

Our Mission

YWCA Elgin is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Our Local Vision

To empower women and eliminate racism, we must meet our clients where they are most vulnerable and provide the compassion and services that place them on a path to self-sufficiency and prosperity.



Our DEI Statement

YWCA Elgin values the diverse community that we serve and is committed to an atmosphere that is welcoming and accepting of all people. We are committed to inclusion and reducing systemic inequalities until all lives have equal value. Regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, gender identity, religion, culture, sexual orientation, disability, or background, we foster inclusion, respect, and equity in all services and programs. YWCA Elgin empowers underrepresented community members, particularly women and girls of color.

Our Priorities



AFFORDABLE
HOUSING



ENDING
VIOLENCE



CHILDCARE &
EARLY EDUCATION



EQUAL PAY &
MINIMUM WAGE



EMBRACING
DIVERSITY



HEALTHCARE

Location

220 E. Chicago Street
Elgin, IL

Hours of Operation

September - May
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
June - August
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Contact Us

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Membership

Join the movement committed to positively impacting the lives of women and children in the Elgin area. As a member of the YWCA Elgin, you will belong to one of the oldest and largest multicultural women organizations. Together, we will stand as a powerful voice and support network for women and families.

Membership also has tangible benefits, such as a discount on YWCA Elgin events. To become a member of the YWCA Elgin, you can register online at www.ywcaelgin.org.

Social Media



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Programs

The YWCA Elgin has been providing services that are dedicated to embracing diversity, empowering women and families and supporting our community's youth with a strong educational foundation since 1901.

School Age Child Care (SACC)

is a home away from home for seventy children per year. SACC is a DCFS-licensed program and gives children, ages 5-12, a safe place to be after school while their parents are working or going to school.

Take 2 Creative Camp

is a summer program for students ages 12-15. Take 2 focuses on teaching teens how to use today's technology to create projects; such as movies, music, podcasts, photography, and more. By doing so, our Take 2 Teens learn how to use their voices, build their confidence, and even more skills they can use beyond Take 2 Creative Camp.

Jr. Marketing Committee

Take 2 Teens are selected to help the YWCA Elgin Marketing Department and other community organizations by providing videography, photography, and other marketing materials. This helps them build their resumes, improve applications, and develop their portfolios as they enter adulthood.



Adult Education / English as a Second Language (ESL)

provides over 300 adults from different countries with basic skills to further their education or enter the workforce. Our program utilizes basic literacy, English language instruction, career exploration, digital literacy training, and life skills in order for our students to be successful in society.

Family Literacy

strengthens our community by building families that participate in the educational process together. Family Lit. parents become full partners in their child's education while taking charge of their own education, by attending ESL classes while their children attend ESL Preschool.

Clothing Distribution Center

serves 400 families per year by providing them with clothing, completely free of cost. Participants are referred to the YWCA Elgin by local social service agencies.

Cinderella's Closet

The YWCA Elgin hosts 2 annual events. In the spring, Cinderella's Closet provides prom dresses and accessories to approximately 300 high school girls per year. The dresses and accessories are sold for a minimal fee or free of cost with a referral. In the fall, Cindy's Super Sale provides homecoming, cocktail, and after-five dresses for the public.

Immigration & Citizenship Services

The YWCA Immigration and Citizenship services include legal consultations, application assistance and citizenship classes to prepare clients for naturalization. This is made possible through partnerships with Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICRR), New American Initiative (NAI) and the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS).



Come be a volunteer!

If you are interested in volunteering at the YWCA Elgin, please visit www.ywcaelgin.org and complete the volunteer application.



For more information, visit:
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