

## Community Related Resources

Local models:

### **Pilsen Education Network: Parent Engagement Program**

(Jose Clemente Orozco Community Academy, Manuel Perez Jr. Elementary School, Josiah L. Pickard Elementary School, Chicago, IL)

- 18 parent workshops, two per month, that rotate through the schools
- Held in Spanish with English translators if needed
- Topics came from parent surveys – homework, U.S. history, using a newspaper, family math, storytelling, etc.
- Mornings at the schools

### **Hispanic Council for Reform and Educational Options (HCREO)**

Virginia Avenue NW Suite 408

Washington, D.C. 20037

(877) 888-2736

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

HCREO works to improve educational outcomes for Hispanic children by empowering families through parental choice in education. Currently, HCREO is working in five cities — Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, TX; Miami, FL; and Camden, NJ — to inform parents about SES.

### **Education Commission of the States**

700 Broadway, #1200

Denver, CO 80203-3460

(303) 299-3600

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

The mission of the Education Commission of the States is to help state leaders identify, develop, and implement public policy for education that addresses the current and future needs of a learning society. ECS tracks the implementation of No Child Left Behind and offers reports and research for state policymakers.

### **Education Trust**

1250 H St. NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 293-1217

<http://www.edtrust.org>

The Education Trust works for the high academic achievement of all students at all levels, pre-kindergarten through college, and forever closing the achievement gaps that separate low-income students and students of color from other youth. Our basic tenet is this — All children will learn at high levels when they are taught to high levels.

**Give Kids Good Schools**

601 Thirteenth Street, NW  
Suite 710 South  
Washington, DC 20005-3808  
(202) 628-GKGS

<http://www.givekidsgoodschools.org>

A campaign by the Public Education Network to enlist 6 million citizens to be aware of issues surrounding public education and to pledge their support in three areas: learn, vote, act.

**U.S. Dept. of Education**

555 New Jersey Ave.  
Washington, DC 20208-5649  
(800) 424-1616

<http://www.ed.gov>

Its original directive remains its mission today — to ensure equal access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation.

**Illinois State Board of Education** Illinois State Board of Education

100 N. First St.  
Springfield, IL 62777-0001  
(217) 782-4870

<http://www.isbe.state.il.us>

The Illinois State Board of Education provides leadership, advocacy, and support for the work of school districts, policymakers, and citizens in making Illinois education Second to None.

**Academy for Educational Development**

1875 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20009  
(202) 884-8000

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

The Academy for Educational Development is an independent, nonprofit organization committed to solving critical social problems and building the capacity of individuals, communities, and institutions to become more self-sufficient. AED works in all the major areas of human development, with a focus on improving education, health, and economic opportunities for the least advantaged in the United States and developing countries throughout the world.

**ASPIRA Association, Inc.**

1112 16<sup>th</sup> St., N.W., Suite 340

Washington, DC 20036

(202) 835-3600

<http://www.aspira.org>

The ASPIRA Association promotes the empowerment of the Puerto Rican and Latino community by developing and nurturing the leadership, intellectual, and cultural potential of its youth so that they may contribute their skills and dedication to the fullest development of the Puerto Rican and Latino community everywhere.

**Center for Law and Education**

1875 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 510

Washington, DC 20009

(202) 986-3000

<http://www.cleweb.org>

The Center for Law and Education (CLE) strives to make the right of all students to quality education a reality throughout the nation and to help enable communities to address their own public education problems effectively, with an emphasis on assistance to low-income students and communities. For more than a quarter of a century, the Center for Law and Education has worked to bring about school- and district-wide change across the country in order to improve educational outcomes, particularly for low-income students.

**Institute for Responsive Education**

80 Prospect St., 3rd Flr.

Cambridge, MA 02139

(617) 873-0610

<http://www.dac.neu.edu/ire/home.html>

The Institute for Responsive Education (IRE) is a research, policy, and advocacy organization that encourages and supports school, family, and community partnership to enable high quality educational opportunities for all children. We believe that schools, families, and communities all share the responsibility to improve schools and raise education standards.

**The George Lucas Educational Foundation**

PO Box 3494

San Rafael, CA 94912

(415) 662-1600

<http://www.edutopia.org>

The George Lucas Educational Foundation is a nonprofit operating foundation. Established in 1991 by filmmaker George Lucas, the Foundation profiles hundreds of powerful examples of successful teaching and learning in the nation's schools. The George Lucas Educational Foundation hopes this information will stimulate active involvement and guide choices in public school reform. The George Lucas Educational Foundation does not make grants.

**The Family Resource Center on Disabilities**

20 East Jackson Blvd.  
Room 300  
Chicago, Illinois 60604  
(312) 939-3513  
TDD: (312) 939-3519  
<http://www.frcd.org>

The Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCO) was a pioneer as a coalition that covered all disabilities. During its 37-year existence, FRCO has answered more than 200,000 requests for assistance from parents, persons with disabilities, and professionals.

**Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund**

11 East Adams Suite #700  
Chicago, IL 60603  
(312) 427-0701  
<http://www.maldef.org>

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) is the leading nonprofit Latino litigation, advocacy and educational outreach institution in the United States. MALDEF's mission is to foster sound public policies, laws and programs to safeguard the civil rights of the 40 million Latinos living in the United States and to empower the Latino community to fully participate in our society.

**National Council of La Raza**

Raul Yzaguirre Building  
1126 16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036  
(202) 785-1670  
<http://www.nclr.org>

The National Council of La Raza (NCLR) – the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States – works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. To achieve its mission, NCLR conducts applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy, providing a Latino perspective in five key areas – assets/investments, civil rights/immigration, education, employment and economic status, and health. In addition, it provides capacity-building assistance to its Affiliates who work at the state and local level to advance opportunities for individuals and families.

**National Head Start Association**

1651 Prince Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 739-0875

<http://www.nhsa.org>

The National Head Start Association is a private not-for-profit membership organization dedicated exclusively to meeting the needs of Head Start children and their families. It represents more than 1 million children, 200,000 staff and 2,700 Head Start programs in the United States. The Association provides support for the entire Head Start community by advocating for policies that strengthen services to Head Start children and their families; by providing extensive training and professional development to Head Start staff; and by developing and disseminating research, information, and resources that enrich Head Start program delivery.

**Voices For Illinois Children**

208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1580  
Chicago, IL 60604  
(312) 456-0600

<http://www.voices4kids.org>

Voices for Illinois Children champions the full development of every child in Illinois to assure the future well-being of the people of the state. We work with families, communities and policymakers to ensure that all children grow up healthy, nurtured, safe and well-educated.

**Public Education Network**

601 Thirteenth Street NW  
Suite 710 South  
Washington, DC 20005-3808  
202 628 7460

<http://www.publiceducation.org/index.asp>

To build public demand and mobilize resources for quality public education for all children through a national constituency of local education funds and individuals.

**Institute for Educational Leadership**

4455 Connecticut Ave., NW Suite 310  
Washington, DC 20008  
(202) 822-8405

<http://www.iel.org/index.html>

The Institute for Educational Leadership's (IEL) mission is to improve education -- and the lives of children and their families -- through positive and visionary change. Every day, we face that challenge by bringing together diverse constituencies and empowering leaders with knowledge and applicable ideas. This is why foundations, corporations and generous individuals support our work, and why our teams often include the most innovative federal, state and local government agencies and many of the nation's leading nonprofit organizations.