

Literacy Volunteers of Illinois
VOCAL AmeriCorps
(Volunteer Outreach for Community Action in Literacy)
2023/2024
Host Sites

Centro Romero, 6216 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60660

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

Instituto del Progreso Latino (IDPL), 2570 S. Blue Island, Chicago, IL 60608

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

The Learning Center House of Connections, 2153 S. Millard Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623

The Learning Center (TLC), serving the North Lawndale and Little Village communities of Chicago, supports adults in their pursuit of an educational path to more confident and effective living. We serve students primarily from the North Lawndale & Little Village communities, however, because of the pandemic, we transitioned to remote learning which opened our classes to people from all over the City of Chicago and surrounding suburbs. Our students are diverse in race, culture, ethnicity, and experiences. Our core programming includes Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency, English as a Second Language, and Spanish Literacy classes. To support our literacy classes, we offer a tutoring program, computer literacy classes, a health literacy program, emergency transportation, a food assistance program, mental health counseling, cultural excursions, and more.

Literacy Volunteers of Illinois (LVI), 100 S. State Street, Suite 437, Chicago, IL 60603

LVI is a statewide organization that is committed to developing and supporting volunteer literacy programs that help families, adults and out-of-school teens increase their literacy skills. Founded in 1983, LVI conducts activities in four program area – Resource and Referral, National Service, Correctional Education and Information and Advocacy.

Jump Start at the Illinois Youth Centers (IYC)

A program of LVI that recruits retirees, especially retired teachers, to serve as tutors and mentors for youth incarcerated in the IYC.

IYC-Chicago, 136 N. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL

Contact: Melissa Auer, mauer@lvillinois.org

IYC-Warrenville, 30 W 200 Ferry Road, Warrenville, IL 60555

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ScaleLIT, 1016 W. Jackson Blvd. – Suite 205, Chicago, IL 60607**The American Job Centers: <https://www.scalelit.org/jobseeker>**

Scale Lit, formerly known as the Chicago Citywide Literacy Coalition, helps adult education organizations secure resources and training so that underserved adult learners can become economically successful and reframes adult basic education as a critical public policy issue. ScaleLIT offers Digital Literacy, Health Literacy, and Career Pathways programming for staff and adult learners in literacy programs, and, as the One-Stop Operator, is responsible for coordinating and integrating the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partners' activities at American Job Centers.

Sunshine Community Services Center, 701 May Street, Kewanee, IL 61443

The Sunshine Community Services Center (SCSC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides educational programming and other support services to children and families in the west central Illinois city of Kewanee. The SCSC is the sponsor of the Step Ladder Tutoring Program which operates in the city's Middle Schools and through its CAPE-E (Communities Advancing Potential through Education and Empowerment) program, which is a collaboration with LVI, serves as a volunteer connector for various community agencies in the city of Kewanee. As part of its CAPE-E program, SCSC has full and part-time AmeriCorps serving in educational and empowerment capacities in the **Step Ladder Tutoring Program, Salvation Army, YMCA and Abilities Plus**, which is an agency that serves individuals with disabilities.

HANA Center, 4300 N California Ave, Chicago, IL

In Korean, Hana means one. HANA's mission is to empower Korean American and multi-ethnic immigrant communities through social services, education, culture, and community organizing to advance human rights.

World Relief Dupage, 1825 College Ave, Ste 230 Wheaton, IL 60187

World Relief Chicagoland supports refugees and other immigrants in vulnerable situations as they rebuild their lives in the United States. For over 40 years, they have been welcoming immigrants and refugees across Chicagoland, starting with refugee resettlement in Chicago and DuPage County (1979), and later in Aurora (1999).