

# About Us

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**POC provides services at multiple locations including:**

**Main Site:**

Community Resource Center  
1585 N. Rand Road  
Palatine, IL 60074  
847-776-9500

**Satellite Locations:**

Edgebrook Community Center  
1926 Green Lane North, Apt 1A & B  
Palatine, IL 60074  
847-776-2523

Higgins Education Center  
1030 West Higgins Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
847-755-6640

Winston Campus Junior High School  
120 N. Babcock  
Palatine, IL 60074  
847-963-7400

**MISSION, VISION & STRATEGY**

VISION – Empowering people and changing lives.

MISSION – A community of strong citizens, healthy families and vibrant neighborhoods.

Our STRATEGY is to coordinate community resources and engage skilled staff, service providers and volunteers to provide direct services and referrals to those who are seeking an

improved future in the community.

This STRATEGY includes:

- Providing survival skills needed to navigate in a changing and complex world
- Removing barriers and linking individuals and families to community resources and services
- Bringing personal awareness of one's potential while honoring one's heritage
- Serving as a site for continuing education, life skills training, and volunteer vocational advancement

## **OUR HISTORY**

In the late 1900's, leaders from Palatine and surrounding suburbs came together to assess and address the needs of their community. This collaborative committee, called *Vision in Progress*, noticed the increase in immigrant and low-income residents and the needs for services in the northeast Palatine Townships. Families in the area, due to language and economic barriers, found it challenging to access basic health, wellness, education and social service resources. As a result, securing employment was challenging. *Vision in Progress* determined that a community center could best meet these needs by coordinating supportive and integrated services.

In 1998, Northwest Community Hospital (NCH) of Arlington Heights, with additional support from an anonymous donor, purchased a building at 1585 N. Rand Road in Palatine and converted the space into a community resource center. The hospital partnered with the Cook County Bureau of Health Services to open a health clinic that would serve as the primary medical provider in the center. Other providers joined the resource center to complement these health services by providing education, fitness, and many social services.

Although NCH financially supports the building, the not-for-profit organization, Partners for Our Communities (POC), established in 1994, coordinates the services of the providers and employs a skilled staff that provides multilingual direct services, referrals, programs and other assistance to community members who seek to improve their lives.

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