



The POC Board of Directors includes appointed representatives from the following organizations:

- Community Consolidated School District 15
- Northwest Community Healthcare
- Palatine Park District
- Palatine Public Library District
- Township High School 211
- Township of Palatine
- Village of Palatine
- William Rainey Harper College

Additionally, leaders from local businesses and community members serve on the Palatine Opportunity Center board. For a complete list of board members, please visit www.palatineopportunitycenter.org.

champions of the POC mission include dedicated board members, skilled volunteers, and community service youth whom without their support these programs would not be possible.



mission Connect underserved residents in the Palatine Area to services and resources to build a community of empowered people, healthy families and vibrant neighbors.

To make a gift or to learn more, visit www.palatineopportunitycenter.org or call Kathy Millin, Executive Director, at 847.776.9500 x 1.



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Palatine Opportunity Center

Community Resource Center–CRC
Primary Location
1585 North Rand Road
Palatine, IL 60074
847.776.9500

Edgebrook Community Center–ECC
Satellite Location
1926 Green Lane North, Apt 1A & 1B
Palatine, IL 60074



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Palatine Opportunity Center history

In the late 1990s, 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 in northeast Palatine Township and their need for services. These families, due to language and economic barriers, found it challenging to access basic health, wellness, education, and social service resources as well as to secure employment. *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 to serve as the primary provider in the center. Other providers joined the resource center to complement the health services by providing education, fitness, and many social services.

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

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The resource center now provides an average of 240,000 client visits each year.



programs and services

The POC works collaboratively with providers housed in the center along with outside agencies to identify and address the current needs of the community. These programs include:

- **Family Learning Lab**
Parenting classes, computer and financial literacy, crafting, leadership development, employment assistance and childcare
- **ICompete Youth Program**
Summer camp, mentoring, sport and art clinics
- **Plaza Communitaria**
Literacy for Spanish-speaking adults
- **Community Health and Wellness**
Community nurse, Behavioral Health Navigator, Promotoras de Salud, nutrition and fitness
- **Edgebrook Community Center**
After school homework assistance, youth clubs, parenting classes, computer literacy, birth-to-three children's activities, summer fun
- **ROOTS Community Garden**
Vegetable and flower garden run by women leaders from POC

Collaborative Partners include:

Buehler YMCA • Community Consolidated School District 15 • Cook County Vista Health Center • ECDEC/The Center; Resources for Teaching & Learning • Northwest Community Healthcare • Palatine Park District • Palatine Public Library District • Palatine Township • Palatine Township High School District 211 • Village of Palatine • William Rainey Harper College