



Howard Area Community Center

7510 N. Ashland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Total Project Cost:
\$4.14 Million

Development Team:
Illinois Facilities Fund
Project Manager and Lender

Howard Area Community Center
Owner and Child Care Provider

Holabird & Root LLP
Architect

Jones Lang LaSalle
Construction Manager

Staalsen Construction Company, Inc.
General Contractor

Date Completed:
January 2004

Description of Project:

Located in Rogers Park on Chicago's far northeast side, Howard Area Community Center (Howard Area) provides a comprehensive network of services for infants through adults, providing services to over 4,000 individuals each year.

Preserving and rehabilitating an older building that had previously been used for offices and warehouse space, IFF managed the construction of the Sheila Berner Community Center, a beautiful new facility that meets the highest standards of child care. Replacing a dilapidated sky light with an atrium provided warm, natural light for the center's gross motor area. Forty eight children are served in two infant classrooms and

four toddler classrooms on the first floor. One hundred preschool children are served in five classrooms on the second floor. In January 2004 Howard Area celebrated the grand opening of the Sheila Berner Community Center, which integrates all of Howard Area's services for children into one bright, modern facility that provides the only continuum of care in Rogers Park.

The Sheila Berner Community Center is the first completed project of the IFF's Chicago Children's Capital Fund, a partnership between the IFF and the City of Chicago to increase the child care capacity in Chicago communities that have the greatest need for child care options.