



# More than Lockers:

Chicago's Plan to Promote Health,  
Safety & Connection through Storage

Chicago Youth Storage Initiative

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Engelwood  
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Youth Summit  
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Dream it, Speak it

Lake View

Do IT!





# Participatory Action Research.

# Stand-Alone & Satellite Storage Options





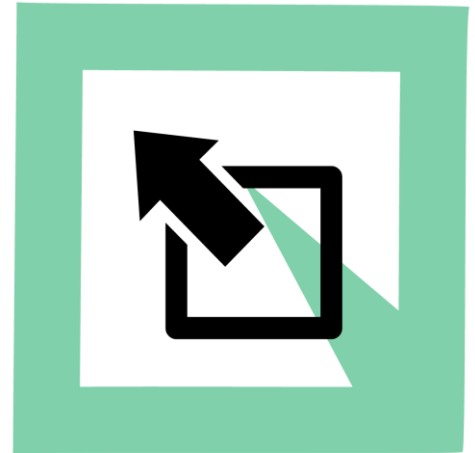
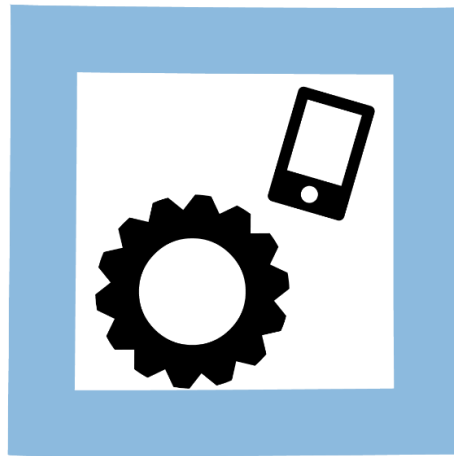
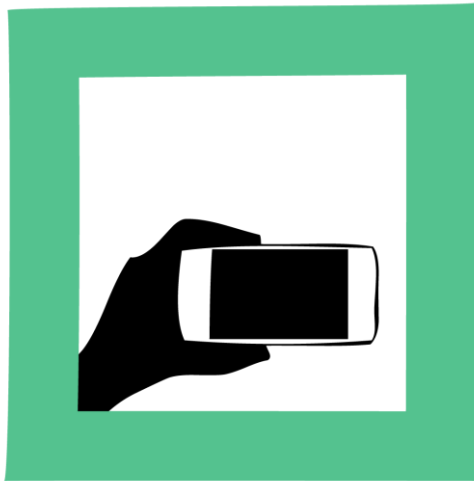
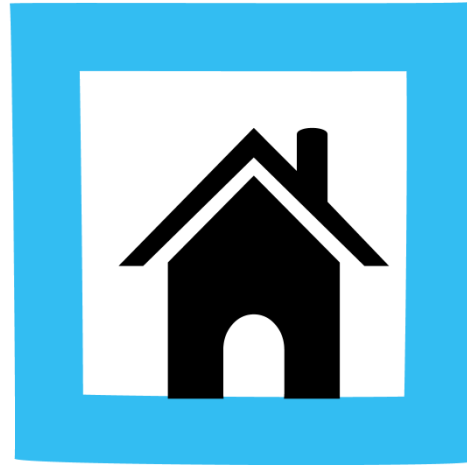
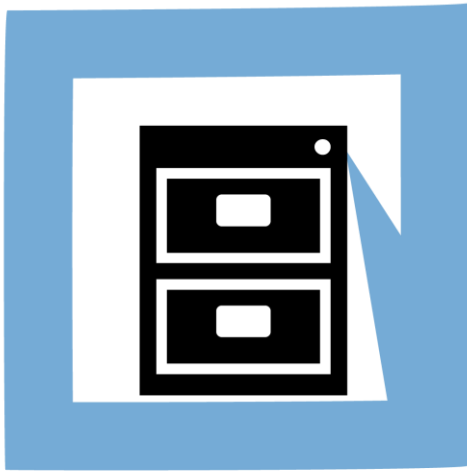












**Solutions.**



# Recommendations + Key Findings

- Proximity + Connection
- Plan 2.0 Menu Item
- Technology Access
- Creative Youth Responses
- Adulthood/Safety + Security
- Stigma and “Service Transactions”



## Mission:

The Chicago Youth Storage Initiative seeks to improve the lives of young people experiencing homelessness through the provision of physical and virtual storage access options that serve a wide range of experiences and needs.





# Public Health Implications

How might storage access support health outcomes?

What are the health benefits?

# 2016–2017 Focus

## Storage Types:

- Medium/Long-Term
- Temporary (Daily, Overnight)
- School-Based
- Google Drive

## Environments:

- Low Threshold Youth Shelters
- Transitional Housing Programs
- Drop In Centers
- Churches
- Schools
- Outreach





# Tensions & Challenges

A row of colorful school lockers in shades of red, purple, blue, green, and orange. A rainbow flag sticker is visible on the right side of the image. The lockers have silver handles and combination locks.

- Confidentiality
- Privacy
- Safety
- Security
- Adulthood
- Options
- Trust
- Disorganization

# Getting to Work

- What storage solutions exist in your community now?
- What can you do in your community to enhance a community-wide storage network?
- If you have time, how would it work? How would it address some of the challenges?