

ILLINOIS
AFRICAN-AMERICAN
Coalition For Prevention



A New Prevention Reality



Annual
Report

The Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention (ILAACF) is pleased to present its 2009 fiscal year report.

As our annual report demonstrates, it's been a busy year for the ILAACF. To kick off the year we partnered with Aetna Insurance and UIC's Midwest Latino Health Research Training and Policy Center to host Unnatural Causes town hall meetings in Kane, Cook, and Peoria counties. These meetings brought together over 270 grass roots organizers, public health workers, and elected officials to examine the root causes of health disparities as well as identify policies or actions that promote healthy equity. The ILAACF is currently meeting with foundations to fund a report using the data that was collected at these meetings.

Through our Youth-in-Prevention (YIP) program, a mini-grant initiative supported by the Department of Human Services, the ILAACF awarded over \$60,000 to 12 community-based organizations to implement youth-led prevention strategies to address obesity, STI's, and environmental racism in communities as far north as Rockford and as far south as Carbondale, IL. We also expanded our youth-led violence prevention partnership with the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority managing Choose Respect Illinois, Youth Advisory Board and The Healthy Relationships Taskforce.

The ILAACF was successful in collaborating with peer organizations on a number of policy-related initiatives that help build safer and healthier African-American children, families, and communities. We worked with the Shriver National Poverty Law Center on the passage of the Ensuring Success in Schools Act. We advised the Illinois Public Health Institute on the development of a statewide web-based data query system to track health statistics. As part of a statewide taskforce, we collaborated with the Illinois Afterschool Partnership to develop policy recommendations that assure higher quality after school programming for Illinois' 2.1 million children. Lastly, we convened our inaugural ILAACF Capitol Day in Springfield, IL during the Illinois General Assembly's spring veto session.

The ILAACF is proud of its achievements. However, we know we must double our efforts over the coming years. One of the worst economic recessions in our nation's history is disparately impacting our state's most vulnerable populations. We also know that as our state explores how to plug a projected \$13 billion budget deficit with the second lowest bond rating in the



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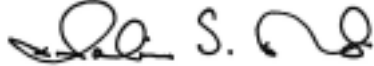
country many of the human services programs that protect children will once again find themselves on the chopping block. At a time when many Illinois families, children, and neighborhoods are already feeling the pain of job loss, housing foreclosure, and spikes in child neglect, crime, substance abuse, and domestic violence, the ILAACP believes it would be unconscionable for state leaders to eliminate the very services that citizens increasingly rely on to weather these tough times.

Behind every one of those dollars on the chopping block is a real, yet avoidable human tragedy waiting to happen. That is why the ILAACP will work tirelessly with similarly situated organizations, including the Responsible Budget Coalition and Illinois Partners for Human Services, to ensure that Illinois' human services infrastructure receives the political and economic support necessary to protect our state's most valuable resource – its children.

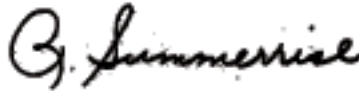
The ILAACP will also continue to educate our community on the importance of adopting a prevention framework. How can African-American children, families, and neighborhoods benefit from an investment of additional resources into programs, policies, and systems that increase protective factors and/or reduce risk factors? This is a question the ILAACP will answer through its focus on research, training, and advocacy. Our goal is to revolutionize how social workers, organizers, elected officials, educators, faith leaders, and business analyze, design, and implement solutions to the myriad social and health disparities plaguing African-American communities.

We want to thank the Illinois Department of Human Services, Illinois Violence Prevention Authority, our corporate partners, and our members for their continued support and guidance. And, we look forward to strengthening our strategic alliances with other coalitions and state agencies, the Illinois State Legislature, and the general public as we create a new prevention reality for Illinois' African-American community.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director, ILAACP



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President & CEO, LePenseur
Youth & Family Services
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June 2008

- The Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention (ILAAP) hosts 3 Unnatural Causes town hall meetings across the state to examine the social determinants of health and identify common sense policies that promote health equity.

August 2008

- The ILAAP receives the Organizational Impact Award from the National Association of Health Services Executives at its 40th Anniversary Scholarship and Community Service Awards Gala.

September 2008

- ILAAP hosts its first quarterly meeting of the year at Better Boys Foundation Chicago, IL. DHS presents ILAAP with \$60,000 check to support Youth In Prevention.



Vision

*Safe, healthy,
and empowered
African-American
children, families,
and communities*

Mission

Established in 2005, the Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention (IIAACP) is a statewide, membership-based 501(c)(3) that strengthens early intervention and prevention systems, policies, and programs in African-American communities through culturally-relevant research, training, and advocacy.

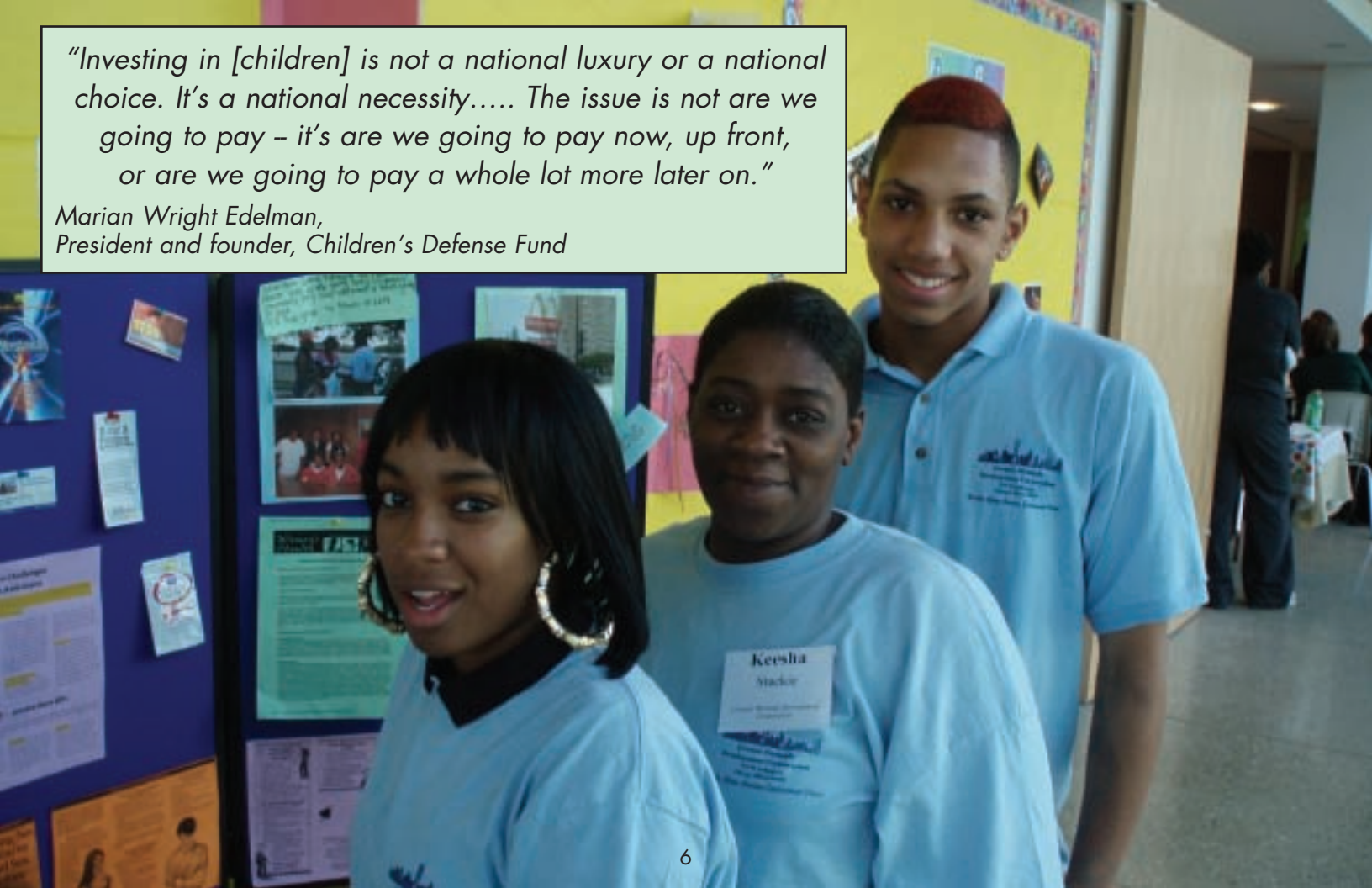
Pillars of Work

- Raise public awareness and consciousness about the social and health disparities negatively affecting Illinois' African-American communities.
- Build the capacity of African-American organizations to provide high quality prevention and early intervention services through training, coaching, and evaluation.
- Identify, assess, and promote effective and culturally competent prevention and early intervention programs, policies and strategies.
- Increase funding and resources for IIAACP members by educating Illinois' legislators, taxpayers, and others about the cost-effectiveness of prevention and early intervention.



"Investing in [children] is not a national luxury or a national choice. It's a national necessity..... The issue is not are we going to pay – it's are we going to pay now, up front, or are we going to pay a whole lot more later on."

*Marian Wright Edelman,
President and founder, Children's Defense Fund*



Highlights

Unnatural Causes Town Hall Meetings

During June 2008, the Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention (ILAACF) partnered with Aetna insurance and UIC's Midwest Latino Health Research, Training, and Policy Center to convene three UNNATURAL CAUSES town hall meetings in Cook, Peoria, and Kane counties. Each event included a 30-minute screening of clips from the series followed by a two-hour focus group, in which participants identified regional policies and initiatives to promote health equity. Over 270 residents and public health workers attended the screenings. With assistance from partners, the project trained over 40 facilitators and note takers to elicit and record discussions during the town hall meetings.



October 2008

up•stream po•licy

(n.) a deliberate plan of action that focuses on changing societal influences to guide decisions and achieve rational outcomes.

November 2008

- The ILAACF partners with IFBA, Chicago Area Project, Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, and African American Family Commission to convene the 1st annual Illinois African American Social & Economic Empowerment Summit in Springfield, IL.

December 2008

- The IVPA and ILAACF host a Mid-Year Retreat for Choose Respect Illinois grantees in Bloomington, IL. Participants receive training on effective utilization of the Choose Respect Playbook and Zones and create the first draft of *Principles of Healthy Relationships*.

January 2009

- Merck & Co. presents the ILAACP with a check in the amount of \$10,000 to support its Capitol Day project.

February 2009

col•lab•o•ra•tion

(n.) a recursive process where two or more organizations work together in an intersection of common goals.

March 2009

- The ILAACP hosts its inaugural Capitol Day March 24th, 25th, and 26th at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield, IL. Representatives from 20 member organizations attend a series of interactive workshops and policy briefings intended to strengthen their ability to effectively advocate on behalf of early intervention and prevention legislation.



Choose Respect Illinois (CRI)

Funded through the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority (IVPA), CRI is a \$100,000 3-yr, statewide mini-grant initiative aimed at preventing teen dating violence by providing youth between the ages of 14 and 21 with the skills necessary to build and sustain healthy relationships. The ILAACP served on the CRI Statewide Steering Committee which included representatives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (author of the Choose Respect curriculum), Illinois Center for Violence Prevention, Illinois Attorney General's Office, Chicago Department of Public Health, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. The ILAACP also provided culturally-competent technical assistance to grantees, advised IVPA on strategies for enhancing program deliverables, and launched the CRI E-Zine, a youth-friendly online publication that promotes the themes and practices of Choose Respect. Year 1 CRI grantees included Chicago Area Project, Youth Service Project, Youth Guidance, Holy Family Parish, Marshall Area Youth Network, Highland CUSD #5, and Corazon Community Services.



Youth Advisory Board

The Illinois Violence Prevention Authority's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) provides a diverse core of youth between the ages of 14 and 24 a structured learning opportunity to actively guide the state's strategy for reducing and preventing interpersonal forms of violence. Fifteen (15) YAB members from across the state met on a quarterly basis and received training and resources on violence prevention areas that impact youth. YAB also advised IVPA on the design, coordination, and evaluation of a statewide Youth Summit on Violence Prevention scheduled for the latter half of 2010.

Healthy Relationships Taskforce

The Illinois Violence Prevention Authority selected the ILAACP to manage the work of the Healthy Relationships Taskforce (HRT), one of 3 taskforces it convened to assist with its strategic plan. The HRT's work focused on identifying objectives, action steps, resources, and key implementation partners to promote healthy relationships and community connectedness among youth through school and communities.

risk factors

(n.) Individual or environmental markers that are related to the increased likelihood that a negative outcome will occur.

ILAACP Capitol Day

The chief executive and board chairperson of 20 ILAACP member organizations convened in Springfield, IL, March 24-26th, to participate in ILAACP inaugural Capitol Day, an educational initiative that challenges our member organizations to become more proactive in the annual Illinois legislative session. During the two-day event, attendees participated in a series of interactive workshops, received policy briefings from statewide advocacy organizations, and met with state legislators to promote pro-prevention policies.

Sponsors for Capitol Day included Merck & Co., Pfizer, Jewel-Osco, AstraZeneca, and Lilly. Organizations that participated in the prevention policy briefing panel included Voices for Illinois Children, Ounce of Prevention Fund, Shriver Center on Poverty Law, and Illinois After School Partnership.



advocacy

(n.) speaking, acting and writing with minimal conflict of interest on behalf of the sincerely perceived interests of a disadvantaged person or group to promote, protect and defend their welfare and justice.



5th Annual Clergy & Lay Leadership Summit on HIV AIDS Community Outreach

On May 23rd, over 100 activists from Chicago area faith-based institutions attended the Clergy & Lay Leadership Summit V on HIV AIDS Community Outreach at McCormick Theological Seminary. Now in its fifth year, the Summit provides a space for clergy and lay leaders to identify the tools, resources, and support faith-based organizations need to provide sustained leadership in HIV AIDS prevention, education, and awareness in black communities. Mr. Phil Wilson, president & CEO of the Black AIDS Institute, delivered the keynote address. And, Dr. Damon Arnold, Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, provided a presentation on the state of HIV AIDS in Illinois' African-American community.

Sponsors for this event included McCormick Theological Seminary, ILAACP, Illinois Department of Public Health, TiboTec, Illinois Faith Based Association, and Chicago Department of Public Health.



pri•mary pre•ven•tion

(n.) a system, policy, or program that seeks to reduce or deter predictable problems, protect the current state of well-being, or promote desired outcomes or behaviors.

April 2009

- IVPA expands its youth-led violence prevention partnership with the ILAACP. In addition to managing Choose Respect Illinois, the ILAACP will take the lead in managing IVPA's Youth Advisory Board as well as facilitating the work of IVPA's Healthy Relationships Taskforce

May 2009

- IVPA Healthy Relationships Taskforce convenes its first meeting at the Michael A. Bilandic Building in Chicago, IL. Members review task force's goals, timeline, and process.
- On May 23rd, the ILAACP partners with McCormick Theological Seminary to host the 5th Annual Clergy & Lay Leadership Summit for HIV/AIDS Community Outreach. Phil Wilson, President & CEO, Black AIDS Institute and Dr. Damon Arnold, Director for the Illinois Department of Public Health provide keynote addresses.

June 2009

- The IVPA Healthy Relationships Taskforce convenes its second meeting at the Manning Public Library in Chicago, IL. Members receive overview of Choose Respect Illinois.
- ILAACP hosts its Annual Meeting at Malcolm X College in Chicago, IL. Special guest speaker is Janks Morton, producer and director of Men II Boys. ILAACP also presents its inaugural John W.E. Thomas Award to State Senator Kwame Raoul and Representative Marlow Colvin for their work in establishing the Task Force on the Condition of African American Men in Illinois.
- On June 27th, ILAACP and IVPA host Year 2 Kick-Off Event for Choose Respect Illinois grantees on the campus of the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL.
- On June 30th, the ILAACP convenes the IVPA Youth Advisory Board's Year End Meeting at the DuSable Museum of African-American History in Chicago, IL.

After-School Funding Policy Task Force (ASFPT)

Convened in February 2008 by the Illinois Afterschool Partnership (IAP) through House Resolution 384, the ASFPT developed policy recommendations to assure higher quality after school programming for Illinois' 2.1 million children. The ASFPT's work resulted in the publication of The Report and Recommendations of the Illinois After-School Funding Policy Task Force. Recommendations also focused on creating a sustained, accountable, and dedicated stream of funding for a system of after-school time that strengthens a child's academic, social, emotional, and health outcomes. As a task force member, the ILAACP provided guidance on the structure of programming, outcomes, qualifying services, accountability, and staff and volunteer qualifications. The ILAACP was particularly interested in making

sure that smaller African-American managed after school programs, because of limits on organizational capacity, are not disparately impacted by the ASFPT's recommendations. To that end, the ILAACP worked with other members of the task force to include in the report a recommendation that additional resources be made available to provide capacity building, system development, and training and professional development services.





Youth-In-Prevention Min-Grant (YIP)

In partnership with the Department of Human Services, Division of Community Health and Prevention, the ILAACP launched YIP, a \$60,000 statewide, grant-making initiative providing 12 grassroots organizations with a mini-grant of up to \$5,000 to design and implement an innovative, youth-led advocacy project, which addressed one of 3 categories of social and/or health disparities negatively impacting African-American communities including Obesity, Sexually Transmitted Infections, and Environmental Racism. YIP 2009 grantees included Arthur M. Jackson Jr. M.D. Healthcare Foundation, Black on Black Love Organization, Extended Hands/Reasonable Service, Ford Heights Community Youth Committee, Greater Westside Development Corporation, The Housing Authority of Joliet, Imagine Englewood If, Mid-South Youth Center/Joseph Initiative, Strategic Human Service, Inc., TaskForce Prevention and Community Service, The Black Healthcare Initiative Coalition, and Urban Sustainability Authority.

Illinois Diabetes Policy Coalition (IDPC)

The IDPC is comprised of several local and statewide advocacy organizations committed to preventing and reducing the incidence of diabetes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, African Americans now make up one-fifth (1/5) of the United States diabetes population. The ILAACP is interested in leveraging the work of the IDPC to increase public awareness and consciousness in African-American communities about the steps they can take to prevent and reduce diabetes.

cul•tur•al com•pe•tence

(n.) a set of congruent behaviors, attitudes, and policies that come together in a system, agency, or among professionals and enables that system, agency, or those professionals to work effectively in cross-cultural situations



Illinois Health Data Dissemination Initiative Taskforce

As a member of the Illinois Public Health Institute's Steering Committee, the ILAACP is assisting the Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI) in re-engineering our state's health data dissemination system through an expanded and improved web-based data query system. The ILAACP is particularly interested in making sure the new system does a better job of tracking racial, ethnic and other health disparities and that community based organizations receive technical support and training to effectively utilize the system in building healthier families, schools, and neighborhoods.

Quarterly Meetings

The ILAACP hosts quarterly meetings for its members to stay connected and encourage the flow of information and recruit new members. The meetings are attended by early intervention and prevention CEOs, executive directors, advocates, policy-makers and practitioners. The meetings provide members a venue for networking and exchanging ideas. Past speakers include Erwin McEwen, Director, Department of Children & Family Services; Dr. Terry Mason, Chief Medical Officer, Cook County Health & Hospitals System; and Ivonne Sambolin-Jones, Director for Division of Community Health & Prevention, DHS.

Annual Meeting

On June 27th, the ILAACP hosted its Annual Meeting at Malcolm X College in Chicago, IL. Critically acclaimed filmmaker Janks Morton provided a screening of *Men II Boys*, a documentary that examines the myth, stereotypes, and misperceptions about black male identity. ILAACP also presented its inaugural John W.E. Thomas Award to State Senator Kwame Raoul and Representative Marlow Colvin for their work in establishing the Task Force on the Condition of African American Men in Illinois.



Join the ILAACP Today

Imagine how our families, work, and communities would be transformed if you had a voice in a powerful coalition of African-American early intervention and prevention practitioners and other stakeholders who advocate policy change, facilitate resource sharing, and offer professional development opportunities. Envision joining forces with African-American leaders from around the state to build a new early intervention and prevention reality for African-Americans.

Welcome to the Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention.

The Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention is a statewide network of community-based health organizations, social service agencies, educational institutions, executive directors, policymakers, researchers, advocates, civic managers, clergy and business leaders committed to building safe, healthy, and empowered African-American children, families and communities through culturally relevant research, training, and advocacy.

The ILAACP publishes its E-News Bulletin eight times each year. The bulletin is a virtual portal to timely updates about funding, research and best practices, events, and legislation shaping the prevention field. Subscribe to the ILAACP's E-News Bulletin today by visiting us on the web at www.ilaacp.org.

You can become part of this exciting and collective force in our communities.

Benefits of ILAACP Membership

- Network with prevention professionals from across the state.
- Join other ILAACP member organizations to advocate for prevention strategies, programs, and policies that strengthen African-American and other underserved communities.
- Free subscriptions to the ILAACP Quarterly Newsletter and Monthly E-News Bulletin where you receive timely updates about funding, research, events, and legislation.
- Free admission to ILAACP Quarterly Membership Meeting where you can network with prevention professionals from across the state.

Types of Membership

The ILAACP has three types of annual membership - organizational, individual, and student.

Organizational Membership

Agency Budget	Annual Membership Due
Less than \$500K	\$100
\$500K to \$1M	\$250
\$1M to \$5M	\$500
\$5M to \$10M	\$1,000
\$10M to \$15M	\$1,500
\$15M to \$20M	\$2,000
Greater than \$20M	\$2,500

Individual Membership \$50 (Annual)

Student Membership \$25 (Annual)

To join or renew your membership, please visit www.ilaacp.org, or contact Alena Rivers, ILAACP administrative assistant, at 312.850.4444 ext. 226 or arivers@ilaacp.org.



Members

Organizations

ABJ Community Services
A Better World
American Cancer Society
American Heart Association
Beatrice Caffrey Youth Service
Chicago Area Project
Chicago Dept. of Health, Office of Tobacco Control
Coalition for Justice and Respect
Demoiselle 2 Femme
F.U.T.U.R.E. Foundation Youth Services, Inc.
Healthcare Consortium of Illinois
Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights
Le Penseur Youth & Family Services, Inc.
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The Link & Option Center
Pickett's Practical Knowledge Applications
Ray of Hope Center of the Arts
South Central Community Services, Inc.
Teach Them How
UCAN
Urban Sustainability Authority
Voices of Community Ministerial Association



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MaShaun Alston

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2009**

Activities		Financial Position	
REVENUES	2009	ASSETS	
Direct Public Support	\$ 41,000	Current Assets	
Government Grants	242,950	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 62,507
Program Income	1,500	Accounts Receivable	9,000
Membership Dues	4,925	Other Current Assets	
Total Revenues	\$ 290,375	Total Current Assets	71,507
EXPENSES		Office Furniture and Equipment, net – Note 2	5,192
Salaries	\$ 100,319	Other Assets	
Fringe Benefits	20,607	Miscellaneous Receivables	150
Payroll Taxes	7,754	Security Deposit	2,425
Consultant	27,193	Other Current Assets	
Program Participant Stipends	60,800	Total Other Assets	\$ 2,575
Supplies and Resource Materials	546	Total Assets	79,274
Telephone	4,831	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Postage	1,855	Current Liabilities	
Occupancy Expense	15,214	Accounts Payable	8,520
Equipment Lease and Rental	3,598	Deferred Revenue - Note 4	35,000
Printing and Advertising	9,574	Total Liabilities	43,520
Travel Expense	9,695	NET ASSETS	
Conferences, Trainings and Meetings	12,477	Unrestricted	35,754
Interest Expense	6	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 79,274
Depreciation Expense	1,483		
Insurance	1,201		
Dues and Staff Development	1,444		
Equipment	5,366		
Total Expenses	\$ 283,963		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	6,412		
Net Assets, Beginning	29,342		
NET ASSETS, ENDING	\$ 35,754		

*Audited Financial Statements

The ILAACP would like to thank the following agencies and corporations for their support of program activities during FY2009:

DHS, Division of Community Health & Prevention

Illinois Violence Prevention Authority

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