### Supporting a Diverse Chicago West Side Community

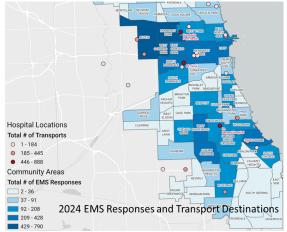
### **FY25 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT**

Westside ROSC Council serves the following neighborhoods: Austin, Humboldt Park, West & East Garfield Park, North & South Lawndale, West Town, Near West Side, Lower West Side, Hermosa, Belmont Cragin.

#### **COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS**

The WS ROSC has established partnerships with all sectors of the community to address the needs of all West Side residents by providing direct contact at meetings, events, and co-hosting activities. The WS ROSC has committed itself to supporting the activities, and events of partner organizations through our constant participation, providing training, educational and harm reduction materials. Our 'All Recovery Dinner' w/ Faith-Based institutions served to bridge the gap between faith-based organizations and those in recovery. The WS ROSC provided Overdose Prevention and Response training to SAMSHA Region 5 Team which lead to a connection with Parkhurst Army Reserve Substance Program Team who invited the WS ROSC out to the base to provide overdose prevention and Naloxone training for the entire base staff. The WS ROSC has been able to collaborate with the Cook County Sheriff's Department to provide overdose prevention training to incoming correctional staff at the jail. The WS ROSC has also supported other ROSC councils by participating in their meetings, and co-hosting training sessions. The West side ROSC is a partner organization within several community coalitions including the West Side Heroin and Opioid Task Force.

## 20% DECREASE IN EMS CALLS FROM 2023 TO 2024



100% OF CHICAGO'S COMMUNITY
AREAS HAD AN OPIOID-RELATED
OVERDOSE EMS RESPONSE IN
BOTH 2023 AND 2024

IN 2024, 83% OF OPIOID-RELATED
OVERDOSE EMS RESPONSES
WERE TRANSPORTED TO A
HOSPITAL SYSTEM

TOTAL EMS PATIENTS RELEASED
ON SCENE: N = 1343

THE MOST EMS TRANSPORTS
WERE TO THE FOLLOWING
DESTINATIONS:

- HUMBOLT PARK HEALTH (N=888) - MT. SINAI (N=790)

### **IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY**

#### 01 IMPACT

WS ROSC has identified gaps in service areas and worked to close those gaps through its linkage agreements with partner organizations that provide an extra layer of support services and referrals.

#### **02** NEEDS MET

WS ROSC has through its outreach, training, job fairs, and distribution of materials been able to meet the needs of families, individuals, and those with lived experiences providing them with the necessary resources, and tools to achieve success.

#### 03 SUPPORT

WS ROSC has created a support system for families, individuals, and those with lived experiences that meet them where they are and allow them to grow at a pace that they see fit. Providing Peer Support along with the combined services of our partner organizations.

#### **FY25 3 TOP PRIORITIES**



## **01** INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BASE

Continue to increase the membership base and increase the engagement of members in the Council.

The WS ROSC has worked to increase its membership through increased outreach and focusing our meetings on providing concrete solutions to issues facing the community such as compassionate care. In addition to providing support to their efforts, The WS ROSC has also engaged its members by inviting them to facilitate 'All Recovery' meetings, and Recovery Task Force meetings.



## 02 PROMOTE HARM REDUCTION

Continue to promote education and technical training for organizations in the community on what is Harm Reduction and the principles and practices.

WS ROSC speakers have continued to focus on providing Harm Reduction information and resources to organizations during ROSC meetings, in addition to providing 4-5 Narcan training per month while providing Narcan and Fentanyl test kits to every trainee. These educational trainings work to increase the services and offerings to promote the recovery support community on the West side of Chicago.



# 03 PROMOTE RECOVERY SUPPORT COMMUNITY

Continue to support the community and provide education training to increase the services and offerings in the community to promote Recovery Support Community on the West side of Chicago.

The WS ROSC has on a continued basis provided virtual and in-person Narcan training, mental health, workforce development, and peer support coaching to families, individuals, and those with lived experiences