

# JCYS Fact Sheet: By the Numbers



Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS) offers educational, recreational and leadership experiences at **3** family centers that provide early childhood education and child care to children 6 weeks to 6 years old and after-school programs for elementary-aged children; **10** summer camps at locations throughout Chicagoland; and **4** specialty programs targeting specific groups of disparate populations — serving a total of over **12,000** children and youth each year.

Since **1907**, JCYS programs and services have shifted to respond to the varying needs and changing demographics in the Chicagoland area for over a century. First known as the “Young Men’s Associated Jewish Charities” and then the “Young Men’s Jewish Council”, the agency has remained an independent non-profit organization and unaffiliated with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, and relies on the support of donors and funders.

Every year, JCYS awards **\$100,000** in scholarships for early childhood education programs and summer camp experiences for families in need of financial support, in addition to the specialty programs that JCYS offers: Camp Red Leaf, TEAMCorps, Camp STAR and Jon Vegosen Champ Camp.

While the focus of JCYS has been the growth and development of children and youth throughout Chicagoland, a key focus of the JCYS mission is leadership development for young professionals. Through the Board of Directors experience, **30 – 40** young professionals complete a comprehensive and intensive leadership program that includes board driven topics including finance and governance, fundraising and program development. Board members gain hands-on experience in the direction and growth of JCYS and continue the organization’s strong tradition of volunteer service for others.

For more information on specific programs and services, please visit the JCYS Press Kit at [jcys.org/Newsroom](http://jcys.org/Newsroom).



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