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Founded in 1978 with a desk and a chair, the Chinese American Service League is the largest and most comprehensive social service agency in the Midwest dedicated to the needs of Chinese Americans. Housed in the award-winning Kam L. Liu Building, and supported by an annual budget of \$13 million, CASL's programs serve over 11,000 clients each year.

Connecting people of all ages and backgrounds to the vital support they need to thrive and contribute to our Chicago community.



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## About CASL

### Mission Statement

The Chinese American Service League (CASL) was established and exists as a nonprofit community-based social service agency for the purpose of strengthening the physical, economic, and mental health of people of all ages and backgrounds in the greater Chicago area. This is achieved through comprehensive program activities that: lead to family economic self-sufficiency, ease the cultural transitions of immigrants as they integrate into American society, engage in advocacy to achieve positive social systemic change.

### Vision Statement

CASL will be a critical anchor for the greater Chicago Chinese community delivering impactful programs and services that preserve and nurture the connection that current and future generations have to their Chinese culture and heritage. Supported by CASL, our community members will live prosperous and empowered lives integrating the best of Chinese and American cultures.

## About CASL

In the fall of 1978, ten dedicated Chinese Americans came together to bridge the gap in services for Chinese American immigrants in Chicago. Their passion and commitment ignited the spark for the Chinese American Service League (CASL), which has since burgeoned into a nurturing hub in the heart of Chinatown.

Today, almost 40 years later, CASL is the largest, most comprehensive social service agency in the Midwest dedicated to serving the needs of Chinese Americans. At CASL, we welcome all who walk through our doors regardless of age, gender and race. We provide child services, elder services, employment training services, family counseling, and housing and financial education to over 11,000 clients of all ages and backgrounds each year.

With more than 500 multilingual and multicultural professional and support staff—complemented by a team of over 250 dedicated volunteers—we offer our clients vital physical, economic, mental, and social support. Our \$13+ million budget—which includes generous contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporate donors—supports programming that primarily serves immigrants who often lack formal education, possess few transferable job skills, and know little of the new world around them. Since many of these individuals do not speak English and sometimes have no family or friends in the area, CASL becomes their instant family, friend, and teacher.

With our support, CASL clients become thriving residents of the greater Chicago community, making valuable contributions as independent, productive members of society. In the words of one of those clients, "We had nothing but our dreams. The Chinese American Service League helped us realize them."