

Who We Are

The Night Ministry connects youth and adults in need to basic resources and opportunities for support, housing, employment, education, and more - regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or social status.

Outreach & Health Ministry Program

- *Nurse practitioners, outreach professionals, and rapid HIV testing workers* travel with our customized, specially equipped Health Outreach Bus six nights a week building relationships and bringing services to six Chicago neighborhoods all year long. In fiscal year 2010, we made over 73,000 contacts with families, adults and youth, reaching approximately 5,650 individuals.
- We provide *free health care* and education, *rapid HIV testing* and prevention counseling, *referral assistance* and a *listening ear* to adults and youth.

Youth Services

- Our **Youth Outreach Team** provides supportive services and referrals to homeless and at-risk youth on the street in Lakeview and Rogers Park, and provides a wide range of services and supplies from the Broadway Youth Center five afternoons a week.
- Our **Youth Housing Programs** serve youth who are not wards of the State, and their children through three separate programs in two locations. We are the only agency in Chicago providing housing services to pregnant and parenting youth as young as 14 years old.
 - ✦ *Interim Program at Open Door Youth Shelter – West Town.* This 120 day, 16-bed housing and supportive services program serves homeless youth who are not wards of the state, ages 14-20, and their children. More than beds for the night, our staff works with youth on an individual basis to secure stable housing, return to school, achieve financial independence and access medical care. Each year, our Interim Housing Program serves approximately 200 youth and their infants/toddlers.
 - ✦ *Response-Ability Pregnant & Parenting Program at Open Door Youth Shelter – Lakeview.* This 120 day program provides supportive services in the community to tenuously housed teens, as well as an 8-bed, 8-crib shelter for homeless teen moms. Staff works to help youth reduce subsequent pregnancies, gain life and parenting skills, increase education and employment opportunities, and gain stable housing.
 - ✦ *Transitional Living Program at Open Door Youth Shelter – West Town.* This 8-bed program works intensively with youth, ages 16 to 20, over a longer period of time as they move through graduated levels of independence.
- Our **Continuing Care Program** provides encouragement and practical resources to help youth maintain stable housing and life situations once they have left our housing programs.

Youth Shelter Network

- Provides leadership and technical assistance to other youth service agencies.
- Sponsors workshops and programs that focus on youth issues.

CLIENTS SERVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2010

OUTREACH AND HEALTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

We deliver health care, referrals, and other services at night to adults and youth in neighborhoods across Chicago from our customized 38-foot Health Outreach Bus, with its specially equipped nursing station, hospitality area, and private counseling & HIV testing room. The bus travels to six neighborhoods on a regular schedule all year. The Bus does not transport visitors to or from any location. In our most recent fiscal year, the Outreach & Health Ministry Program made over **73,000 contacts** with **approximately 5,650 individuals**. The demographics of our health outreach contacts are as follows:

Total Bus Contacts July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Ethnicity	<13	13-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60+	Total
White/Non-Hisp	143	251	473	622	827	1,078	1,519	1,934	1,535	958	782	10,142
African-American	2,329	3,383	2,171	2,524	3,349	3,751	4,721	5,115	4,020	3,132	2,410	36,905
Puerto Rican	680	294	210	375	811	1,257	1,750	2,037	1,483	909	707	10,513
Mexican	424	398	246	374	1,135	1,444	2,084	2,477	1,918	1,536	1,323	13,359
Other Hisp	21	13	21	41	34	35	120	449	435	542	531	2,242
Asian/Pac Isl.				2	3	9	21	34	25	11	4	109
Native Hawaiian							1	4	6	7	3	21
Native American				1	3	5	9	7	11	7	5	48
Multi-Racial	7		9	14	15	21	12	7	3	1		89
Unk-Unreported		1		1	2	4	4	7	6	3	1	29
Totals	3,604	4,340	3,130	3,954	6,179	7,604	10,241	12,091	9,442	7,106	5,766	73,457

YOUTH SERVICES

The Night Ministry assists over 2,400 homeless or at-risk youth annually. There is some overlap, since youth may obtain services from more than one of our programs.

Youth Outreach: Staff made **over 9,000 contacts with about 2,000 youth** through our Drop-In Program at the Broadway Youth Center, Youth Outreach Events in Lakeview and Rogers Park, and on the street.

Youth Housing Programs: We provided Interim Housing and supportive services at Open Door Youth Shelter-West Town to **210 youth** and their children. Additionally, our longer-term intensive Transitional Living Program serves 8 young women and men and their children at one time.

Pregnant & Parenting Services: Our *Response-Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program* (RAPPP) is an 8-bed, 8-crib housing and supportive services program for pregnant and parenting minors at Open Door Youth Shelter-Lakeview. Staff provide teen mothers with intensive case management services, parenting guidance, job preparation, life skills and referrals for prenatal health care. Additionally, we provide services to tenuously housed pregnant and parenting minors in their community, also working with young fathers and extended family members of program participants. In fiscal year 2010, approximately **90 mothers** and approximately **100 children** were served through our Lakeview shelter and community-based programs.

Continuing Care: Our *Continuing Care Services* assist former residents of our Open Door Youth Shelter-West Town programs with maintaining housing, employment, and educational opportunities once their stay at the shelter is finished. In fiscal year 2010, **103 youth** received assistance from our Continuing Care program.

VOLUNTEERS

Our primary programs are greatly enhanced by the work of our volunteers. In fiscal year 2010, a duplicated number of **4,539 volunteers**, individuals and groups spent over **25,466 hours** staging **over 460 events** that assisted clients in meeting survival needs. Among many other things, these initiatives provided **99,105 meals** that were served to our clients out on Chicago's nighttime streets.