

CALLED TO CREATE

SEL THROUGH ARTS



Since 2010 One Heart One Soul has been the traveling art program working in shelters, drop-in centers, and transitional homes bringing the power of arts to those experiencing homelessness. What we've seen in the decade of our work is that art works. Research shows:

- Art therapy helps people process trauma through a process called haptic perception, which links movement to emotional centres in the brain
- that a child who is exposed to the arts acquires a special ability to think creatively, be original, discover, innovate, and create intellectual property.

By using the power of arts and understanding, the hope of this program is to connect, engage & encourage kids and parents experiencing homelessness.

THE PARTNERSHIP

Latino Policy Forum is partnering with One Heart One Soul to host a pilot program serving kids and families living in homeless shelters alongside Chicago Hopes for Kids. Called to Create is an initiative of One Heart One Soul. In this partnership pilot program we are hosting a 3-week workshop serving ages K-5 designed to support the Social Emotional Learning curriculum currently used by Chicago Hopes for Kids.

Workshop Dates:

March 24, 2021 | April 7, 2021 | April 21, 2021

The curriculum will be designed in a format leading to an end result, with flexibility to adjust and welcome new participants as needed,

Each session can run up-to 120-minutes with one of the sessions being held outdoors to incorporate sounds & color.

Lead by Lindsey E Bates:

Lindsey E. Bates is a Chicago based artist that invokes emotions through visual storytelling. Lindsey earned a first-place fine art award from the DuSable Museum during their 35th Annual Art Fair. My catalog of Fine art has been purchased across the nation. For nearly a decade Lindsey has taught Art in the education field across Chicagoland and China.

Data:

Despite making up about one-third of the city of Chicago's total population, Black/African Americans are overrepresented at 77 percent of the homeless population. The percentage of individuals of Hispanic/Latino origin is 11.4 percent, a slight increase over the rate from 2019.

Through this partnership we will more effectively reach, empower and engage with kids and families experiencing homelessness.

