

NEXT MOVE

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A FEW WORDS...



Dear Neighbors, Friends and Partners,

Next Move was organized right before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic with no idea of what was about to strike our communities. The last three years have been difficult for many of us, to say the least. We began as an organization dedicated to improving workforce and healthcare inequities and became a center for personal protective equipment, information and updates as we found ourselves with a new normal.

This work led to partnerships with the Cook County Department of Public Health, health agencies, schools, community members, and other community-based organizations. As we begin the road to community and economic recovery, Next Move is excited to begin implementing the programs that inspired our organization to begin with. In 2022, Next Move was awarded a grant through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Restore, Reinvest, Renew (R3) program to create a workforce development plan. This opportunity is the first step towards our efforts to close the gaps on wage inequality, economic development and barriers to the workforce.

As we head towards new goals in 2023, please take a look at our achievements in 2022 outlined in this Annual Report. We hope to connect with more members of the community in the new year and continue to encourage a collaborative effort to guarantee programs for the community, by the community.

Thank you for your support,

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COVID-19 RESPONSE IN 2022

RAD X AND COOK COUNTY GRANTS



In 2021, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Next Move partnered with Hektoen Institute of Medicine to deliver over 300 COVID Safety Kits directly to community residents. Safety Kits include masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, anti-bacterial hand soap, disinfectant wipes, and COVID-19 at-home tests.

In 2022, we continued this partnership to disseminate important COVID-19 information and updates, as well as provide PPE to those who were in immediate need. With the support of grants from the Cook County Department of Health and The RADx® Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) Coordination and Data Collection Center (CDCC), we also conducted outreach and education activities to address vaccine hesitancy within our communities. Despite COVID regulations decreasing this past year, COVID-19 variants continue to pose health risks. We have continued to urge people to take safety precautions as well as provide the necessary tools to keep their families safe.

Through several events and direct deliveries we provided over 400 safety kits to individuals and families and connected with over 1,400 community members through outreach and education efforts.

COOK COUNTY PROMISE PILOT

GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM



In 2022, from September to December, Next Move became a Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) grantee, serving as an application assistance site for the Cook County Guaranteed Income Promise Pilot Program.

The pilot program application was launched on October 6th, 2022 and Next Move hosted an application assistance launch event at the Lansing Public Library. During this event, our team assisted a total of 57 in-person applicants.

Through the duration of the application period, we also provided remote assistance and information for those who wanted to apply on their own.

With nearly a third of Cook County being eligible for the Pilot Program, we knew our small team was going to have a busy few weeks. Despite the large volume of calls and inquiries from interested residents, we dedicated our time to making sure we were able to provide adequate support. Next Move assisted a total of 685 prospective applicants.

LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM

COOK COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



The Cook County Department of Public Health's Lead Hazard Reduction Program provides free assessments and removal of lead in qualifying homes. In July of 2022, we began a partner with CCDPH to provide outreach, education and application assistance within the South Suburbs.

To qualify:

- Home is located in suburban Cook County
- Home was built before 1978
- Household income is below the program limit
- Have a child under the age of 6 who lives or visits the home regularly

Through this partnership, 8 homes have already completed the application and were approved to begin lead removal work.

Next Move will continue this work through June of 2025, and look forward to assisting more families remove potential hazards from their homes in the upcoming years.

R3: RESTORE, REINVEST, RENEW

ILLINOIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE
INFORMATION AUTHORITY (ICJIA)

In 2022, Next Move was awarded a planning grant to create a workforce development plan.

During the first six months of the planning period, we have:

- Conducted a community assessment through research, canvassing, surveys, focus groups and one-on-one interactions to determine needs and encourage collaboration within the community.
- Developed a resource database that will provide resources to address immediate needs such as emergency food, clothing, and healthcare.
- Began cultivating partnerships that will help us meet our program goals and outcomes.

Our goal is to address the barriers people face in the workforce, especially at-risk groups such as single mothers, non-English speaking immigrants, and low income households with minimal resources. The program will provide access to immediate needs while also offering job training, case management, job placement, and follow up support.

As we enter the new year, we will continue to develop this program and hope to begin implementation Summer of 2023.