

TRUE BELIEVERS COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

BUILDING PATHWAYS FROM SURVIVAL
TO STABILITY TO LEADERSHIP

True Believers Community Connections
empowers underserved, impoverished, and
underrepresented individuals and families on
Chicago's South Side - building pathways from
survival to stability, and from stability to leadership.
Grounded in perseverance, hands-on care, and
deep community roots, we provide supportive
services that develop youth, strengthen families,
and connect people to opportunity.

501C3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION -
ESTABLISHED 2013
SERVING CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE SINCE 2013

Every young person has what it takes to lead. We
walk beside youth ages 11 to 24 and their families
with mentoring, afterschool programs, job readiness,
and one-on-one support that meets people where
they are. Programs are free and doors stay open all
year.

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14,950

PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS
IN FY2026

More than **12,000** young people and family members registered
for TBCC programs this year - far beyond our goal.

FIND US

ADDRESS

459 West 79th Street
Chicago, IL 60620

OFFICE

(773) 966-5651

FAX

(773) 966-5625

EMAIL

info@tbcchub.org

WEB

www.tbcchub.org

OUR FOOTPRINT

Ashburn

Auburn Gresham

Chatham

Englewood

Greater Grand Crossing

Washington Heights

West Englewood

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer with our programs, partner with us, or make a
gift that keeps services free for families. Every hour and
every dollar stays on the South Side.

Call **(773) 966-5651**

Email **info@tbcchub.org**

Visit **www.tbcchub.org**

WHAT WE DO

Stay L.I.T. - Living In Truth

Trauma-informed youth mentoring and afterschool programming that helps young people build confidence, resilience, and leadership from the inside out.

Teen Talk Series

Safe spaces where youth speak up, be heard, and practice real leadership - guided by mentors who listen first.

Workforce & Economic Mobility

Job-readiness training and the summer youth employment program that put first paychecks and real workplace skills within reach.

Case Management & Community Services

One-on-one support and warm referrals connecting families to housing, healthcare, and behavioral health partners they can trust.

Free for families. Programs run year-round for youth ages 11 to 24 across our seven communities, with a staff-to-youth ratio that keeps every young person known by name.

HOW TO JOIN

Registration is open all year. Call **(773) 966-5651**, email info@tbcchub.org, or visit www.tbcchub.org and our team will match your family with the right program. You can also stop by the office at 459 West 79th Street to sign up in person.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

85%

PROGRAM COMPLETION
RATE

70%

STILL ENGAGED SIX
MONTHS LATER

90%

OF YOUTH FEEL SAFE AND
SUPPORTED

85%

SHOW GROWTH IN
CONFIDENCE AND PEER
LEADERSHIP

100%

RESOURCE SATISFACTION

100+

WARM REFERRALS TO
PARTNER SERVICES

THIS FALL AT A GLANCE

1,684

program registrations July through
September

37

youth employed, earning \$10,112 in
wages

82-97.5%

program surveys rated Yes, with 100%
recommending

52

referrals for one-on-one support
answered in July and August

Every figure on this page comes from surveys and program records completed by the youth and families we serve.

ACCREDITED FOR QUALITY

CARF-accredited with four accredited programs under the 2026 Child and Youth Services standards - quality sustained across consecutive survey cycles since 2021. Families can count on the same high standard every time they walk through our doors.

SAFETY AND CARE

Safety incidents this year	Zero
Staff-to-youth ratio	1 to 15
Youth who feel safe and supported	90%
Families who would recommend us	100%
South Side communities served	Seven

Dr. Carol Y. Collum

Founder and Executive Director Dr. Carol Y. Collum leads with hands-on community leadership and shows up in person - pairing rigorous standards with deep community roots. A South Side native and first-generation college graduate, she has spent more than a decade opening doors for young people and families across the neighborhoods we serve.

Stop by, call, or find us online - we would love to meet you.