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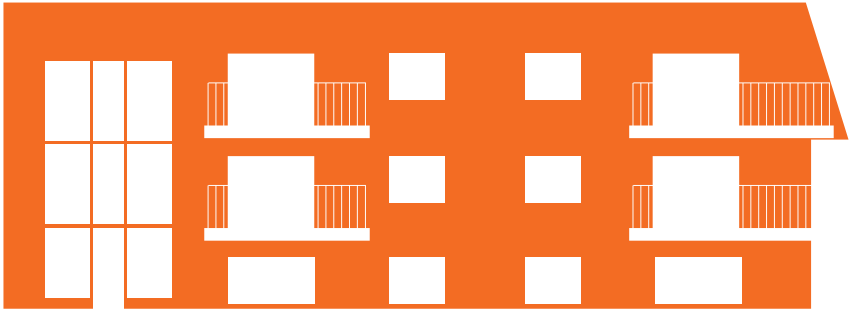
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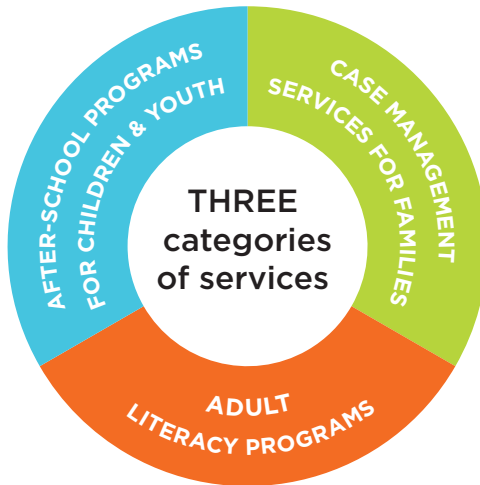
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Puente del Pueblo is a community service organization located within the Timber Lake (formerly Westwood and Kings Cross) apartment complex in West Chicago. We work with individuals, families, and our community to foster beneficial change.



The Puente del Pueblo's staff is professionally trained in education and human services, and is fluent in Spanish and English. (Translation for speakers of other languages is provided as possible.) We respectfully serve people of all races, cultures, religions, ages, genders, and abilities.

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Financial resources and volunteer staff for our programs come from the people of



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



PUENTE DEL NINO AND PUENTE DEL FUTURO



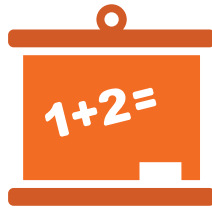
serves nearly 75 first through ninth graders every day that West Chicago schools are in full session.

THE PROGRAMS HAVE THREE COMPONENTS



HOMWORK ASSISTANCE

Helping students understand and complete their homework.



ACADEMIC SKILL BUILDING

Activities designed to improve language arts and math skills.



ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sports, chess, art/dance class, Christian education, and other activities provide opportunities to develop decision making skills, cooperate with others and learn positive behavior.

SUMMER PROGRAMS



During the summer months, Puente offers weekly summer programs, which have included: Baseball Camp, Soccer Camp, Water-Play Camp, Sleep-Away Camp (in Wisconsin), Club Puente, and Back-to-School Camp.

CONTACT

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CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The Case Managers at Puente del Pueblo assist people struggling with a variety of life challenges.



Our case managers begin with a needs assessment and provide relevant information and referrals, along with advocacy to obtain services, budgeting assistance, transportation, and other appropriate assistance.

Eligibility for financial assistance from Puente del Pueblo is carefully evaluated as well. The client and case manager work to resolve current problems, as well as plan together for the household's long term stability.

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAMS

ENGLISH LITERACY

Our volunteer staff teaches adult students how to speak, read, and write in English. Each tutor meets weekly with one to three students for a two-hour language lesson. They meet at a time that fits the schedule of both the student and the volunteer tutor, with some lessons taking place in the morning, and others in the evening or on weekends.

The individualized instruction allows us to serve students at many levels of English proficiency, but limits the number of openings for new students. For that reason, most English literacy students must be placed on a waiting list before they are able to join the program.

SPANISH LITERACY

In their country of origin, many of our adult residents never had the opportunity to attend school, or learn to read and write. Puentes offers free classes (students pay only for books) to those interested in learning to read and write in Spanish. Classes meet once each week for 2½ hours. Basic math, and in some cases other primary subjects, are available as well.



For case management and adult literacy programs,
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