

## Storycatchers Theatre



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### About Storycatchers Theatre

Storycatchers Theatre guides young people to transform their traumatic experiences into powerful musical theatre, inspiring them to develop the courage and vision to become leaders and mentors. By creating support for youth within the criminal justice system, Storycatchers prepares them to change their lives and emerge successfully from court involvement. We offer year-round programs for youth living in 3 secure facilities: Cook County Juvenile Detention Center, and Illinois Youth Centers in Chicago and Warrenville. We also employ young people returning home to Chicago with Changing Voices, a post-release performing arts jobs program, that tours original, youth-created musicals to schools and other venues throughout Chicago. Our teaching artists are trained in our unique, trauma-informed methodology to guide young people to write their stories and collaborate to turn them into original musicals that they then share with peers, family members, and the wider community.

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Arts Program Offerings

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Schools Served

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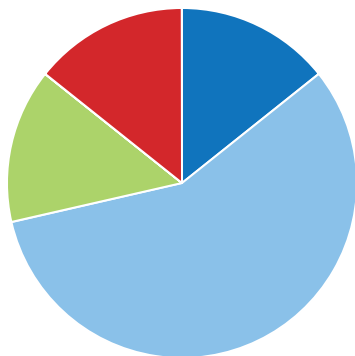
Community Areas Served

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CPS Networks Served

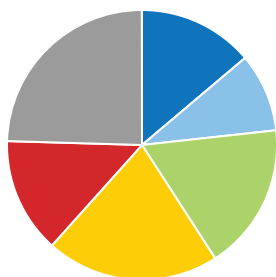
## Profile of Schools Served

### Creative Schools Certification



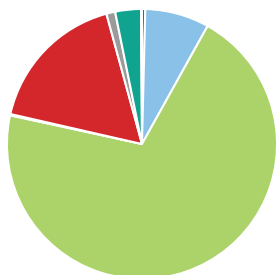
- **Excelling: 14% (1 Schools)**
- **Strong: 57% (4 Schools)**
- **Developing: 14% (1 Schools)**
- **Emerging: 0% (0 Schools)**
- **Incomplete: 14% (1 Schools)**

### School Discipline Interests



- **Dance: 14%**
- **Literary Arts: 9%**
- **Media Arts: 18%**
- **Music: 21%**
- **Theatre: 14%**
- **Visual Arts: 25%**

### Ethnicity



- **American Indian / Alaska Native: 0%**
- **Asian: 8%**
- **Black / African American: 70%**
- **Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: 0%**
- **Hispanic: 17%**
- **Multi-Racial: 1%**
- **White: 3%**
- **Other / Not Available: 0%**

### Student Demographics

**78%**

Low Income

**14%**

Limited English

**19%**

Diverse Learners

**372**

Average Enrollment of School Served

## Our Programs

Name	Description	Type
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Changing Voices	Employment program for young people ages 17-24 following release from incarceration or detention; also available to young people on probation or living in community-based alternatives to incarceration. Participants meet for 30 hours/week to write, produce and perform original dramatic and musical material about their experiences with dysfunctional environments, court involvement and reentry. Changing Voices tours to elementary, middle and high schools throughout Chicago, as well as to other venues.	Field Trip, Performance / Workshop, Out-of-School and/or Summer, Professional Development, Residency
Firewriters	Writing and performance program serving adolescent boys incarcerated at the Illinois Youth Center-Chicago. Participants meet twice a week to generate original material based on their own lives and develop these stories into an original, one-act musical. Each program cycle culminates in public performances for audiences of fellow residents, family members, facility personnel and invited guests.	Field Trip, Performance / Workshop, Out-of-School and/or Summer
Temporary LockDown	Writing and performance program serving adolescent boys and girls detained at Cook County Juvenile Detention Center. Participants meet twice a week to generate original material based on their own lives and develop these stories into an original, one-act musical. Each program cycle culminates in public performances for audiences of fellow residents, family members, facility personnel and invited guests.	Out-of-School and/or Summer, Performance / Workshop
Word Warriors	Writing and performance program serving adolescent boys and girls incarcerated at the Illinois Youth Center-Warrenville. Participants meet twice a week to generate original material based on their own lives and develop these stories into an original, one-act musical. Each program cycle culminates in public performances for audiences of fellow residents, family members, facility personnel and invited guests.	Field Trip, Performance / Workshop, Out-of-School and/or Summer

## Our Reach

### SCHOOLS

- Asa Philip Randolph Elementary School
- Jesse Sherwood Elementary School
- Michele Clark Academic Prep Magnet High School
- Stephen K Hayt Elementary School
- Dr Martin L King Jr Academy of Social Justice
- Mahalia Jackson Elementary School
- Nancy B Jefferson Alternative High School

### COMMUNITIES

- Auburn Gresham
- Austin
- Edgewater
- Englewood
- Near West Side
- West Englewood

### NETWORKS

- Network 2
- Network 11
- ISP
- Options

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