

CURRENT ORGANIZATIONS:

Accion Chicago

Chicago, IL

ACCION Chicago is an alternative lending organization dedicated to providing credit and other business services to small business owners who do not have access to traditional sources of financing. By encouraging the economic self-reliance of micro entrepreneurs throughout the Chicagoland area, ACCION Chicago strives to help businesses and communities grow.

Many of our clients do not have access to traditional bank loans. The small size of their loan request, lack of or poor credit history, may make them ineligible for conventional financing and unable to obtain the credit they need to grow their businesses.

ACCION Chicago provides this credit and helps small business owners to increase their incomes, create new jobs and strengthen their communities.

www.accionchicago.org/

Child Care Resource Services

Urbana, IL

Child Care Resource Service (CCRS) is dedicated to supporting the accessibility, availability, affordability, and acceptability of child care in Champaign, Douglas, Iroquois, Macon, Piatt and Vermilion counties. Its mission is basically to make the child care delivery system in local communities responsive to the needs of children, families, providers, employers, and communities at large; and to generate new knowledge about the child care system and contribute to the professional development of students.

In addition to the basic child care services that are offered, there are other services that can be found useful by community members. There are various seminars and simulations that help educate families and other community members regarding needs of children.

<http://ccrs.hcd.uiuc.edu/index.htm>

East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center

Urbana, IL

The East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center's (aka ECIRMAC or Refugee Center) mission is to aid in the resettlement of refugees and immigrants, regardless of country or origin, in the East-Central Illinois area and to aid in the exchange and preservation of their respective cultures.

The Refugee Center has deep and broad contact with the Latino communities in Champaign County, and the Spanish & Illinois Summer Intern will work on specific projects pertaining to those communities. The details of those projects will be finalized before the internship begins.

www.ecirmac.org

IL Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Chicago, IL

The Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce works to provide resources to businesses as well as advocate on issues that affect the Hispanic Business community.

The Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce provides free services to businesses ranging from business development and startup assistance, minority and disadvantage business certifications to drug-free workplace training and procurement assistance.

<http://www.ihccbusiness.net/site/>

UI Extension (Northeast Kane Co. Extension)

St. Charles, IL

University of Illinois Extension serves a variety of audiences including parents, school children, senior citizens, professionals such as garden center managers and teachers, and homeowners to name just a few. Extension provides educational opportunities through seminars and workshops, newsletters, the Internet, audio-video conferencing, satellite programming, radio and television programming, mentoring programs, correspondence courses, point of purchase displays, and kiosks. We tailor our delivery systems to meet the unique needs of clientele.

Extension focuses on programming about:

- Youth Development
- Consumer Science and Family Education
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Horticulture and Environmental Issues
- Community and Economic Development

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/kane/>

SBDC

Glen Ellyn, IL

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at College of DuPage is part of a statewide network of small business resource providers sponsored in part through state (Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) and federal (U.S. Small Business Administration) grants.

We offer training, counseling and consulting services to Illinois businesses at no or low cost. Our clients range from start-up through existing businesses that seek ways to improve, develop or finance their organizations.

Drawing on in-house expertise, government and academic resources, and the commitment of many business service providers in the private sector, the SBDC is the preferred source for small business support in the state.

<http://www.cod.edu/BPI/sbdc.htm>

La Voz Latina

Rockford, IL

La Voz Latina is an organization that serves as a unifying force for the Hispanic people of the Rockford area, create programs to benefit the Hispanic population, serve as a liaison for other agencies, help them bring their services to the Hispanic community, and encourage the greater community to respond to the needs and accept the unique contribution of Hispanic residents.

<http://www.lavozlatina-rkfd.org/>

U of I Extension (Ogle Co.)

Rochelle, IL

University of Illinois Extension Ogle County provides educational programs in the areas of agriculture, 4-H youth development, nutrition, family and consumer sciences, and community and economic development. We are currently trying to expand our outreach in the Hispanic Community. The EXPORT Hispanic Health Advisory Partnership in Rochelle is participating in the EXPORT grant process looking at disparities in access to health care services for the Hispanic population. The partnership is facilitated by Ogle County Extension and includes various health care and related agencies in Rochelle.

The Hispanic Community Outreach Intern will work with Extension and the EXPORT partnership to extend our reach into the Hispanic community and to facilitate completion of projects designed to assist the Hispanic community. Specifically, the intern will:

- Work with EXPORT to develop and complete a Spanish/English health resource guide for the Rochelle community.
- Work with Extension to develop and conduct day camp activities for Hispanic youth in Rochelle where summer activity opportunities are limited for non-English speaking groups.
- Work with Extension to translate selected materials designed to initiate contacts into the Hispanic Community.

<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/cie2/offices/index-t.cfm?oid=204>

SERS

Chicago, IL

SER's mission is to promote upward mobility and economic self-sufficiency among low-income community residents. Central States SER's vision and intent in serving their community has been to build a globally competitive workforce for employers based on their needs and to provide high skill/high wage employment opportunities for resident job seekers.

<http://www.centralstatesser.org/>

Gads Hill Center

Chicago, IL

Gads Hill is a family resource center with programs to assist the economically and educationally disadvantaged residents of Chicago's Pilsen, Little Village and North Lawndale neighborhoods.

They offer a variety of services including:

- Early childhood education
- School-aged children's educational support and recreation
- Teen tutoring, mentoring and educational planning
- Parental education
- Adult basic education

Interns should have the following skills:

- Office Assistant—bilingual with knowledge of MS Word, Excel, Publisher, etc.
- Teacher Assistant—bilingual with willingness to work with multicultural children.

<http://www.gadshillcenter.org/>

TENTATIVE ORGANIZATIONS:

Mujeres Latinas En Acción

Chicago, IL

Mujeres Latinas En Acción's principal purpose is to provide social services to Latinas to enable them to be more self-reliant and to enhance their quality of life.

<http://www.mujereslatinasenaccion.org/>

El Hogar del Niño

Chicago, IL

El Hogar del Niño has the mission to assess the needs of children and in turn finding ways to meet those needs by providing and demonstrating comprehensive bilingual/bicultural child development facilities and curriculum for infants, pre-school and school-age children and their families.

<http://pilsenayuda.org/Pilsen/hogar.ingle.html>

Latinos United

Chicago, IL

Latinos United is a membership organization comprised of individuals and organizations committed to working collaboratively for the benefit of the Latino community. This organization develops policy analysis that provides a Latino perspective on issues critical to the region, and informs members about emerging issues and provides opportunities to get involved through policy forums, dissemination of information and action.

Latinos United engages in broad sectors of the community and allies in policy advocacy and civic participation. In addition, there is research and surveys completed to identify the needs of the Latino community.

<http://www.latinosunited.org/>

Alivio Medical Center

Chicago, IL

Alivio Medical Center is a bilingual bicultural non-profit community health center serving the predominantly Mexican, Latino community, the uninsured and underinsured in Pilsen, Little Village, Heart of Chicago, Back of the Yards, Lower West and southwest Chicago.

Alivio is a Federally Qualified Health Center and receives federal funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration.

<http://www.aliviomedicalcenter.org/>