

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE ASSESSMENT:



OAKLAND, KENWOOD,  
HYDE PARK, WOODLAWN



## OVERVIEW

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## **Introduction**

The Three Cords Strong ROSC Alliance is committed to understanding and addressing the unique needs of the Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park, and Woodlawn communities in Chicago. Through a comprehensive Community Resource Assessment, our aim is to identify existing resources, map them effectively, and highlight areas where gaps exist.

## **Methodology**

Our assessment utilizes a collaborative approach, engaging residents, community leaders, service providers, and stakeholders. We employ various research methods, including quantitative surveys, qualitative interviews, focus groups, and community forums. This ensures a comprehensive understanding of community needs and resources.

## **Key Findings**

### **Substance Use and Mental Health:**

- High prevalence of substance use disorders and mental health challenges.
- Limited access to affordable and culturally competent treatment services.
- Stigma associated with seeking help and lack of awareness about available resources.

### **Economic Opportunity:**

- Persistent unemployment and underemployment rates.
- Disparities in income levels and wealth accumulation.
- Need for job training, workforce development, and entrepreneurship support.

### **Housing and Homelessness:**

- Affordable housing shortage and rising housing costs.

- Homelessness and housing instability among vulnerable populations.
- Demand for supportive housing, eviction prevention, and tenant rights advocacy.

### **Community Safety:**

- Concerns about crime, violence, and neighborhood safety.
- Trust issues between law enforcement and the community.
- Desire for community policing, conflict resolution programs, and violence prevention initiatives.

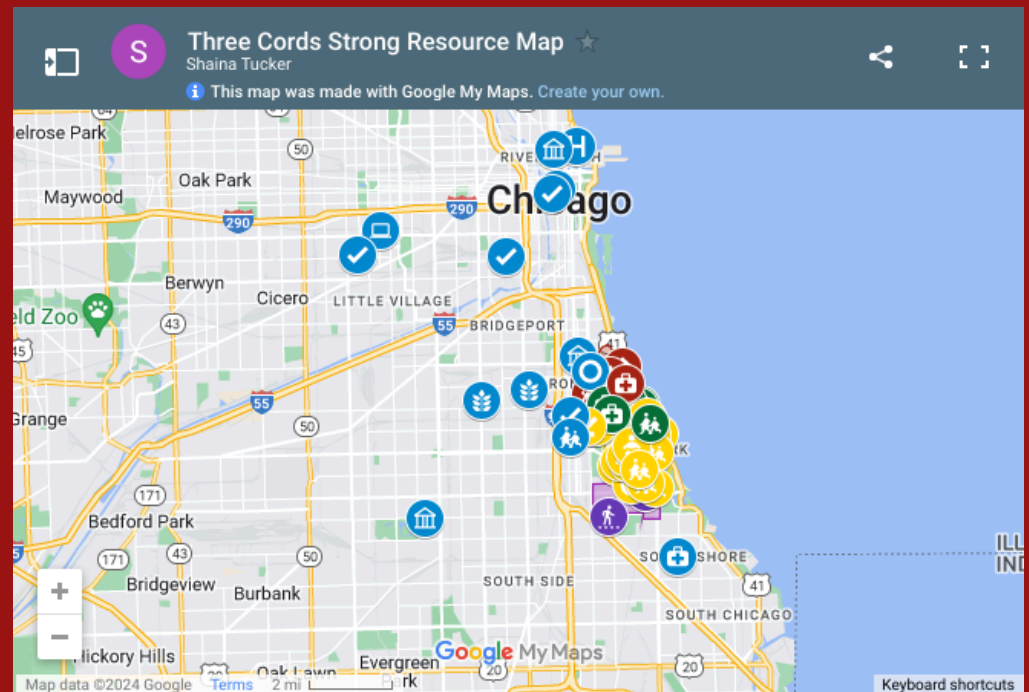
### **Education and Youth Development:**

- Achievement gaps in education and unequal access to quality schools.
- Lack of extracurricular activities and positive youth development programs.
- Need for early childhood education, academic support, and

# COMMUNITY RESOURCE MAPPING

## Existing Resources

Below is a list of existing resources in the communities we serve, including schools, healthcare facilities, community centers, parks, food banks, shelters, etc..



## Gaps Analysis

### Substance Use and Mental Health Services:

- Gap: Lack of recovery homes, halfway houses, transition living facilities, and domestic violence shelters. Limited access to mental health refuges.

### Economic Opportunity:

- Gap: Persistent unemployment and underemployment rates, income disparities, and limited job training and workforce development opportunities.

### Housing and Homelessness:

- Gap: Affordable housing shortage, rising housing costs, and homelessness among vulnerable populations.

### Community Safety:

- Gap: Concerns about crime, violence, and lack of trust between law enforcement and the community.

### Education and Youth Development:

- Gap: Achievement gaps in education, unequal access to quality schools, and lack of positive youth development programs.

The gap analysis reveals a pressing need for diverse support in areas like substance/alcohol misuse, mental health, employment, housing,

# RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Task or Deliverable</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prioritize needs based on urgency and impact on the community.</li> <li>● Develop strategies to address identified gaps and improve access to resources.</li> <li>● Consider input from stakeholders and community members in the planning process.</li> <li>● Lobby for more rehabilitation centers, support groups like AA/NA, and mental health buildings to address high prevalence of substance use disorders and mental health challenges.</li> <li>● Lobby for affordable housing initiatives, eviction prevention programs, and tenant rights advocacy to ensure housing stability for all residents.</li> </ul>	Three Cords Strong	Ongoing	Include any relevant details

- Continue to lobby for violence prevention initiatives to improve neighborhood safety and build trust between residents and law enforcement.
- Request Federal and State investment in early childhood education, academic support programs, extracurricular activities, and career readiness initiatives to address education disparities and promote youth development.

# CONCLUSION

## *THREE CORDS STRONG'S MISSION*

Three Cords Strong's Community Resource Assessment provides an improved understanding and documentation of existing resources and gaps in the Oakland, Kenwood, Hyde Park, and Woodlawn communities. By prioritizing resident voices and fostering collaboration among stakeholders, we aim to develop targeted interventions that support community well-being and resilience.

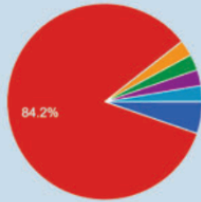
# RESULTS

# COMMUNITY



Are you currently employed?

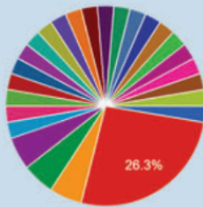
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- Yes
- No
- Not Answered
- Not at the current moment
- No but looking diligently
- No- well yes I clean houses for \$1ca take right now

Have you been incarcerated, if yes, then what year?

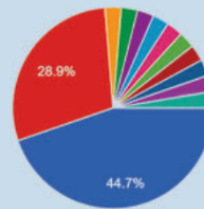
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- Yes
  - No
  - Yes: 2021
  - Yes: 2022
  - Yes: 2023
  - Yes: Jan 27, 2023
  - Yes: 2013
  - Yes: 2015
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Have you been able to secure housing?

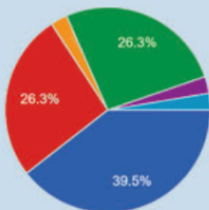
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- Yes
  - No
  - Soon
  - Not Answered
  - Not yet
  - No, I really need help with that still
  - No because of my background/Folor
  - I have not tried yet
- ▲ 1/2 ▼

Is there a commitment from community leaders to provide public awareness towards advancing the growth and development in your community?

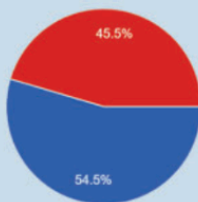
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- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not Sure
- Yes: Aldermen Hoi
- Not Answered

Do you have your GED or High School Equivalent?

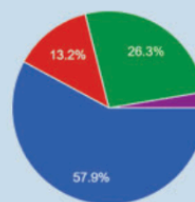
11 responses



- Yes
- No

Is there adequate access to social services (i.e. day care, counseling, support and/or safety services) in your community?

38 responses



- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Not Sure
- Not Answered



## *Secondary Resources*

- UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEDICINE. "COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CHNA)." UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO MEDICINE, N.D.,  
[HTTPS://WWW.UCHICAGOMEDICINE.ORG/ABOUT-US/COMMUNITY/BENEFIT/HEALTH-NEEDS/CHNA](https://www.uchicagomedicine.org/about-us/community/benefit/health-needs/chna).
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- CITY OF CHICAGO. "HEALTHY CHICAGO 2025." CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, N.D.,  
[HTTPS://WWW.CHICAGO.GOV/CITY/EN/DEPTS/CDPH/PROVDRS/HEALTHY\\_COMMUNITIES/SVCS/HEALTHY-CHICAGO-2025.HTML](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdp/PROVDRS/HEALTHY_COMMUNITIES/SVCS/HEALTHY-CHICAGO-2025.HTML).
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[HTTPS://WWW.COOKCOUNTYIL.GOV/AGENCY/MEDICAL-EXAMINERS-OFFICE](https://www.cookcountyil.gov/agency/medical-examiners-office).