

Logan Square Neighborhood Association

Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) is a community agency that convenes and empowers the organizations and stakeholders of Logan Square, Avondale, and Lathrop Homes to create and maintain diverse, safe, and affordable neighborhoods. By innovating exemplary models of community engagement and transformation, LSNA is a catalyst for more just communities, demonstrating the power of community change locally and on a national level.

Recent Recognition and Accomplishments:

- Nationwide recognition by NBC's Education Nation of our Parent Mentor program as one of "10 best solutions to improve schools" in the country.
- Launched the Parent Engagement Institute (PEI), together with our partner Southwest Organizing Project, to train and support the start-up of new parent mentor programs across the city, state, and nation.
- Recruited and trained 501 Parent Mentors in 43 low-income schools across the state together with partner SWOP.
- Launched the "Greater Logan Square Early Learning Coalition," a future pipeline to Early Childhood careers.
- New GED, vocational and college offerings established for local residents through partnerships with Wright College and Northeastern Illinois University.
- Passage of the Keep Chicago Renting Ordinance by the City Council, effective September 3, 2013, will reduce crime, stabilize neighborhoods, and help working families by keeping them in their own residences instead of being evicted when properties are foreclosed. (Achieved in collaboration with KCR Coalition partners.)
- Outreach to 1,614 properties facing foreclosure by our Foreclosure Prevention Outreach Team, which referred more than 175 homeowners and tenants to appropriate resources.
- Outreach to the households of 16,881 infrequent Hispanic voters and the registration of 1,228 new voters prior to the 2012 National Elections.
- Passage of the Illinois Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants Bill, which will go into effect on November 27, 2013, and will allow undocumented motorists to apply for Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses. (Achieved in collaboration with ICIRR partners.)
- 20 youth leaders from area high schools trained through the Logan Square Youth Leadership Development Academy.
- "Know Your Rights" trainings for 329 local residents, citizenship applications for 242 legal permanent residents, and DACA workshops and informational sessions for 430 potential applicants.
- Health Outreach assistance and referrals to 1,586 under or uninsured residents.



Current Programs:

Parent Mentors working daily in the classrooms of nine local public schools, directly impacting over 3,800 children.

A campaign to preserve the Chicago Housing Authority's Lathrop Homes as public and affordable housing through historic rehabilitation.

Ongoing development of the Zapata Apartments, a new affordable rental and retail development slated to transform four parcels of vacant land into 61 rental units in Logan Square.

A Foreclosure Prevention Outreach Team that visits local properties facing foreclosure, providing both homeowners and tenants with a targeted set of resources based on their respective needs.

The Parent Engagement Institute (PEI), which focuses on training and capacity building for Parent Mentor program replication.

The "Greater Logan Square Early Learning Coalition", which is a future pipeline to Early Childhood careers for interested community residents.

Community Learning Centers in five local schools, which stay open until 6pm and provide more than 60 academic and arts education programs to students and their families.

Logan Square Grow Your Own Teachers Cohort, a university partnership with 37 local parents studying to be bilingual teachers and 23 certified graduates.

Leadership opportunities and restorative justice practices at the high school level.

A Health Outreach Team that distributes important information regarding critical public health issues and links underserved residents to affordable, high quality health services.

An Immigration Team that works to assist local immigrant families to access legal services, apply for citizenship, and enroll in post-secondary education.

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