

WHAT IS R3?

R3 represents "Restore, Reinvest, and Renew," a plan established by the State of Illinois to target communities that have been severely under-served. The State, through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Administration, awarded grants to organizations located in communities that have been harmed by violence, excessive incarceration, and economic disinvestment.

R3 grants fund programs in five areas:

- ✓ Civil Legal Aid
- ✓ Economic Development
- ✓ Reentry
- ✓ Violence Prevention
- ✓ Youth Development

The Westside Collaborative Project received a grant from this fund and is actively providing services throughout the westside of Chicago.

CHICAGO WESTSIDE BRANCH NAACP

As the lead organization, the Chicago Westside Branch serves as the administrative arm of the Collaborative. In addition, the organization is aligned with the Mission of the NAACP in that it is committed to ensuring the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

The Chicago Westside Branch focuses its efforts in areas that have the most impact on the community, including:

- ✓ Social Justice Advocacy
- ✓ Political Action and Legal Redress
- ✓ Education and Youth Programs
- ✓ Health and Wellness Awareness
- ✓ Housing Initiatives
- ✓ Employment and Economic Development

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GET STARTED!

We invite individuals and families to contact any or all Westside Collaborative Partner members to discover how these programs can positively impact your life.

WESTSIDE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

At a glance

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WESTSIDE COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

Restore, Reinvest, and Renew.



Chicago Westside Branch NAACP



THE WESTSIDE COLLABORATIVE

Working Together to
Combat Violence on the
Westside of Chicago

Providing Services for Youth Ages 12-24

MEET THE COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

BRIGHT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

WHO WE ARE Bright Leadership Institute (BLI) is 501c-3 nonprofit organization serving the needs of the community for more than 20 years. BLI's holistic approach addresses the needs of the entire community, which is critical to ensuring all members of our village continue to thrive. BLI provides mentoring, enrichment, entrepreneurship, workforce development, leadership training and community engagement to create a level playing field for at risk youth ages 12-24 years old in our community.

WHO WE SERVE IN R3 BLI's R3 programs serve youth between the ages of 12 and 24 years old who are economically disadvantaged and at risk, low income, in and out of school, unemployed, attending alternative schools, underserved Communities.

WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS OFFERED Entrepreneurship and Career Connection, Mentoring and Enrichment and Workforce Development.

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CHICAGO FATHERS FOR CHANGE

WHO WE ARE Chicago's Fathers for Change (CFFC) is a nonprofit based on the West Side of Chicago. CFFC's mission is to provide support and resources to community residents which will promote career development.

WHO WE SERVE IN R3 CFFC looks to engage the youth and other community goers who can benefit from our services. We target the specific age group of 14-24 years old; however, resources are available for all.

WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS OFFERED CFFC has many programs planned, but we are most excited about offering the Youth Development programs and Workforce Entry/Reentry programs. Along with these two programs, we will be offering Health & Wellness seminars, Financial Literacy seminars, and Sports and Exercise Programs.

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SAVING OUR SONS MINISTRIES

WHO WE ARE Saving Our Sons (SOS) is comprised of like-minded people from the East/West Garfield community who have been diligently working within and often beyond our community to quell the violence and bring fiscal opportunities here to the community.

WHO WE SERVE IN R3 Our target group includes the formerly incarcerated and other underserved residents.

WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS OFFERED SOS offers five diverse programs whose goal is to bring violence and poverty that plagues our community to its end. One program which we are proud of is our construction component. We recruit and pay formerly incarcerated individuals to learn the trades of drywalling and painting. (They attend training 3 days weekly for 4 hours and receive a \$15 per hour stipend. Once done training we place them on a construction site to earn \$35-\$40 pay). The other programs are Real 2 Reel, Fitness Training, Outreach Work and Health & Wellness.

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HABILITATIVE SYSTEMS, INC.

WHO WE ARE

Habilitative System, Inc. (HSI) is a 501c3 mission-driven, multifaceted human service agency established to alleviate human suffering by developing and providing resources to promote dignity, self-sufficiency, and empowerment for humanity.

WHO WE SERVE IN R3

HSI deliver programs that provide opportunities for participants between the ages of 10-24 & ex-offenders to develop skills and interact positively with others in the areas of reasoning and creativity; personal/social conflict management and communication skills; decision making, problem-solving, health/recreation and civic engagement.

WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS OFFERED

HSI provide programs that include: Youth empowerment, mindfulness and restorative justice practices to resolve conflicts and restore relationships. Participants through youth-led community engagement, voter education and townhalls will learn to build lasting relationships with community stakeholders, elected officials, family members, neighbors and friends. We also provide College and Career counseling and referrals. The organization offers substance abuse treatment, mental illness treatment, case management, therapy, and counseling services for this target population.

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JEHOVAH JIREH 1 OUTREACH MINISTRY

WHO WE ARE

Jehovah Jireh 1 Ministry executes and organizes programs for violence prevention in the Austin community.

WHO WE SERVE IN R3

We target at-risk teens and young adults, ages 10 to 21, but also provide services for Austin residents in need, outside that age range.

WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS OFFERED

We provide around the clock support services acting as first responders to all acts of violence and all forms social and mental unrest. We provide mentorship, a listening ear, and a shoulder to cry on as needed by our clientele. We seek to provide alternatives to conflicts that often result in death and community harm. We maintain a food pantry, conduct workshops, hold community events, and provide peace circles for partner organizations through street patrols and corner-to-corner community engagement.

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NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED

WHO WE ARE

National Alliance and the Empowerment of the Formerly Incarcerated (NAEFI) provides Reentry Youth and Reentry Adult Accountability Coaches (Credible Messengers) who can help identify youth and adults in need of our community-based Reentry Programs and Educational Opportunities. Our restorative centered mentoring design focuses on real life issues encountered by reentry youth/adults, and youth living in the community. This R3 Reentry Program is designed to help restore heritage and value to the formerly incarcerated. We support all interested participants: including young people suffering from trauma, and/or living in impoverished gun violent communities of Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

WHO WE SERVE IN R3

We serve youth in the community (ages 12-18), reentry youth (ages 16-24), and reentry adults (18 and older) problem-solving, health/recreation and civic engagement.

WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS OFFERED

NAEFI's R3 Reentry Program offers peer mentoring support with a recidivism-prevention agenda centered around decreasing racial, social, and economic disparities. The goal of our R3 Reentry model is to offer habilitation, and accountability to all participants, while opening doors of opportunity.

We offer:

- Weekly Educational and Workforce Preparation Trainings
- Weekly Reentry Support Groups
- One on One Reentry Coaching
- Non Violence Training
- Know Your Rights Training

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VIOLENCE INTERRUPTERS, INC.

WHO WE ARE

Violence Interrupters, NFP (VI) is a Public Health Model aimed at changing mindsets and behaviors associated with gun violence. Gun violence should be treated as an epidemic because gun violence spreads from one person to another.

WHO WE SERVE IN R3

Violence Interrupters serves the greater Westside working with high risk youth on many different levels.

WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS OFFERED

Violence Interrupters, NFP offers conflict resolution services, Restorative Justice Peace Circles, mediation services, and community activities.

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Westside Collaborative Partners emerged from a vision of Mr. Reginald Berry, President of Saving Our Sons, and others who believed that westside organizations were already providing services to people identified in the five areas. Working together, these groups would be able to reach those most in need using their vast, diverse resources and consolidated commitment to addressing violence and its root causes and devise realistic solutions, keeping the needs of the people at the center. The Westside Collaborative Project consists of the Chicago Westside Branch of the NAACP, which serves as the lead organization, and seven community-based organizations.

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