIVERSAL CHURCH

VALLEY KINGDOM

VICTORY OUTREACH CHURCH

WARRIORS ON THE WATCH

WILLOW CREEK SOUTH
BARRINGTON (MEN)

WILLOW CREEK NORTH SHORE
(WOMEN)

YOUTH FOR CHRIST

CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST

APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL
CHURCH OF MORGAN PARK

AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART
MINISTRIES

LEGACY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

GIVING A HELPING HAND

GREATER HOLY TEMPLE CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST

BODY OF CHRIST OUTREACH

KING OF GLORY MINISTRY

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

21 NO PLACE TO STAY (NPTS)

The No Place to Stay (N.P.T.S.) initiative allows individuals who are court-ordered to electronic monitoring to reside outside of the Cook County Department of Corrections while they await the disposition of their criminal case(s) in the Circuit Court of Cook County. On any given day, between one hundred to three hundred detainees who have been court-ordered to EM do not have access to a residence within Cook County. As a result, these “No Place to Stay” detainees might otherwise remain housed in the Cook County Department of Corrections for the duration of their time ordered to electronic monitoring, which increases jail population numbers as well as the daily costs associated with housing individuals. Cook County has awarded contracts by way of Requests for Qualifications to private vendors to service the NPTS population. Separate contracts exist through the Justice Advisory Council (JAC) regarding the responsibilities of these vendors.

Interviews are conducted each day by CCSO staff to assess detainees who have been designated as NPTS. A service level assessment is performed through Cook County Health and additional attention is paid to those with mental health, substance abuse-related and medical needs. If an NPTS detainee is eligible for placement in a paid bed at any of CCSO’s contracted alternative housing sites, CCSO staff notifies the court and proceeds to coordinate placement. CCSO identifies those not eligible for placement at alternative housing due to nature of charge, conviction of a sexual nature, or medical/mental health status, and tries to work with courtroom staff on these individual cases.

CCSO also communicates daily with Cook County Health and Hospital Systems regarding medications for those being placed in alternative housing and reports necessary details to alternative housing providers to ensure those placed in their care continue to receive their medications. CCSO staff also communicates with Medicaid Enrollment regarding insurance coverage for those being placed in alternative housing and provides verification of coverage to the contracted alternative providers.

CCSO staff shares an updated list of individuals in custody and declared NPTS with the Public Defender’s Office each day. A lengthy report with supporting records is sent to the PD’s Office weekly, providing details on individuals who are NPTS, ineligible for alternative housing, and in court the upcoming week.

22 COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS

MARKHAM COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

lower level of Markham Courthouse;
16501 S. Kedzie Parkway, Markham, IL 60428

SKOKIE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTER

Skokie Courthouse;
5600 Old Orchard Rd Rm 136, Skokie, IL 60077

The community support programs offered at the Markham and Skokie courthouses seek to provide individualized needs-based assistance in safe and secure environments to clients in the suburbs.

Individual, group, and family counseling assistance along with community referrals aim to enhance discharged detainees' quality of life by improving their problem solving, decision making and coping skills.

COMMUNITY VAN

The van is available for discharged detainees that need transportation to court, medical appointment, job interview, etc. An officer picks up the individual at a previously provided address, drops him/her off at their appointment location, and returns them to the initial address upon completion.

Community members schedule a ride at least one week in advance by calling 773-674-4686. Accommodations with only 24-hour notice are discretionary, and only made in case of an emergency. A staff member confirms availability on a first-come, first-serve basis; if a time and date are not available, sheriff's personnel work tirelessly to attempt to accommodate each caller.



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Programs for Individuals in Custody, Individuals Released from Custody, and Community Programs

The Cook County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is committed to supporting people with criminal justice involvement and Cook County residents through extensive program offerings. CCSO utilizes data, research, and internal expertise to identify areas of need and interest to allocate resources for programming.

Licensed staff in the CCDOC Programming Department provide intensive and research-based programs in custody to address specific needs such as substance use disorder, behavioral and mental health, education, veteran's services, and occupational skills. CCSO staff, partner organizations, and individual volunteers provide a myriad of regular groups and programs in custody in areas of creative expression, job readiness, religious services, and personal transformation. CCSO collaborates with the Justice Advisory Council and community partners to provide placement for individuals remanded onto Electronic Monitoring that do not have a viable community address.

CCSO uses the Individualized Assessment and Strategic Assignment (IASA) Program to assess an individual's criminogenic needs, recidivism risk, and refer them to appropriate rehabilitative program interventions and identify post-release needs. The assessment is voluntary and is a proactive plan of engagement to meet individuals in custody where they are and offer a variety of services to support them as well as their family members. Information from Cermak Health Services' comprehensive medical and mental health evaluation at intake is utilized.

The Community Resource Center (CRC) is CCSO's largest re-entry effort that provides case management to individuals leaving custody, on electronic monitoring, and facing eviction. The CRC connects with people at the point of discharge, through the CRC or Eviction Hotlines, and internal communication with programs like IASA or with Cermak Health Services. The CRC leverages new and existing community partnerships to connect individuals to resources that meet their unique needs.

Lastly, CCSO works with the citizens of Cook County at large through various community engagement programs. These programs include:

- Diversion programs that focus on building skills in place of incarceration, like RENEW and SWAP
- The Treatment Response Team (TRT) and Sheriff's Police co-responder virtual assistance program
- The Wandering Program helps find vulnerable friends and family that are lost and have wandered from home.
- Senior and youth-specific programming
- Supportive events such as Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution, Catalytic Converter Etching, and Vehicle Taillight Replacement