



**CAROLE ROBERTSON CENTER**  
*for Learning*

# DEEPENING OUR ROOTS & IMPACT ACROSS CHICAGO

JANUARY 2022

# A NEW CHAPTER:

## BUILDING OUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH & EXTENDING OUR LEADERSHIP

For more than four decades, the Carole Robertson Center for Learning has been committed to children and families, providing high-quality programming and services in historically marginalized and disinvested communities. In the Spring and Summer of 2021, as the COVID-19 pandemic continued, the Center achieved a series of unprecedented milestones. With this growth, the Center has established itself as one of the leading early childhood education and youth development organizations in Chicago, delivering comprehensive services to 2,000+ children and families across 27 communities.



### RECENT MILESTONES

#### MARCH 2021

#### \$20 MILLION, 5-YEAR EARLY HEAD START EXPANSION AWARD

Through a competitive federal grant process, the Center received a \$20 million, five-year Early Head Start (EHS) Expansion grant from the Office of Head Start to serve an additional 185 infants, toddlers, and expectant mothers each year. EHS programs are free, federally funded programs that promote school readiness for children from low-income families.

#### JULY 2021

#### \$103 MILLION, 5-YEAR HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START AWARD

The Carole Robertson Center was one of six grantees of the federal government chosen to administer Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Chicago. This grant will enable the Center to serve a total of 666 Head Start and 513 Early Head Start children and their families.

#### AUGUST 2021

#### ACQUISITION OF ALBANY PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

The Carole Robertson Center's acquisition of the Center's third flagship site brought stability to the Albany Park community by expanding education programs for nearly 300 children and youth.

#### SEPTEMBER 2021

#### 21ST CENTURY LEARNING GRANT AWARD

In Fall 2021, the Center secured increased OST funding as a recipient of a competitive 21st Century Learning Grant. With this increased funding, the Center has expanded its OST programming with a new school partner, Lawndale Community Academy.

### EXPANDING OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (OST) PROGRAMS

More than 500 school-aged youth are served through OST programs at the Center's flagship sites and at school-based partners. The Center's OST programs foster a love of learning, build curiosity, and support young people's academic readiness, social-emotional skills, and identity development.

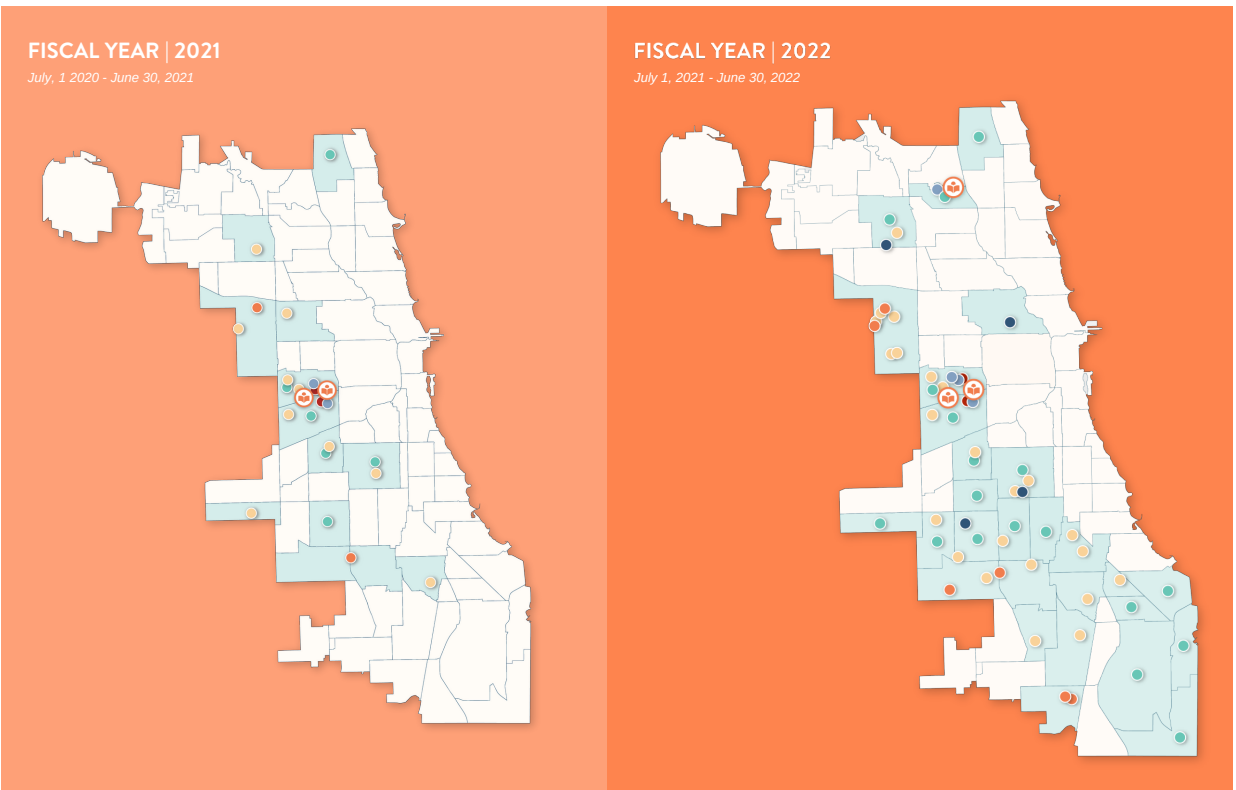
### SCHOOL-BASED PARTNERS

KIPP Ascend Primary  
Lawndale Community Academy  
Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy  
Alessandro Volta Elementary

# EXPANDING OUR REACH:








## FOR COMMUNITIES, BY COMMUNITIES, WITH COMMUNITIES

The Carole Robertson Center for Learning pairs high-quality education for children with one-on-one support services to open opportunities for the whole family. The Center's focus on family involvement and mental health builds strong connections with parents, leading to stronger and more impactful outcomes for young children and youth. Remaining deeply rooted in communities, the Center provides an array of options so that families have access to the high-quality care and enrichment that will allow children to thrive in school and life.



\*Highlighted portions of the map represent community areas where the Center delivers services.

### SERVICE KEY & EXPANSION BY NUMBERS

		FY21	FY22
	<b>FLAGSHIP SITES</b> Directly staffed and operated by the Carole Robertson Center. Provides infant-toddler care, pre-K education, and out-of-school-time youth development, complemented by mental health & family support services.	2	3
	<b>MICRO CENTERS</b> Early childhood education sites offering full-time preschool programs at public charter schools, directly staffed and operated by the Center.	2	2
	<b>SCHOOL-BASED PARTNERS</b> Out-of-school-time programs at partner CPS and charter schools, directly staffed and operated by the Carole Robertson Center.	2	4
	<b>FAMILY CHILD CARE NETWORK</b> Independently owned and operated home-based child care settings that receive resources, training and technical supports from the Center.	10	23
	<b>CENTER-BASED PARTNERS</b> Independently owned and operated early education centers that receive resources, training and technical supports from the Center.	2	6
	<b>HOME VISITING COMMUNITIES</b> Communities in which services are offered by home visiting specialists who visit and coach expectant and new parents, focusing on the caregiver(s)-child relationship.	6	18
	<b>DELEGATE ORGANIZATIONS</b> As a direct grantee of the Office of Head Start, the Center distributes EHS and HS resources to two community-based organizations: Metropolitan Family Services and Erie House, which operate multiple service delivery sites (as shown on map).	0	2





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## OUR MISSION

To educate, enrich and empower children and families

## OUR VISION

To help build a just and equitable society, the Carole Robertson Center for Learning, in partnership with families, will be a beacon of best practices, innovation, and impact in early childhood and youth development.

## AN HONOR & RESPONSIBILITY

Since 1976, the Center has worked to honor the life and memory of Carole Robertson who, together with her classmates Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, and Denise McNair, was killed in the 1963 bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

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