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CLIENTS AT 63RD STREET CORRIDOR CWF DON'T MISS A BEAT

In the wake of Jane Addams Hull House Association's closing on January 27, 2012, Metropolitan Family Services assumed operation of the 63rd Street Corridor Center for Working Families, ensuring that residents of Englewood, Woodlawn and Washington Park would experience no interruption of services.



The 63rd Street Center for Working Families experienced no interruption in crucial client services as the center transitioned to Metropolitan Family Services.

The Center – a collaboration of LISC Chicago, Kennedy-King College, Alderman Willie Cochran, Teamwork Englewood, Washington Park Consortium, Network of Woodlawn, and now Metropolitan Family Services – provides job placement and career advancement, financial counseling and literacy, income supports, and digital literacy training.

“Now more than ever, people need the services that CWFs provide,” said Susana L. Vasquez, LISC Chicago's executive director. “Our priority was to make a seamless transition from Jane Addams to Metropolitan Family Services without inconveniencing anyone.”

Mission accomplished. Metropolitan Family services opened its doors at the 63rd Street CWF, 747 W. 63rd St. on the Kennedy-King College campus, on January 30, 2012, with the same staff and procedures that were in place when Jane Addams closed the previous Friday. Metropolitan's dual goals – to guarantee retention of the staff in the Center and assure continuity of the services provided by the Center to the community – were achieved.

“We didn't want anyone to get out of the habit of coming to the 63rd Street Corridor CWF,” said Ric Estrada, Metropolitan Family Services' president and CEO, “which is why getting up and running quickly was so important. These are essential services and will continue to be long into the future.”