



**A nurturing hub within the heart of Chinatown, the Chinese American Service League (CASL) connects families and individuals of all ages with the vital support they need to thrive and contribute to the greater Chicago community.**



### 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, over 35 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 17,000 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 700 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 in their own right 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."

### Donate

Donations to CASL go a long way to make communities safe, just, and healthy. Your gift will enable CASL to continue to provide valuable services, offering vital physical, economic, mental, and social support to over 17,000 clients each year.

- Make a Gift or Pledge
- Matching Gift Program
- Stock and In-Kind Gifts
- Tributes: Honor or Memorial

For information, email [gifts@caslservice.org](mailto:gifts@caslservice.org)

### Volunteer

At CASL, volunteers are vital in helping our clients succeed in life! There are many opportunities for you to get involved and start changing lives!

- Tutor a child
- Mock Citizenship Exams and Job Interviews
- Company and Group Volunteering
- Teach English
- Legal Clinic Advising/Translating
- Special Events Volunteer
- Community Outreach, and more!

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## CHILD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (CEDS)

Child Education and Development Services provides children with an enriching bilingual/bicultural environment through a variety of developmentally appropriate programs provided by:

- **Family Learning and Resources Center (FALREC)**  
Supporting families with children ages 0-5 including Home Visiting services
- **Child Development Center (CDC)**  
Full-day preschool for children ages 2-5
- **School Age Center (SAC)**  
Provides after-school and full-day programming for children ages 5-12



## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (FCS)

Family and Community Services reaches all aspects of a family's life, educating and assisting clients to gain access to needed resources in health, public benefits and schools, with the goal of enabling them to remain healthy, integrated, and connected to their cultural roots. Services include:

- **Counseling & Social Services**
- **Community Health Outreach Program**
- **Interest Classes (Cultural Retention Program)**
- **Youth Development Programs (Grades 5-8)**



## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING DEPARTMENT (ETD)

The Employment and Training Department provides members of the community with the skills and knowledge they need to find a successful job, and helps teens stay in school as well as move on to post-secondary education. Programs include:

- **Adult Employment Program**
- **Chef Training Program**
- **High School Youth Program**
- **Senior Employment Community Service Program**



## ELDERLY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ESD)

Elderly Services Department is dedicated to enabling older adults to achieve healthy living and maintain independence through our person-centered, culturally competent, and integrated home and community-based services. Services include:

- **Adult Day Service (ADS)**
- **In-Home Service (IHS)**
- **Wellness and Social Services**
- **Pine Tree Senior Council**
- **Citizenship and Immigration Services**



## HOUSING AND FINANCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (HFED)

The Housing and Financial Education Department provides clients access to counseling, knowledge, and tools to facilitate their own financial security:

- **Financial Literacy Seminars and Workshops**
- **Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors (SARFS)**
- **Foreclosure Prevention & Housing Counseling Services**
- **First-time Homebuyer Education Workshops**
- **Counseling, casework and referral services**
- **Weatherization Program, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Share the Warmth, Furnace Assistance, and more**



## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Chinatown Pro Bono Legal Clinic

The monthly pro-bono legal clinic is held in collaboration with the Asian American Bar Association (AABA), Chicago Volunteer Legal Service (CVLS), and the law firm Quarles & Brady. Eligible clients receive pro bono advice, referral, and/or representation. Only civil cases are covered.

### Cup of Tea Discussions

In a low-pressure social environment, clients meet in small groups to practice conversational English that helps them succeed in their everyday lives. The class is free and open to the public.



## ADVOCACY

In keeping with its mission to empower new immigrants, CASL has been involved in advocacy activities since its inception, frequently engaging in advocacy rallies, visiting legislators, and participating in workshops on civic engagement.

CASL is a member of the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC), and works closely with organizations such as Pan-Asian Voters Empowerment (PAVE) and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR). CASL also raises critical relief funds—often in partnership with other Chinese organizations—for the victims of natural disasters in China.