

Spanish Community Center

Programs and Services



The Spanish Community Center provides a broad range of programs and services. We offer a two-way bilingual, year round day care center for children ages 2 through 5. English speaking children learn Spanish while Spanish speaking children learn English. We utilize the Creative Learning Curriculum and direct our instructional lesson plans toward kindergarten readiness skills. Children also experience learning and playing from a culturally rich, diverse and safe environment.

Our food pantry, unfortunately, serves between 100 to 200 needy families and individuals from local neighborhoods every month. We are a partner agency of the Northern Illinois Food Bank. We follow their rules and regulations regarding eligibility and frequency of visits. Our goal is to give a full bag of groceries, as nutritious as possible, to everyone that comes. We also provide food baskets at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Our Center's immigration services serves all nationalities and countries of origin. We are a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services' Community Based Organization and are registered with the Illinois Attorney General for immigration services. All immigration services are only provided to eligible individuals.

English as a Second Language classes, offered through Joliet Junior College, are held onsite at the Spanish Community Center every fall and spring semester.

Another major program is social services referral. Like most other community based organizations we cannot do everything for everyone. We make assessments of people's needs and refer them to the agencies that can help them the most. We thus serve as the front door for individuals and families who are afraid or unaware of where to go for help.

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Donations to the Friends of the Spanish Community Center help to sustain these and other programs and services. Thank you for your generosity.

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