Text Analysis

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Introduction

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Text analysis is used to extract useful information from or summarize a large amount of unstructured text stored in documents. This opens up the opportunity of using text data alongside more conventional data sources (e.g. surveys and administrative data). The goal of text analysis is to take a large corpus of complex and unstructured text data and extract important and meaningful messages in a comprehensible way.

Text analysis can help with the following tasks:

- **Information Retrieval**: Find relevant information in a large database, such as a systematic literature review, that would be very time-consuming for humans to do manually.
- **Clustering and Text Categorization**: Summarize a large corpus of text by finding the most important phrases, using methods like topic modeling.
- **Text Summarization**: Create category-sensitive text summaries of a large corpus of text.
- **Machine Translation**: Translate documents from one language to another.

In this tutorial, we are going to analyze social services descriptions using topic modeling to examine the content of our data and document classification to tag the type of job in the advertisement.

Learning Outcomes

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In this tutorial, you will...

- Learn how to transform a corpus of text into a structured matrix format so that we can apply natural language processing (NLP) methods
- Learn the basics and applications of topic modeling
- Learn how to do document tagging and evaluate the results

Glossary of Terms

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Glossary of Terms:

- **Corpus**: A corpus is the set of all text documents used in your analysis; for example, your corpus of text may include hundreds of research articles.
- **Tokenize**: Tokenization is the process by which text is separated into meaningful terms or phrases. In English this is easy to do for individual words, as they are separated by whitespace; however, it can get more complicated to automate determining which groups of words constitute meaningful phrases.
- **Stemming**: Stemming is normalizing text by reducing all forms or conjugations of a word to the word's most basic form. In English, this can mean making a rule of removing the suffixes "ed" or "ing" from the end of all words, but it gets more complex. For example, "to go" is irregular, so you need to tell the

algorithm that "went" and "goes" stem from a common lemma, and should be considered alternate forms of the word "go."

- **TF-IDF**: TF-IDF (term frequency-inverse document frequency) is an example of feature engineering where the most important words are extracted by taking account their frequency in documents and the entire corpus of documents as a whole.
- **Topic Modeling**: Topic modeling is an unsupervised learning method where groups of words that often appear together are clustered into topics. Typically, the words in one topic should be related and make sense (e.g. boat, ship, captain). Individual documents can fall under one topic or multiple topics.
- **LDA**: LDA (Latent Dirichlet Allocation) is a type of probabilistic model commonly used for topic modeling.
- **Stop Words**: Stop words are words that have little semantic meaning but occur very frequently, like prepositions, articles and common nouns. For example, every document (in English) will probably contain the words "and" and "the" many times. You will often remove them as part of preprocessing using a list of stop words.

Setup

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```
In [1]: %pylab inline
        import nltk
        import json
        import re
        import time
        import progressbar

        import pandas as pd
        from __future__ import print_function
        from six.moves import zip, range
        from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

        from sklearn.feature_extraction.text import CountVectorizer, TfidfTransf
        ormer
        from sklearn.decomposition import LatentDirichletAllocation
        from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
        from sklearn.metrics import precision_recall_curve, roc_auc_score, auc
        from sklearn import preprocessing
        from collections import Counter, OrderedDict
        from nltk.corpus import stopwords
        from nltk import SnowballStemmer
```

```
Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib
```

```
In [2]: nltk.download('stopwords') #download the latest stopwords
```

```
[nltk_data] Downloading package stopwords to
[nltk_data]     /Users/crh278/nltk_data...
[nltk_data]   Package stopwords is already up-to-date!
```

```
Out[2]: True
```

Data Orientation

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Our dataset for this tutorial will be a description of social services in Chicago, and how the subset we're using was created, can be found in the `data` folder in this tutorial.

Load the Data

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To start, we'll load the data into a pandas DataFrame from a CSV file.

```
In [3]:   df_socialservices_data = pd.read_csv('./data/socialservices.csv')
```

Explore the Data

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Our text data table has 7 fields:

- `FACID` - unique ID for each facility.
- `facname` - name of the current facility.
- `factype` - type of the current facility.
- `facurl` - URL of facility's main web page.
- `facloc` - Location of facilitiy.
- `abouturl` - URL of "about" page used to collect text.
- `textfromurl` - Text collected from about URL.

Let's take a look at examples of the values:

```
In [4]: df_socialservices_data.head()
```

Out[4]:

	Unnamed: 0	FACID	facname	factype	facurl	facloc	a
0	0	2	Association House of Chicago	education	http://www.associationhouse.org/	Metro	h u
1	1	3	Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Inc.	education	http://www.auntmarthas.org	Metro, North-Northwest, South-Southwest	h v
2	2	3	Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Inc.	education	http://www.auntmarthas.org	Metro, North-Northwest, South-Southwest	h
3	3	4	B.U.I.L.D., Inc.	education	http://www.buildchicago.org/	Metro	h
4	4	4	B.U.I.L.D., Inc.	education	http://www.buildchicago.org/	Metro	h

How many facilities and types of facilities are in this dataset?

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Next, let's get an idea of the contents of this data set. First, an overview:

```
In [5]:  # overview of contents of data file
         df_socialservices_data.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 146 entries, 0 to 145
Data columns (total 8 columns):
Unnamed: 0      146 non-null int64
FACID           146 non-null int64
facname         146 non-null object
factype         146 non-null object
facurl          146 non-null object
facloc          146 non-null object
abouturl        146 non-null object
textfromurl     146 non-null object
dtypes: int64(2), object(6)
memory usage: 9.2+ KB
```

```
In [6]:  # list unique facility types
         df_socialservices_data.factype.unique()
```

```
Out[6]:  array(['education', 'income', 'health', 'safety net'], dtype=object)
```

```
In [7]:  # list unique facility names
         df_socialservices_data.facname.unique()
```

```
Out[7]:  array(['Association House of Chicago',
                'Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center, Inc.', 'B.U.I.L.D., Inc.',
                'Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago',
                'Chinese American Service League', 'The Community House',
                'Family Focus Inc.', 'Infant Welfare Society of Evanston',
                'Lawrence Hall Youth Services', 'Project: VISION, Inc.',
                'The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Imp
         aired',
                'YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago', 'Youth Crossroads, Inc.',
                'Youth Guidance', 'Center for Economic Progress',
                'Chicago House and Social Service Agency', 'Clearbrook',
                'DuPage PADS', 'Family Shelter Service, Inc.',
                'Heartland Human Care Services, Inc.', 'Inspiration Corporatio
         n',
                'Ladder Up', 'Little City Foundation',
                'Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois',
                'National Able Network, Inc', 'North Lawndale Employment Networ
         k',
                'People's Resource Center', 'PLOWS Council on Aging',
                'Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago', 'Thresholds',
                'YWCA Evanston/North Shore', '360 Youth Services',
                'Arab American Action Network',
                'Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center and Healthcare Network',
                'Bridge Youth and Family Services, The',
                'Erie Family Health Center', 'Family Focus, Inc.',
                'Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights',
                'Heartland International Health Center',
                'Inner-City Muslim Action Network', 'Josselyn Center, The',
                'Crisis Center for South Suburbia', 'Deborah's Place',
                'La Casa Norte', 'Life Span', 'Loaves & Fishes Community Service
         s',
                'Mujeres Latinas en Accion', 'Northwest CASA'], dtype=object)
```

```
In [8]:  # count of unique facility names
         df_socialservices_data.facname.unique().shape
```

```
Out[8]:  (48,)
```

There are 48 facilities, categorized into 4 unique facility types: education, income, health, and safety net.

Topic Modeling

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We are going to apply topic modeling, an unsupervised learning method, to our corpus to find the high-level topics in our corpus as a "first go" for exploring our data. Through this process, we'll discuss how to clean and preprocess our data to get the best results.

Topic modeling is a broad subfield of machine learning and natural language processing. We are going to focus on a common modeling approach called Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA).

To use topic modeling, we first have to assume that topics exist in our corpus, and that some small number of these topics can "explain" the corpus. Topics in this context refer to words from the corpus, in a list that is ranked by probability. A single document can be explained by multiple topics. For instance, an article on net neutrality would fall under the topic "technology" as well as the topic "politics." The set of topics used by a document is known as the document's allocation, hence, the name Latent Dirchlet Allocation, each document has an allocation of latent topics allocated by Dirchlet distribution.

Preparing Text Data for NLP

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The first important step in working with text data is cleaning and processing the data, which includes (but is not limited to):

- forming a corpus of text
- tokenization
- removing stop-words
- finding words co-located together (N-grams)
- stemming and lemmatization

Each of these steps will be discussed below.

The ultimate goal is to transform our text data into a form an algorithm can work with, because a document or a corpus of text cannot be fed directly into an algorithm. Algorithms expect numerical feature vectors with certain fixed sizes, and can't handle documents, which are basically sequences of symbols with variable length. We will be transforming our text corpus into a *bag of n-grams* to be further analyzed. In this form our text data is represented as a matrix where each row refers to a specific job description (document) and each column is the occurence of a word (feature).

Creating a matrix of features from text - Bag of N-gram Example

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Ultimately, we want to take our collection of documents, corpus, and convert it into a matrix. Fortunately, `sklearn` has a pre-built object, `CountVectorizer`, that can tokenize, eliminate stopwords, identify n-grams, and stem our corpus, and output a matrix in one step. Before we apply the vectorizer to our corpus of data, let's apply it to a toy example so that we see what the output looks like and how a bag of words is represented.

```
In [9]:  def create_bag_of_words( corpus,
                                   NGRAM_RANGE = ( 0, 1 ),
                                   stop_words = None,
                                   stem = False,
                                   MIN_DF = 0.05,
                                   MAX_DF = 0.95,
                                   USE_IDF = False ):

             """
             Turn a corpus of text into a bag-of-words.

             Parameters
             ----------
             corpus: ls
                 test of documents in corpus
             NGRAM_RANGE: tuple
                 range of N-gram. Default (0,1)
             stop_words: ls
                 list of commonly occuring words that have little semantic
                 value
             stem: bool
                 use a stemmer to stem words
             MIN_DF: float
                 exclude words that have a frequency less than the threshold
             MAX_DF: float
                 exclude words that have a frequency greater than the threshold


             Returns
             -------
             bag_of_words: scipy sparse matrix
                 scipy sparse matrix of text
             features:
                 ls of words
             """
             #parameters for vectorizer
             ANALYZER = "word" #unit of features are single words rather then phr
         ases of words
             STRIP_ACCENTS = 'unicode'
             stemmer = nltk.SnowballStemmer("english")

             if stem:
                 tokenize = lambda x: [stemmer.stem(i) for i in x.split()]
             else:
                 tokenize = None
```

```
    vectorizer = CountVectorizer(analyzer=ANALYZER,
                                 tokenizer=tokenize,
                                 ngram_range=NGRAM_RANGE,
                                 stop_words = stop_words,
                                 strip_accents=STRIP_ACCENTS,
                                 min_df = MIN_DF,
                                 max_df = MAX_DF)

    bag_of_words = vectorizer.fit_transform( corpus ) #transform our cor
pus is a bag of words
    features = vectorizer.get_feature_names()

    if USE_IDF:
        NORM = None #turn on normalization flag
        SMOOTH_IDF = True #prvents division by zero errors
        SUBLINEAR_IDF = True #replace TF with 1 + log(TF)
        transformer = TfidfTransformer(norm = NORM,smooth_idf = SMOOTH_I
DF,sublinear_tf = True)
        #get the bag-of-words from the vectorizer and
        #then use TFIDF to limit the tokens found throughout the text
        tfidf = transformer.fit_transform(bag_of_words)

        return tfidf, features
    else:
        return bag_of_words, features
```

In [10]:
```
# create example corpus.
toy_corpus = [ 'this is document one', 'this is document two', 'text ana
lysis on documents is fun' ]
```

In [11]:
```
# convert to bag of words
toy_bag_of_words, toy_features = create_bag_of_words( toy_corpus )
```

In [12]:
```
# review - our corpus:
toy_corpus
```

Out[12]:
```
['this is document one',
 'this is document two',
 'text analysis on documents is fun']
```

In [13]:
```
# features derived from the corpus
toy_features
```

Out[13]:
```
['analysis',
 'document',
 'documents',
 'fun',
 'on',
 'one',
 'text',
 'this',
 'two']
```

```
In [14]: # bag of words that results:
         np_bag_of_words = toy_bag_of_words.toarray()
         np_bag_of_words
```

```
Out[14]: array([[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0],
                [0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1],
                [1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0]], dtype=int64)
```

Our data has been transformed from a document into a 3 x 9 matrix, where each row in the matrix corresponds to a document, and each column corresponds to a feature (in the order they appear in `toy_features`). A 1 indicates the existence of the feature or word in the document, and a 0 indicates the word is not present.

It is very common that this representation will be a "sparse" matrix, or a matrix that has a lot of 0s. With sparse matrices, it is often more efficient to keep track of which values *aren't* 0 and where those non-zero entries are located, rather than to save the entire matrix. To save space, the `scipy` library has special ways of storing sparse matrices in an efficient way.

Our toy corpus is now ready to be analyzed. We used this toy example to illustrate how a document is turned into a matrix to be used in text analysis. When you're applying this to real text data, the matrix will be much larger and harder to interpret, but it's important that you know the process.

Exercise 1 - convert corpus to matrix

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To check your knowledge, make your own toy corpus and turn it into a matrix.

```
In [15]: #solution
         exercise_corpus = [ 'Batman is friends with Superman',
                             'Superman is enemies with Lex Luthor',
                             'Batman is enemies with Lex Luthor' ]
         exercise_bag_of_words, exercise_features = create_bag_of_words( exercise
         _corpus )
```

```
In [16]: # convert bag of words to array
         np_bag_of_words = exercise_bag_of_words.toarray()
```

```
In [17]: # show features:
         exercise_features
```

```
Out[17]: ['batman', 'enemies', 'friends', 'lex', 'luthor', 'superman']
```

```
In [18]: # output derived bag of words:
         np_bag_of_words
```

```
Out[18]: array([[1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1],
                [0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1],
                [1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0]], dtype=int64)
```

Calculating Word Counts

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As an initial look into the data, we can examine the most frequently occuring words in our corpus. We can sum the columns of the bag_of_words and then convert to a numpy array. From here we can zip the features and word_count into a dictionary, and display the results.

```python
def get_word_counts( bag_of_words, feature_names ):

    """
    Get the ordered word counts from a bag_of_words

    Parameters
    ----------
    bag_of_words: obj
        scipy sparse matrix from CounterVectorizer
    feature_names: ls
        list of words

    Returns
    -------
    word_counts: dict
        Dictionary of word counts
    """

    # convert bag of words to array
    np_bag_of_words = bag_of_words.toarray()

    # calculate word count.
    word_count = np.sum(np_bag_of_words,axis=0)

    # convert to flattened array.
    np_word_count = np.asarray(word_count).ravel()

    # create dict of words mapped to count of occurrences of each word.
    dict_word_counts = dict( zip(feature_names, np_word_count) )

    # Create ordered dictionary
    orddict_word_counts = OrderedDict( sorted(dict_word_counts.items(),
key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True), )

    return orddict_word_counts
```

In [19]:

```
In [20]:  # get ordered word counts for our example corpus.
          get_word_counts(toy_bag_of_words, toy_features)
```

```
Out[20]:  OrderedDict([('document', 2),
                       ('this', 2),
                       ('analysis', 1),
                       ('documents', 1),
                       ('fun', 1),
                       ('on', 1),
                       ('one', 1),
                       ('text', 1),
                       ('two', 1)])
```

Note that the words "document" and "documents" both appear separately in the list. Should they be treated as the same words, since one is just the plural of the other, or should they be considered distinct words? These are the types of decisions you will have to make in your preprocessing steps.

Exercise 2 - getting word counts

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Get the word counts of your exercise corpus.

```
In [21]:  get_word_counts(exercise_bag_of_words, exercise_features)
```

```
Out[21]:  OrderedDict([('batman', 2),
                       ('enemies', 2),
                       ('lex', 2),
                       ('luthor', 2),
                       ('superman', 2),
                       ('friends', 1)])
```

Creating Text Corpus - choosing text to analyze

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First we need to form our corpus, or the set of all descriptions from all websites. We can pull out the array of descriptions from the data frame using the data frame's `.values` attribute.

```
In [22]: corpus = df_socialservices_data['textfromurl'].values #pull all the desc
         riptions and put them in a numpy array
         corpus
```

Out[22]: array(['Menu About Us We understand the challenges in our community. Health care, family, education, employment; trying to find the time and guidance to address every part of life can seem impossible. Association House makes it possible, all in one place — a place where the staff speaks your language and helps you meet your goals by providing wrap-around services for social, educational, and health programs. We offer our community a unique blend of services, and do it with a warm, family-like atmosphere. Since 1899, Association House has worked with Chicagoans who seek tools to lead more productive lives. It is one of the oldest "settlement houses" in Chicago originally designed to provide relief and guidance to new immigrants. Today, Association House is a vital resource to under-served, multicultural communities, providing collaborative programs in English and Spanish. We promote health and wellness, educational advancement, and economic empowerment. With a staff of over 200 professionals, Association House impacts the lives of nearly 20,000 children, individuals and families each year in the neighborhoods of Humboldt Park, West Town, Logan Square, Avondale, Hermosa, and beyond. We both address immediate needs and plan for long-term goals with services such as: These bilingual programs, conducted by seasoned staff in a caring, welcoming environment, give motivated participants a cohesive safety net to turn to throughout their life. Read more about our mission and values. To learn more about any of Association House's services, simply call or visit us. Our staff is happy to answer all of your questions. We are also always looking for new volunteers and donors — contact us to find out how you can help your community. 1116 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651\n(773) 772-7170 Find us on: Subscribe to our newsletter Email Address * Yes, I would like to receive emails from Association House of Chicago. (You can unsubscribe anytime) Instagram ',
       'Mission, Vision & Core Values OUR MISSION A caring community resource for children, youth and families. OUR VISION A world in which loneliness, sickness and despair are replaced with wholeness, healing and hope. OUR CORE VALUES Excellence In our pursuit of excellence, we choose to continuously redefine both ourselves and that which we desire to achieve. Diversity New perspectives spring from the celebration of our diversity. And only in our acceptance of new perspectives can we find the key to our own, unlimited potential. Collaboration Collaboration is a celebration of diversity. It is an acknowledgement of the strengths of those around us as well as a recognition of our own. Commitment & Passion Our commitment is to our patients, to our clients, to our community and to one another. It is fueled by our passion for the work we do. Innovation Innovation is the result of people acting with purpose and compassion. It is not the next big thing; but a single step forward, a new idea, a better way. Donate Work with Us Volunteer Intern Home | Privacy Policy | Terms of Use Copyright © 2017. All Rights Reserved. \nMooresville Web Design by Briscoweb.\n ',
       'Who We Are Aunt Martha's is a family of more than 900 staff and volunteers. We are health care providers, social workers, educators, counselors, and advocates. We are as diverse as the people and communities we serve. We are parents who know what it is to have a sick, hurting or scared child. We have relied on the help of others to overcome our own challenges. We honor people's strengths, resourcefulness and resilience. We offer compassion. We provide supportive, professional care. We are a team — skilled and specialized. From the psychiatrist treating children in downstate Illinois, to the dental hygienist caring for a homeless person in Kane County; and from the therapist helping a\xa0youth in crisis on the streets of Chicago, to the doctor delivering a baby in Kankakee. Our staff are the best and the brightest in the field. We

are all Care Coordinators — intensely dedicated to our patients and clients, connecting each person with exactly what they need, from the services our organization provides to the specialized care offered by our collaborating partners. We are Aunt Martha's. Donate Work with Us Volunteer Intern Home | Privacy Policy | Terms of Use Copyright © 2017. All Rights Reserved. \nMooresville Web Design by Briscoweb.\n ',

'About Us Since 1969, BUILD (Broader Urban Involvement & Leadership Development) has been a pioneer and innovator in youth development, now serving neighborhoods on\xa0Chicago's West (Austin, Humboldt Park, Hermosa, West Town) and South (Fuller Park, Bronzeville) Sides.\xa0Through three primary program areas — Prevention, Intervention, and BUILDing Futures — BUILD\xa0partners with an array of stakeholders to offer a spectrum of services designed to build lives and\xa0futures. Whether by providing a school-based curriculum, youth leadership opportunities, positive out-ofschool\xa0activities or intensive, individualized mentoring, all of BUILD's programs share the same objectives: Mission BUILD's mission is to engage at-risk youth in the schools and on the streets, so they can realize their educational and career potential and contribute to the stability, safety and well being of our communities. Vision:\xa0Grow Hope. Save Lives. BUILD Futures. BUILD believes that every child deserves a bright future regardless of individual challenges or neighborhood\xa0barriers. To transform children's lives from at-risk to at-hope, BUILD provides comprehensive services\xa0across critical developmental milestones, meeting young people where they are: in the schools, on \xa0the streets, or in the courts. Providing continuity in communities that too often face disruption, isolation and\xa0change, BUILD strives to be a constant and trusted resource for youth whether they are struggling to stay in\xa0school and out of gangs, or striving to go to college and build a career. \xa0 rahm emanuel "Connecting youth most at-risk for violence involvement with strong mentors, positive work experience, and social emotional learning will play a critical role in shaping the future of our City. Our children are our City\'s most precious resource. We must commit our time, energy, and resources to ensure all of our young people have the opportunities and support they need to reach their full potential. Thank you for committing to this fundamental goal" \xa0 - Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel Stay in touch Sign-up to receive our monthly newsletter. Follow Us ',

"BUILDing Futures: College Access and Career Readiness BUILD helps inspire youth to look beyond the barriers in their lives and re-imagine a future filled with\xa0opportunity and achievement. Our BUILDing Futures Program exposes low-income, often-overlooked\xa0students to the possibility of becoming the first in their families to go to college, graduate and create careers,\xa0connecting them to resources they need to achieve their aspirations. Building Futures equips participants with tools and supports needed to graduate from high school (or equivalency), advance to post-secondary opportunities, develop leadership skills, and engage in civic engagement. Through workshops and individual counseling and support, BUILDing Futures assists at-risk students to develop and implement plans for postsecondary education and career. Our Personal Education Plans, part of the Mutual Accountability Plan (MAP), allow students to establish short and long-term goals, as well as action steps needed to reach their goals. BUILDing Futures reaches 750 participants a year, 500 are duplicated from the Prevention and Intervention Components. College Access: Education Outreach Specialists work with middle and high school students on personal motivation, academic attainment, college admissions, financial aid, vocational training, and career exploration to keep them in the educational pipeline and enhance access to

postsecondary opportunities. Career Readiness: The Career Development p
rogram increases the job readiness skills of our youth, assists with th
eir job searches, and connects them to resources and employers in the c
ommunity. It also enhances our youths' understanding of the wide variet
y of careers available to them and the educational requirements of vari
ous careers. Services offered by the Career Development program include
career assessments, resume writing assistance, interview skills develop
ment, asset mapping, workplace etiquette training, job searches, applic
ation assistance, job placement, and other career-related topics as req
uested by staff/school partners. Youth Leadership Development: Youth De
velopment Specialists engage youth council, leadership groups and core
 group members in tracking life plan goals, providing community servic
e, enhancing leadership skills, and learning to become peer mentors and
counselors. BUILDing Futures Core Group Impact 93% of high school non-s
eniors were promoted to the next grade. 93% of high school seniors grad
uated (compared to CPS rate of 63%). 72% of high school graduates enrol
led in college (compared to CPS rate of 59.5%). 227\xa0youth were place
d in employment. 12 youth were placed in internships. \xa0 Stay in touc
h Sign-up to receive our monthly newsletter. Follow Us   ",
        "Programs Since 1969, BUILD has focused our efforts and resource
s on Chicago's most violent neighborhoods in order to change the status
quo that has already taken too many young lives. We accomplish our miss
ion through violence prevention/intervention, youth development, and co
alition building.\xa0Over the years, we have taken the best elements of
our program experience and created THE BUILD MODEL. THE BUILD MODEL\xa0
--\xa0Prevention, Intervention, and BUILDing Futures (college/career pr
ep & youth leadership development)\xa0--\xa0provides best-practice serv
ices that enable youth to reduce risk-taking behaviors, develop persona
l competencies, and strengthen their commitment to education and commun
ity service.\xa0BUILD offers positive alternatives to the gangs, violen
ce and drugs that surround youth, assisting them to transition from bei
ng "at risk" to "at hope" by providing coordinated services that assess
youths' needs, identify their assets, and involve them in our programs
 and refer them to our community partners.\xa0Our services range from o
ne-time violence interventions to intensive, ongoing work with youth. A
ll interactions are geared to empower youth to take charge of their own
lives, their own futures! \xa0 The Core youth that participated in all
three BUILD's programs (Prevention,\xa0Intervention\xa0and\xa0BUILDing
 Futures) achieved the following academic goals for FY15' \xa0 BUILD Mo
del (All Programs) •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 79% of youth have reported
increased knowledge on conflict resolution and anger management •\xa0\x
a0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 78% of youth have demonstrated an improvement in aca
demic performance •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 95% of youth have been prom
oted to the next grade level •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 92% of youth hav
e graduated and obtained a high school diploma or GED •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0
\xa0\xa0 84% of college-ready youth have applied to postsecondary progr
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s Legal Assistance (known as "CCLA") is to provide access to compassion
ate and competent legal assistance to the economically disadvantaged in
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llment CCLA endeavors to fulfill its mission by providing various legal services to clients who live on a low income and cannot afford an attorney. As a part of Catholic Charities, CCLA is able to refer clients for assistance to other Catholic Charities social services programs and to provide legal assistance to existing clients of Catholic Charities. Staff \nHilda Bahena, Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department Director (LADD). \xa0 As the Department Director, Hilda is responsible for the day to day operations of the department, comprised of the Legal Services Program and the Volunteer and Pro Bono Program. The LADD ensures the delivery of legal advice, direct representation and referral services to the department's clients on a wide range of legal issues. \xa0In addition, Hilda is responsible for strategic planning, including providing leadership and direction in establishing both short and long term goals that are consistent with those of the legal aid community and Catholic Charities. \xa0\xa0\n\n   Hilda joined CCLA after first working as a legal aid attorney in the states of California and Illinois for more than twelve years. \xa0Hilda's public interest experience spans a wide range of subject areas, including landlord/tenant, consumer, and immigration law. \xa0She has developed a specific expertise in family law and legal issues related to domestic violence survivors and immigrant communities. \xa0In addition, throughout her career, Hilda has developed trainings, forged collaboration among service providers, conducted extensive community outreach, and created programs to expand services. \xa0Hilda is bilingual in Spanish.\n\n   Hilda received her Bachelors of Science from the University of Illinois College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Illinois College of Law.\xa0\n\nDennis Trainor, Senior Attorney. \xa0As a Legal Service Program Senior Attorney, Dennis provides a wide range of legal services, including advice, brief legal services and representation to the Department's clients. \xa0The Senior Attorney also supports the Department's attorneys, volunteer and staff, by providing leadership including, co-counseling, training, and guidance. \xa0Dennis provides services in variety areas of law including housing, family, and consumer law. \xa0\n\n   Dennis joined CCLA in 2011, having both legal aid and private sector experience. While working in legal aid, Dennis expanded the Poverty Law Project to include Southwestern Cook County, created and implemented a legal aid advice desk at the Sixth Municipal District Court of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and provided services under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program in suburban Cook County. \xa0While in private practice, Dennis concentrated on complex litigation in commercial and consumer matters with an emphasis on real estate and mortgages.\n\n   Dennis is a graduate of Florida Atlantic University and the University of Miami School of Law.\xa0 Legal Assistance: Who We Are What We Do Our Supporters ',

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-income families for school, keep youth in school and out of gangs, cou
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es and walks of life. \xa0We make a difference in the lives of thousand
s of families and individuals by providing local opportunities for athl
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rtunities, and community connections.\n Community Recreation The Commu
nity House offers programs in a wide array of areas including; the\xa0a
rts, theater, fitness, athletics, education,\xa0group outings, special
 events, adult programming and fitness, senior services and programming
including fitness, computers, trips and more.\xa0 These programs give p
articipants, both children and adults an opportunity to build friendshi
ps, create memories and improve their quality of life. Social Services
 The Community House is vital to the western suburbs as an option for i
mportant services. The Counseling Center provides highly qualified\xa0t
herapists to offer psychotherapy for\xa0\xa0individuals, couples, famil
ies, and groups.\xa0 Residents of the isolated Willowbrook Corner neigh
borhood receive opportunities in recreation, learning and education.\xa
0Individual and families facing the challenges of autism receive therap
y, programming and support from the Charlie's Gift Autism Center. Deepl
y Rooted in the Community For over 70 years, The Community House has be
en the source for recreation and social programs in Hinsdale and the su
rrounding communities.\xa0 Generations have turned to The Community Hou
se as a place to hold community events, fundraisers, plays and to meet
 and socialize. The Community House serves a broad range of residents f
rom Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Oak B
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d welcoming environment for your whole family. Explore our site, see wh
at we have to offer, and we invite you to come and start building new f

riendships as you get involved in the community. As a 501(c)(3) nonprof
it organization, we do not receive tax support, and we rely on the cont
ributions of the community to sustain our services. We are grateful to
 the many generous community contributors; who over generations have de
dicated their time, talents and financial support to make what we do po
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 The rich and dynamic history of The Community House began in 1941 when
 a group of area residents recognized there was a growing need to suppo
rt and serve the community. Our spirit of service has its roots in thos
e early days, and continues to shape our dedication to building communi
ty and meeting local needs. Read about our complete history Did You Kno
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ildren from birth by supporting and strengthening families in and with
 their communities We help parents gain confidence and competence as th
e primary caregivers and educators of their children. We provide parent
s and their children with critical resources and learning opportunities
 to encourage healthy development in their communities. What We Do EARL
Y\xa0CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT We provide parents with training and educati
onal tools to support healthy early childhood development. We work as p
artners, evaluating benchmarks and providing resources to meet the deve
lopmental needs of children. We connect parents to others in their comm
unity, creating a support structure that enables the whole family to po
sitively impact a child's emotional state, ability to socialize, capaci
ty to learn, and preparation for school, for a lifetime of well-being.
 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Family Focus supports children and youth ages 6-18 t
hrough enhanced educational opportunities programs to explore science,
 technology, engineering and math, as well as sports and cultural activ
ities that encourage healthy development, self-confidence and the abili
ty to create positive relationships. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES By helping
 parents, grandparents and family members achieve their own personal ac
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d care and early education facilities — Baby Toddler Nursery and Teen B
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n through our Family Support Program. In our centers, we keep our class
 sizes small, encourage family participation, and celebrate each chil
d's uniqueness and individuality. Family Support strengthens at-risk fa
milies by giving them the tools to be successful. We aim to act as an a
dvocate, care-taker, and champion for all of our children. We believe t
hat all families deserve access to high-quality care and early childhoo
d education. We serve families of all socioeconomic levels, so their ch
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d and treated. Lawrence Hall is a statewide leader in highly-effectiv
e, evidence-based, and innovative therapeutic treatment. The agency's
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 expert staff, has positioned Lawrence Hall to meet the changing and c
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of young professionals, students, and volunteers who saw a need for co mmunity youth to have a place to call their own. In Fall 2004, with the help of a few volunteers and borrowed space from the Chicago Public Li brary and Valentine Boys and Girls Club in Bridgeport, Project: VISION piloted its first tutoring program. Since then, our programs have reac hed over 500 youths, while remaining primarily volunteer-run and contin uing to provide all programs free to youth. It's a common misconception that Asian American students already excel academically, and therefor e, these communities have little need for tutoring and after school pro grams. The truth is, every community has an underserved population and we are no exception. Who We Serve Our youth are between the ages of 12 and 21 from the Chinatown, Bridgeport, and surrounding neighborhoods. 96% Chinese American, reflecting the area's demographics 96% are enr olled in Chicago Public Schools 90% are from first-generation immigran t families 70% would be the first in their families to attend college © Copyright 2005 - 2017 Project: VISION, Inc. 236 W 22nd Place Unit 1, Chicago, IL 60616 | (312) 808-1898 | staff@ProjectVisionChicago.org Si te Map | Privacy Policy ',

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s an essential leader in making our city a world-class place to live an
d raise a family. To achieve this, we adopted a bold Strategic Plan tha
t positioned our 23 centers, five camps and hundreds of extension sites
 to meet the changing needs of the more than 200,000 members we serve e
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nd so much more possible. We hope you enjoy reading about the difference your support is making in the lives of children, individuals and families in the community. When you join the Y, you become part of something big. About Learn more A YMCA gift certificate is always the perfect gift! YMCA OF METRO CHICAGO 1030 W. Van Buren Street,Chicago, IL 60607\n tel: 312.932.1200\ntoll-free: 800.514.1224 DONATE TODAY! Membership Centers & Camps Quick Links \xa0 \n ",

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two ways: MEMBERSHIP CARD Your YMCA membership card is a passport. It verifies your agreement to receive the benefits of membership and to abide by the rules and policies of the YMCA of Metro Chicago. Please present your membership card each time you enter the facility and when registering for programs in order to avoid delays. Lost cards may be replaced at your Center for a nominal fee. MEMBERSHIP HOLDS Members in good standing of the YMCA of Metro Chicago can place their membership on hold for up to three (3) continuous months, once in a twelve (12) month period. The member must come into the Center 5 business days before the requested hold date. Stop by the membership desk at your Center for details. MOVING When transferring an annual membership from another YMCA, we will contact your previous YMCA for a prorated balance of your membership. Our membership department will gladly honor your credit and apply this amount to your first year's dues, subject to the policies of your previous YMCA. You will not be responsible for the joiner's fee if your transfer occurs within 30 days of membership expiration. MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION As a member of the YMCA of Metro Chicago, you can cancel your membership at any time by giving the YMCA a minimum of 5 business days notice. The cancellation may be made in person, by fax, postal mail, or email with receipt of confirmation. If you participate in a membership draft payment plan, the YMCA will continue to draft until you cancel the membership as provided above. Your membership cancellation will be effective as of your next billing cycle. We cannot refund the prepaid portion of your membership. Cancellation of membership is not necessarily cancellation of Annual Fund deductions and vice versa. A.W.A.Y. PROGRAM The A.W.A.Y. (Always Welcome at YMCAs) Program allows you access to more than 2,300 YMCAs across the United States and in 130 countries and territories around the world. Visiting members are always welcome by showing their YMCA A.W.A.Y. membership card. Some local restrictions apply. Please call ahead prior to your first visit. Check out www.ymca.net for the nearest YMCA you are planning to visit. RECIPROCITY The YMCA of Metro Chicago allows its members to use other YMCAs within the Association at no additional charge. Members are encouraged to join the YMCA that they most often use. AGE GUIDELINES Youth age 7 and under must be directly supervised by a parent/guardian whenever they are in a YMCA facility (except when participating in a structured program/activity with Y staff). Youth ages 8–10 may be unaccompanied by parent/guardian in specifically designated areas of the facility that are monitored by Y staff (call or stop by your center's member services desk for a list of designated areas). However, the parent/guardian must be physically present somewhere in the facility. Alternatively, parents/guardians may designate an individual caregiver (in writing) aged 11 or older to be physically present in the facility in place of the parents/guardians. The designated caregiver must have a valid membership. However, youth ages 8–10 don't need a parent/guardian or designated caregiver to be physically present in the facility if they're involved in a structured activity that is supervised by Y staff. To be in one of our pools, youth must pass a deep water swim test. Youth ages 11–17 may be in the facility without a parent/guardian. Parents/guardians do not have to be physically present elsewhere in the facility. Youth age 12 and under may only use fitness center and equipment when engaged in a YMCA program. Youth 8-12 years old may attend select group fitness classes with a parent or guardian actively supervising. Youth 13-15 years old may use the facility on their own after completing a Fitness Orientation. Certain equipment may be excluded. Youth 13-15 years old may attend group fitness classes, unless the class is specifically noted for 16+ years of age. Youth 16 + may use the fitness center, equipme

nt and group exercise classes. GUEST PASSESTry the Y Today! The YMCA o f Metro Chicago provides guests the opportunity to try the Y! Guests m ay visit your Center Website for branch specific guest policies. Each guest is limited to three visits per calendar year and then may purcha se a membership. Guests must be 11 years old or older to be or bring a guest. All guests must present a valid ID and sign a facility waiver. Facility waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian for ages under 18 years old. CLOSURES AND CANCELLATIONS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER\xa0 Whil e the Y will make every attempt to open or remain open in inclement wea ther, it reserves the right to delay opening, close early, or remain cl osed if the weather is serious enough to put our staff and members at r isk. Further, if a paid program is canceled because of a closure, the c lass will typically be offered at a make-up day and time. If circumstan ces prohibit a make-up class from being held, the Y may prorate a progr am registrant's class rate to reflect the actual classes offered for th at session, if requested. \xa0 CONDUCT CODE OF CONDUCT As YMCA member s, it is important to remember that we share our facilities with young children, teens and people of all backgrounds. We can make the YMCA a positive place for all by demonstrating the YMCA core values of carin g, honesty, respect and responsibility. Members are expected to exhibi t appropriate behaviors at all times: The YMCA of Metro Chicago reserve s the right to suspend or cancel a membership if a member's behavior o r language is judged to be in conflict with the welfare of other membe rs or staff, or in conflict with the YMCA's mission. CELL PHONE POLICY Due to the advances in cell phone and video/picture technology and for the privacy of our members and guests: Cell phones may not be used in locker rooms, bathrooms, or childcare rooms. Use of cameras and other video/picture capturing devices is also restricted. Posting of images taken at the YMCA is prohibited without permission of the Executive Di rector. If you must utilize a cell phone, please be courteous and keep your phone on "vibrate" or a very quiet ring tone, and keep your conve rsations short and as quiet as possible. If family or friends need to c ontact you due to an emergency, they may call the Center's main number and a representative will page you or make every effort to locate you immediately. If a call must be answered, please do so discreetly and m ove to a designated area to complete the call. Again, in an effort to p rotect the privacy of our members and guests, anyone who violates this policy will be asked to move to the lobby or designated area. If a mem ber or guest continues to violate this policy or posts images, their pr ivileges and/or membership may be revoked. CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR POLICY Th e YMCA reserves the right to deny access or membership to any person w ho has been convicted of any crime involving sexual abuse, is or has b een a registered sex offender, has ever been convicted of any offense relating to the use, sale, possession, or transportation of narcotics or habit forming and/or dangerous drugs, chemicals, narcotics, or int oxicating beverages. The YMCA also reserves the right to suspend access or membership to any person accused of the items list above pending t he outcome of any charges or court proceedings. \xa0 PROGRAM FEES & P OLICIES PROGRAM FEES Some of our programs are fee-based, which represe nts the cost of providing program activities or services not included i n your membership dues. Specific fee information is available at your Y MCA or at register.ymcachicago.org. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM We aw ard over 3 million dollars in membership scholarships annually to suppo rt our goal of making the Y accessible to all. These funds are raised t hrough our The Y. So Much More Campaign. If you would like to donate to help families in need or if you would like to apply for assistance, pl ease see your YMCA's membership desk for details. CLASS CANCELLATIONS

   We will cancel a class if it does not reach its minimum required enrol
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he option of joining another class or receiving an account credit which
 can be used to register for another class. In the event you need to ca
ncel your enrollment in a paid class, please contact the membership des
k to request a credit on your account for the unused portion, less any
 non-refundable deposit. All credit requests must be made prior to the
 end of the program along with a completed credit request form. Missed
 classes cannot be made up and credit requests must be made prior to th
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n a healthy environment by following these guidelines: LOCKERS Locker
s are available for daily use. The YMCA is not liable for articles dam
aged, lost or stolen. Please use a lock to secure your clothes in our
 "day use" lockers while you are working out. Never leave valuables in
side your locker. Most Centers have special wallet kit lockers for mem
bers' valuables. Locks left on overnight may be removed so that other
 members can use the lockers. Some Centers rent a limited amount of lo
ckers for overnight storage at an additional fee. RENTAL SPACE You may
 reserve space at YMCA Centers for special occasions such as birthday
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 Inc. is a non-profit community-based organization whose mission is to
 act in the best interest of youth, guiding them through life's challen
ges, and inspiring them to discover new opportunities for personal deve
lopment, healthy relationships, and positive community involvement. Ser
ving Berwyn, Cicero, Forest View, Lyons, and Stickney for 43 years as a
 licensed child welfare organization, Youth Crossroads\xa0has assisted
 thousands of young people ages 10 to 17 and their families through ind
ividual and group counseling, after school programs, and 24 hour/365 da
ys emergency response services. The agency works closely with local pol
ice departments, school districts and other social service providers to
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enging environment. Recent Posts YC Mission Statement YC SiteMap Text-T
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 implements school-based programs that enable at-risk children to overc
ome obstacles, focus on their education and, ultimately, succeed in sch
ool and in life. VISION Youth Guidance sees a bright and successful fu
ture for every inner-city elementary and high school student. Because w
e believe that success in school is not only possible but should be ach
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nment that truly engages students in the learning process, and through
 careful guidance, enables them to realize their full potential and gra
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ounded in 1924 as The Church Mission of Help, Youth Guidance was origin
ally formed to assist girls in need of shelter, clothing, medical care,

financial help, legal assistance, and educational/vocational opportuni
ties. In 1962, the Church of Mission Help merged with an agency serving
 boys in family court and became Youth Guidance Youth Services. In 196
9, we entered into a partnership with Chicago Public Schools (CPS) and
 established our first full-time offices within area\xa0schools—laying
 the foundation for the innovative, school-based initiatives that are t
he cornerstone of the Youth Guidance of today. Remembering Former CEO N
ancy Johnstone… TODAY Youth Guidance is a leading provider of outcomes-
driven programs and capacity-building initiatives, directly serving mor
e than 8,500 youth while\xa0touching the lives of more than 14,000 yout
h, parents, teachers and community members. Our specific and strategica
lly developed delivery areas are: Counseling & Prevention (BAM, WOW, ST
RIVE);\xa0Community & Afterschool (Parent & Family Engagement, Full-Ser
vice Community Schools,\xa0Extended Day & Enrichment); and Youth Workfo
rce Development (Project Prepare and AmeriCorps). Each area is mission-
oriented, carrying its own targets and benchmarks. \xa0Each is vital to
 the agency's success. To access Youth Guidance on GuideStar, please\xa
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oneliness, sickness and despair are replaced with wholeness, healing an
d hope. OUR CORE VALUES Excellence In our pursuit of excellence, we cho
ose to continuously redefine both ourselves and that which we desire to
 achieve. Diversity New perspectives spring from the celebration of our
 diversity. And only in our acceptance of new perspectives can we find
 the key to our own, unlimited potential. Collaboration Collaboration i
s a celebration of diversity. It is an acknowledgement of the strengths
 of those around us as well as a recognition of our own. Commitment & P
assion Our commitment is to our patients, to our clients, to our commun
ity and to one another. It is fueled by our passion for the work we do.
 Innovation Innovation is the result of people acting with purpose and
 compassion. It is not the next big thing; but a single step forward, a
 new idea, a better way. Donate Work with Us Volunteer Intern Home |
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 volunteers. We are health care providers, social workers, educators, c
ounselors, and advocates. We are as diverse as the people and communiti
es we serve. We are parents who know what it is to have a sick, hurting
 or scared child. We have relied on the help of others to overcome our
 own challenges. We honor people's strengths, resourcefulness and resil
ience. We offer compassion. We provide supportive, professional care. W
e are a team — skilled and specialized. From the psychiatrist treating
 children in downstate Illinois, to the dental hygienist caring for a h
omeless person in Kane County; and from the therapist helping a\xa0yout
h in crisis on the streets of Chicago, to the doctor delivering a baby
 in Kankakee. Our staff are the best and the brightest in the field. We
 are all Care Coordinators — intensely dedicated to our patients and cl
ients, connecting each person with exactly what they need, from the ser
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s Legal Assistance (known as "CCLA") is to provide access to compassion
ate and competent legal assistance to the economically disadvantaged in

the Chicago area without regard to religious affiliation. Mission Fulf
illment CCLA endeavors to fulfill its mission by providing various lega
l services to clients who live on a low income and cannot afford an att
orney. As a part of Catholic Charities, CCLA is able to refer clients f
or assistance to other Catholic Charities social services programs and
 to provide legal assistance to existing clients of Catholic Charities.
 Staff \nHilda Bahena, Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department D
irector (LADD). \xa0 As the Department Director, Hilda is responsible f
or the day to day operations of the department, comprised of the Legal
 Services Program and the Volunteer and Pro Bono Program. The LADD ensu
res the delivery of legal advice, direct representation and referral se
rvices to the department's clients on a wide range of legal issues. \xa
0In addition, Hilda is responsible for strategic planning, including pr
oviding leadership and direction in establishing both short and long te
rm goals that are consistent with those of the legal aid community and
 Catholic Charities. \xa0\xa0\n\n   Hilda joined CCLA after fi
rst working as a legal aid attorney in the states of California and Ill
inois for more than twelve years. \xa0Hilda's public interest experienc
e spans a wide range of subject areas, including landlord/tenant, consu
mer, and immigration law. \xa0She has developed a specific expertise in
 family law and legal issues related to domestic violence survivors and
 immigrant communities. \xa0In addition, throughout her career, Hilda h
as developed trainings, forged collaboration among service providers, c
onducted extensive community outreach, and created programs to expand s
ervices. \xa0Hilda is bilingual in Spanish.\n\n   Hilda receiv
ed her Bachelors of Science from the University of Illinois College of
 Liberal Arts & Sciences and her Juris Doctorate from the University of
 Illinois College of Law.\xa0\n\nDennis Trainor, Senior Attorney. \xa0A
s a Legal Service Program Senior Attorney, Dennis provides a wide range
 of legal services, including advice, brief legal services and represen
tation to the Department's clients. \xa0The Senior Attorney also suppor
ts the Department's attorneys, volunteer and staff, by providing leader
ship including, co-counseling, training, and guidance. \xa0Dennis provi
des services in variety areas of law including housing, family, and con
sumer law. \xa0\n\n   Dennis joined CCLA in 2011, having both
 legal aid and private sector experience. While working in legal aid, D
ennis expanded the Poverty Law Project to include Southwestern Cook Cou
nty, created and implemented a legal aid advice desk at the Sixth Munic
ipal District Court of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and provided s
ervices under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program in s
uburban Cook County. \xa0While in private practice, Dennis concentrated
 on complex litigation in commercial and consumer matters with an empha
sis on real estate and mortgages.\n\n   Dennis is a graduate o
f Florida Atlantic University and the University of Miami School of La
w.\xa0 Legal Assistance: Who We Are What We Do Our Supporters ',
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        'About Us Whether They Are Young or Old, Hungry or Addicted, Hom
eless or Friendless... Catholic Charities sees the face of God in those
 in need. By providing food, clothing, shelter and counseling, we bring
 hope to the hopeless in the city of Chicago and its suburbs.   With 1
50 programs at 164 locations\xa0throughout Cook and Lake counties, we s
erve virtually every neighborhood and parish in the Chicagoland area.\x
a0Through our broad spectrum of services, we\xa0annually assist more th
an 1 million persons in Cook and Lake counties without regard to religi
ous, ethnic or economic background.   For more than 98 years, Catholic
 Charities has empowered families and individuals of all races and reli

gious backgrounds to realize their full potential.\xa0Our services help people from the point of conception through the last stages of their lives. We keep mothers and their babies well-fed, prepare children in low-income families for school, keep youth in school and out of gangs, counsel and give job training to adults with economic troubles, provide affordable housing for seniors, and organize in-home care services for seniors who need help caring for themselves.\n\n

Only 8 cents of every dollar donated goes toward our administrative expenses; the rest goes directly to help clients. While Catholic Charities raises funds separately from the Archdiocese of Chicago, we serve as the social service arm of the church.   Catholic Charities 2016 Fact Sheet\nCatholic Charities Organizational Chart\nCatholic Charities Code of Ethics\n\n\nCatholic Charities Identity Booklet\nCatholic Charities 2016-17 Service Directory\n\nCaridades Católicas Hoja Informativa 2016\nDirectorio de Servicios de Caridades Católicas 2016-17\n Our Mission Catholic Charities fulfills the Church\'s role in the mission of charity to anyone in need by providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life. Nuestra Misión Caridades Católicas cumple con el papel de la Iglesia en la misión de caridad a cualquier persona en necesidad, proporcionando servicios compasivos, competentes y profesionales que fortalecen y apoyan a individuos, familias y comunidades, basados en el valor y la dignidad de la vida humana. Fraud Reporting At Catholic Charities, we try to ensure the security of all of our electronic communications such as email and our web sites. If you receive any email that appears to be fraudulent, or feel our web site has been compromised in any way, please contact us immediately at CC_Fraud_Reporting@catholiccharities.net and we will investigate this activity. Never release any personal or financial information via electronic communication unless you are certain it is secure, such as through our secure online donation page. Terms of Use & Privacy Policy Catholic Charities\'s Privacy Policy is designed to help you understand how we collect and use the personal information you decide to share, and help you make informed decisions when using our website located at www.catholiccharities.net and its directly associated domains (collectively, "Catholic Charities" or "Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago" or "Website").   By using or accessing Catholic Charities, you are accepting the practices described in this Terms of Use & Privacy Policy.   This privacy statement covers the site www.catholiccharities.net and its directly associated domains.   If you have questions regarding this statement, please visit our Terms of Use & Privacy Policy page.   About Us: Our Services: Who We Are What We Do Our Supporters ',

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"\neconomicprogress.org Follow economicprogress.org on: Donate About Rethinking the EITC The Problem The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is our nation's largest federal anti-poverty program for families with children, reaching one in five workers, or 28 million households. In Illinois, more than one million households claimed the EITC in 2014, generating $2.5 billion in refunds. Under current law, the EITC — worth up to $6,143 per household - is available only as a lump-sum credit payable after a tax return is filed - a few months after the end of the year in which the credit was earned. For many working families, their EITC refund is larger than their regular paycheck, and their overall tax refund can be between 20% and 40% of their annual take-home pay. Living paycheck to paycheck for most of the year, most families have spent their refund within several months, however they continue to experience financial instability the rest of the year. These constraints can cause families to often rely on short-term, high cost credit — payday and auto title loans and high interest credit cards — or even forego paying bills which can result in expensive late fees and penalties. Our Solution Recognizing these limitations of the EITC as a once-a-year, lump-sum refund payment, CEP proposes a periodic payment option that allows taxpayers with children to claim a portion of the EITC during the year it is earned. By having up to 50% of the federal EITC paid out in four installments in the year it is earned rather than in the subsequent year when a tax return is filed, CEP believes that recipients will be able to better address income\xa0volatility, reduce reliance on high-cost credit and save for the future. CEP tested this hypothesis in Chicago through its Chicago Periodic EITC Payment Pilot. This pilot was a research collaboration with the City of Chicago, Chicago Housing Authority and the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign conducted in 2014 and 2015. \xa0 Early results from the pilot are now available and are overwhelmingly positive.\xa0 Participants, when compared to a control group, relied less on credit cards and payday loans, experienced less stress, invested more funds in their children and saved more.\xa0 Most significantly, 90% indicated that they prefer a periodic payment EITC versus the current lump sum refund. Read: Learn more:\xa0 ",

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 \xa0 Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois (LCFS) welcomes fo
ur new members to its board of trustees. \xa0 "I am excited about the n
ew members joining the LCFS board of trustees," said LCFS Chief Executi
ve Officer Gene Svebakken. "Their unique experiences will provide our a
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n the values of Lutheran social ministry. We seek to be an agency in wh
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 on behalf of others." \xa0 Rev. Dr. Paul Bacon (Chicago, IL) is an hon
orary member of the board of trustees who is returning to an active rol
e on the board. He has served as the senior pastor at Chicago's Bethesd

a Lutheran Church since 2000. His historical perspective and long invol vement with Lutheran social ministry are valuable assets. \xa0 Robert F ick (Chicago, IL) is the president and founder of Category Captain, LLC in Chicago. Category Captain was funded in 2006 and analyzes point-of- sale data from a marketing perspective, providing consumer-product supp liers with retail data knowledge. Robert has been a member of LCFS' Har vest Gala committee since 2014. He has also served with a variety of ot her organizations through volunteer activities such as mentoring, tutor ing, meal service and visiting the elderly. Robert is a member of Soul City Church in Chicago. \xa0 Keithan Hedrick (Naperville, IL) has been with Polsinelli, PC in Chicago since September 2015 as an associate at torney. He specializes in mergers and acquisitions, venture capital and private equity work. Keithan also serves as an associate board member for Rush University Medical Center and the Chicago Committee on Advanc ing Minority Attorneys. "I believe in providing assistance to those who are less fortunate," explained Keithan. "The most important aspect is that those who need assistance receive it. It is less important who pr ovides the assistance, just that it is provided." \xa0 Teresa McFadden (River Forest, IL) has been with Sargent & Lundy, LLC in Chicago since 2010. She currently serves as an instructional designer. Teresa is res ponsible for analyzing current and future training needs by working wit h subject matter experts and management to create a cohesive plan for t he design, development, implementation and evaluation of technical, saf ety, economic and social trends, ensuring the most current information is available to the corporate workforce. Teresa is also a member of se veral corporate-sponsored communities of practice, including Women in E ngineering Professional Development and Fossil Mechanical Engineering. Teresa is a member of Grace Lutheran Church and School in River Fores t. \xa0 In other recent business, the LCFS board elected Anthony Stephe ns (Oak Park, IL) chair. He is a specialist in the development of comme rcial retail shopping centers with Heritage Property Group. "For-profit commercial development allows me to develop viable uses in the best co mmunities and locations with an eye to long-term investment," said Anth ony. "My nonprofit work gives the great satisfaction of making a differ ence in the lives of the most needy children and youth." He is also a m ember of Grace Lutheran Church and School in River Forest. \xa0 Brenna Woodley (Chicago, IL) was elected secretary and vice chair. She is a l abor and employment attorney with Sidley Austin LLP and founder of Bund les of Joy, a non-profit that collects and distributes diapers to 27 fo od pantries and social service agencies throughout Chicago. Brenna is a member of First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Chicago. \xa0 Martin Staeh lin (Arlington Heights, IL) was re-elected to a three-year term on the board and named treasurer. He recently retired from PricewaterhouseCoo pers, where he served as\xa0a managing director\xa0in health care consu lting since 1988. Martin in a member of Living Christ Lutheran Church i n Arlington Heights. \xa0 Jill Chapman (Chicago, IL) and Rev. William G eis (St. Louis, MO) were both elected vice chairs. Jill is a senior hum an-resources leader who is currently in transition. She is also a membe r of First St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Chicago. Pastor Geis is the as sociate pastor at Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens in St. Louis. \xa0 Rev. Martin Haeger (Chesterfield, MO) was re-elected to a three-year t erm. Pastor Haeger is the senior administrative pastor at St. Mark's Lu theran Church in Eureka, Missouri. His perspective as an adoptive paren t and Lutheran pastor are valuable assets to the board. Navigation Link s Contact Us \r\n   \tLutheran Child and Family Se rvices of Illinois \r\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t7620 Madison Street\r\n\t\t\t\t\t \t\tRiver Forest, IL 60305\r\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\tPhone : 708-771-7180\r\n\t

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'   \n\t\t\t\t\t LCFS, Responsible Budget Coalition discuss state budget impasse\t\t\t\t\t Members of the Responsible Budget Coalition, including LCFS, spoke in Springfield yesterday about how the current Illinois budget impasse is weakening families and communities, and how the governor and general assembly have failed to put a budget first that chooses revenue.\n\xa0 News story\n\xa0 Picture: Left to right: Jennifer Cushman and Neal Waltire of the Responsible Budget Coalition spoke with LCFS' Julie Mavec after the press conference about the need for state revenue to restore services to homeless veterans.\n\xa0 Navigation Links Contact Us \r\n   \tLutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois \r\n\t\t\t\t\t\t7620 Madison Street\r\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\tRiver Forest, IL 60305\r\n\t\t\t\t\t\tPhone : 708-771-7180\r\n\t\t\t\t\t\tFax : 708-771-7184\r\n\t\t\t\t\t\tEmail : lcfs_info@lcfs.org \r\n\t\t\t\t\t\tCentral Intake and Information & \r\n   Referral: 800-363-LCFS (5237) \n Hours ',

'   \n\t\t\t\t\t Lutheran Day 2015: Becoming Participants\t\t\t\t\t One hundred advocates from nine Lutheran agencies joined together in the state capital on April 14 for Lutheran Day 2015 and exercised their right to care about their neighbors. \xa0 "By answering Jesus' call, we stop being spectators and become participants," said Pr. Yehiel Curry in the opening devotion of the morning program. A panel educated advocates. John Bouman of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law told advocates that 91% of the Illinois budget is services, and we must find an adequate and fair way to pay for those. Judith Gethner of Illinois Partners for Human Services, in response to the proposed cuts to human services, said, "People don't go away just because you shut down a program." Consultant in healthcare financing and former state Medicaid Director George Hovanec noted that 99.9% of public leaders believe that some kind of new tax revenue is needed and encouraged Lutheran agency boards to consider taking a position in support. \xa0 Rachael Stevens of LCFS in Mt. Vernon illustrated the impact of state-funded services as she told a story of accomplishment over a two-and-half-year period, thanks to a resilient 16 year old in foster care and his dedicated foster parents. In the afternoon, advocates moved about the capitol, meeting with legislators and advocating for doubling the Illinois Earned Income Tax Credit. In the capitol rotunda, Bishop S. John Roth led advocates in prayer for public officials and Illinois residents. \xa0 LCFS President and CEO Gene Svebakken joined Bonnie Condon of Advocate Health Care and other agency leaders to congratulate winners of the Paul Simon Courage in Public Service Award: the late Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka (represented by Nancy Kimme) and Illinois State Senator Dan Kotowski. \xa0 Photos:Lutheran Day 2015 photos Navigation Links Contact Us \r\n   \tLutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois \r\n\t\t\t\t\t\t7620 Madison Street\r\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\tRiver Forest, IL 60305\r\n\t\t\t\t\t\tPhone : 708-771-7180\r\n\t\t\t\t\t\tFax : 708-771-7184\r\n\t\t\t\t\t\tEmail : lcfs_info@lcfs.org \r\n\t\t\t\t\t\tCentral Intake and Information & \r\n   Referral: 800-363-LCFS (5237) \n Hours ',

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family of seven! \xa0 Davita White Davita White was out of work for more than a year when she heard about National Able Network through a former co-worker. She was hoping that Able could help her pursue better job leads, improve her interview skills, and find a way to "sell herself on paper." Able met and exceeded Davita's expectations! She began taking classes to improve her social media, networking, and interview skills, all while following job leads from her career coach. Davita also became an active participant in her Job Search Work Team, where she met with fellow job seekers to get feedback regarding her job search. Davita felt her time at Able advanced her skills dramatically! Her improved networking skills helped her learn about a job she thought she would be perfect for: HR Administrative Coordinator. Sure enough, Davita was right! She is now back in the workforce and loving every minute of it! Richard Gutierrez Richard was looking for career guidance after being laid off from his job as a truck driver and quickly realized that working in Information Technology was a no-brainer for him. He enrolled in IT Career Lab and was impressed by the program; not only was it immersive and fast-paced, but the subject matter was complex! While at times it was challenging to try and absorb so much information so fast, Richard worked hard and received his Cisco Certified Entry Networking Technician (CCENT) certification. Since leaving IT Career Lab, he has been hard at work in IT, doing contract work as a PC technician! Richard is quick to praise Able for helping him figure out where he wanted to go, and then help him get there: "Able held my hand through the entire process." MARCIA GREEN After being laid off from her job as a real estate closing coordinator, Marcia Green was very motivated to get back to work quickly because she is the primary caregiver of her disabled husband: "[A job search] can be very scary when people are obligated to you. It can be tiring, and as you get older it gets more challenging, you have to find new strategies and set new expectations," said Marcia. To support her new strategy, Marcia came to National Able Network, enrolled in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and began working with Career Coach, Rocio Montoya. Rocio helped her update her resume and locate job fair information and other resources. Marcia also joined a Job Search Work Team, a group of fellow job seekers who discuss their job search progress with one another. Thanks to her focus and updated skills, Marcia is back in the real estate industry working as an administrative assistant! Great work, Marcia! \xa0   About Us Calendar Support Us Mission Moments Join Our Mailing List Receive our newsletters, breaking news alerts, and more! Recent Blog Posts Upcoming Events National Able Network Orientation: Oakton Community College — Skokie Campus Veterans Forward at National Able Network | Orientation National Able Network Orientation: Chicago Workforce Center in Pilsen   View More… ',

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rs with significant barriers to employment. NLEN is committed to: We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to work. More importantly, we also believe that our community flourishes when good jobs give residents both paychecks and self-worth. Our clients are motivated, trained, equipped, and ready to work—qualities that employers value. We should know: more than 20% of our full-time staff are program graduates. We offer donors the chance to invest in an organization with a stellar track record of changing individual lives and improving the community's quality of life, one person at a time, one job at a time. North Lawndale Employment Network Mission The North Lawndale Employment Network's mission is to improve the earnings potential of North Lawndale residents through innovative employment initiatives that lead to economic advancement and an improved quality of life. Sweet Beginnings Triple Bottom Line Mission Social:\xa0 To provide people facing significant barriers to employment — primarily those with histories of criminal convictions — with viable opportunities to establish a work history, learn productive work habits, and become productive members of society. Economic: To contribute to the economic revitalization of the North Lawndale neighborhood through a social enterprise that is sustainable for the long-term and generates jobs. Product: To produce and sell high-quality honey and honey-based personal care and relaxation products. \n\t\t\t\t\tCalendar\t\t\t\t\t \n\t\t\t\t\tSweet Beginnings\t\t\t\t\t \n\t\t\t\t\tNewsletter\t\t\t\t\t First Name Last Name Email \n\t\t\t\t\tContact Us\t\t\t\t\t \r\nHours: 9AM - 4PM \n\t\t\t\t\tLocation\t\t\t\t\t \n\n ',

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 attend one of our weekly volunteer orientations. Orientations last abo
ut an hour and include a tour of the facility, an introduction to the P
RC mission and history and an overview of available opportunities. If y
ou are interested in the Food Pantry, you will have the opportunity to
 sign up for your first shift at orientation. Other volunteer opportunt
ies require an interview or specialized training which will be describe
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 Bill Thompson, a computer program volunteer, shares his thoughts on vo
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ons 60 years of age and older by providing the highest level of service
 to those who are physically, psychologically, and/or financially in ne
ed and treating those persons and families with dignity, compassion, an
d respect. PLOWS Council on Aging has been in operation since 1975 deve
loping and providing services to older adults 60 years of age and olde
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d, and Worth Townships and the\xa020 municipalities in those Township
s.\xa0 PLOWS goal is to help seniors improve the quality of life and to
 be able to maintain that quality as long as possible.\xa0 This is acco
mplished by providing assistance with the services highlighted on this
 website. PLOWS offices are located at 7808 College Drive, and have bee
n since 2000.\xa0 Prior to that, PLOWS was located in Oak Lawn for 25 y
ears.\xa0 PLOWS does emphasize services to the most vulnerable elderly
 but basic services are offered to all seniors. PLOWS is a 501(c)3 not
 for profit Corporation governed by a 15 person Board of Directors the
 vast majority of which are seniors and geographically represent the PL
OWS service area.\xa0 Recent estimates are that nearly 70,000 seniors r
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rs in Suburban Chicago. PLOWS has a staff of 34 full time, 17 part tim
e, and 25 in-home workers plus many volunteers to help provide vital se
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s Centers (ROC) United is to improve wages and working conditions for t
he nation's restaurant workforce. We are 18,000 restaurant workers, 200
 high-road employers, thousands of engaged consumers united for raising
 restaurant industry standards. OUR HISTORY The Restaurant Opportunitie
s Center of New York was\xa0initially founded in New York City by Fekka
k Mamdouh and Saru Jayaraman after September 11th, 2001 to provide supp
ort to restaurant workers displaced as a result of the World Trade Cent
er tragedy. Based on our successful efforts in New York City, restauran
t workers in several other cities approached ROC about initiating chapt
ers\xa0in their cities. Thus, in 2008 we launched the\xa0Restaurant Opp
ortunities Centers United, which\xa0has grown into a national organizat
ion with 18,000 low-wage restaurant worker members in 15 states. Since
 its founding, ROC United has won more than a dozen workplace justice c
ampaigns, winning more than $10 million in misappropriated tips and wag
es and discrimination payments for low-wage workers, and significant po
licy changes in high-profile restaurant companies covering thousands of
 workers. We have played\xa0an instrumental role in winning statewide m
inimum wage increases for tipped workers, and other policy campaigns at
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aking reports and a nationally bestselling book on the restaurant indus
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 (based in Oakland, California), co-founded ROC in New York after 9/11,
 together with displaced World Trade Center workers, which has organize
d restaurant workers to win workplace justice campaigns, conduct resear
ch and policy work, partner with responsible restaurants, and launch co
operatively-owned restaurants. Fekkak Mamdouh Fekkak Mamdouh came to t
he United States from Morocco in 1988 at the age of 27. He worked in Ne
w York City restaurants since he arrived, and finally moved to Windows
 on the World when it reopened in 1996. As a waiter at Windows, Mamdouh
 was always a staunch worker advocate. NATIONAL STAFF\n Morgan Prentic
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 specialized care centers and complementary services, providing patient
s the best care possible. Our care centers feature optometric services,
 psychological support and assistive technology, with additional servic

es ranging from occupational therapy to clinical research. Our process supports cooperation across disciplines in the assessment and treatment of our patients. Lighthouse Stories: Meet Cooper Types of Low Vision Featured Programs & Services \n\n   Bergman Institute for Psychological Support   \n \n\n   Low Vision Examination   \n \n\n   Low Vision Research   \n \n\n   Pangere Center for Inherited Retinal Diseases   \n The Forsythe Center The Sandy & Rick Forsythe Center for Comprehensive Vision Rehabilitation Care delivers multidisciplinary care to patients with low vision. Meet Our Team Meet Dr. Szlyk, a highly respected researcher and scientist in the field of low vision and Chief Executive Officer of The Chicago Lighthouse. FAQ's Get answers to commonly asked questions at The Chicago Lighthouse. Locations & Contact The Chicago Lighthouse is the leading provider of low vision services for the Chicagoland area. Contact us today to learn more by calling (312) 666-1331. Veterans Login © 2017 The Chicago Lighthouse Site created by #BRITEWEB ',

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ust the disease. We offer 30 innovative programs at more than 100 locat
ions throughout Chicago, the adjacent suburbs, and nine surrounding cou
nties. Services include assertive outreach, case management, housing, e
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 United States. More important than the numbers, is our mission to elim
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 the 1930s. It started as a place that provided safe housing and suppor
t for young women coming to the city to work. Our programs and services
 have continually evolved to meet the changing needs of the communities
 we serve. Primary location: 1215 Church Street, Evanston, Illinois. Y
WCA Evanston/North Shore also employs legal advocates located at the Di
strict Courthouse (in Skokie). Staff: 73 employees (full and part-time)
 Service Area: YWCA Evanston/North Shore serves more than 10,000 people
 annually in the following communities: Chicago, Deerfield, Des Plaine
s, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Golf, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton G
rove, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Skokie, Wilmette, Winn

etka. Budget: YWCA Evanston/North Shore has an annual budget of $4.5 million. Private giving accounts for the majority (61%) of YWCA Evanston/North Shore's annual revenue. Government grants represent 15% of annual revenue. See our 2015 Annual Impact Report for more information. Leadership: 18-21 women serve on the YWCA Evanston/North Shore Board of Directors. We also have a 19-member Advisory Council composed of men and women from the communities it serves. President/CEO: Karen Singer. Singer was named CEO of YWCA Evanston/North Shore in 2005. Mission: YWCA Evanston/North Shore is part of YWCA USA, Inc., whose mission is to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. YWCA USA is the 25th largest nonprofit organization in the country, with 230 independent associations supporting 2 million women and families nationwide. Areas of Focus: YWCA Evanston/North Shore combines direct services, education, training, outreach, and advocacy to generate institutional change in support of this mission in three key areas: Domestic Violence Program: Started in 1983, YWCA Evanston/North Shore's Domestic Violence Program is the only comprehensive domestic violence program in northeastern Cook County. Our continuum of services includes: Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate: YWCA Evanston/North Shore presents the Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate, an annual event held in Evanston in June. It draws more than 5,000 participants and raises more than $300,000 for YWCA's racial justice programming. The first Race Against Hate was held in 2000. In 2006, YWCA Evanston/North Shore was granted sole stewardship of the Race Against Hate from The Byrdsong Family Foundation. YWomen Leadership Awards: In 2008, YWCA Evanston/North Shore created the YWomen Leadership Awards to recognize women making an impact by working for women's empowerment, racial justice and social change. The YWomen Leadership Awards dinner is held every October in Evanston. Stand Against Racism: Since 2012, YWCA Evanston/North Shore has sponsored the local Stand Against Racism, an annual event held the last Friday in April that draws 10,000 participants. The Stand Against Racism encourages communities and community members to acknowledge racial inequity and work for change.\xa0 Flying Fish Aquatics: YWCA Evanston/North Shore is home to Flying Fish Aquatics, a mission-based swim program which provides swimming lessons to more than 1,200 children per year, a swim team which includes nearly 600 members and is one of the largest swim teams in the state of Illinois, and aqua aerobics classes. The Flying Fish are partners in both Evanston Swims! and USA Swimming's Make A Splash programs, efforts to make swimming more inclusive and to ensure that all children have the opportunity to learn to be safe in the water. Partnerships: YWCA Evanston/North Shore has many major and ongoing community partnerships, among them the City of Evanston, Village of Skokie, Cradle to Career, Y.O.U., Evanston Swims!, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, North Shore Community Bank, Loyola University, Northwestern University, North Shore University Health System, and Lutheran General Hospital. Awards: We have been recognized for our work by the Chessman, the NAACP, Family Focus, and Oakton Community College. Learn more, get\xa0safe, get involved, empower yourself. Take Action... \n\n\n\n\n Current Issues \n\n\n Get Help With... \n\n\n\n\n 24-hour Domestic Violence Crisis Line: (877) 718-1868 \n\n\n Basic Money Management \n\n\n Relationship Abuse \n\n\n Support Us... \n\n\n\n\n Make a Donation \n\n\n Volunteer \n\n\n Learn About... \n\n\n\n\n YW Community \n\n\n YWCA Evanston/North Shore \n1215 Church Street, Evanston, IL 60201\xa0Email the YWCA | Phone: 847-864-8445 | Fax: 847-864-8498©2016. All rights reserved. Privacy\xa0Policy\xa0YWCA Evanston/North Shore Find Another YW \xa0 ',

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ing and housing. Counseling Programs Our Counseling services are as var
ied as the issues that arise for those having difficulty at home, schoo
l, or in the community. Trained therapists provide a variety of profess
ional counseling services for school-aged youth and families, as well a
s young adults. Educational groups for youth of all ages and their pare
nts are also offered. Some issues addressed include depression, anxiet
y, grief, family conflict, life transitions, self-esteem and parenting.
 Specialized services for high-risk youth are also available. Many insu
rance plans are accepted and special accommodations can be arranged\xa0
for families who are struggling financially. Mentor Programs The press
ures on today's youth are greater than any other previous generation. M
entors work with young adults who currently live in one of 360 Youth Se
rvices' housing programs. Prevention Programs 360 Youth Services is ded
icated to substance abuse education and prevention services for student
s in school districts 203 & 204 and their parents. Through two highly r
ecognized and applauded programs — The Power of Choice and Operation Sn
owball, staff teach and promote that when a community consistently supp
orts its students' healthy choices, the number of kids making good deci
sions about substance use actually increases. Housing Programs When hou
sing is uncertain, everything in a young person's life seems\xa0to fall
 apart. At 360 Youth Services, housing and support services are provide
d to young adults, 18-24 years old, who were previously homeless, and t
eenage boys, 13-17 years old, who are unable to live with their familie
s. Support services including life skills, budgeting, counseling, art t
herapy and more are provided. LGBTQ Collaborative 360 Youth Services co
ordinated a group of community partners that provide a safe and respect
ful environment for professionals and community members to network on i
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es to strengthen the Arab community in the Chicago area by building its
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 to achieve their aspirations. Building Futures equips participants wit
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y), advance to post-secondary opportunities, develop leadership skills,
 and engage in civic engagement. Through workshops and individual couns
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 students to establish short and long-term goals, as well as action ste
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ts a year, 500 are duplicated from the Prevention and Intervention Comp
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 and high school students on personal motivation, academic attainment,
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loration to keep them in the educational pipeline and enhance access to

postsecondary opportunities. Career Readiness: The Career Development program increases the job readiness skills of our youth, assists with their job searches, and connects them to resources and employers in the community. It also enhances our youths' understanding of the wide variety of careers available to them and the educational requirements of various careers. Services offered by the Career Development program include career assessments, resume writing assistance, interview skills development, asset mapping, workplace etiquette training, job searches, application assistance, job placement, and other career-related topics as requested by staff/school partners. Youth Leadership Development: Youth Development Specialists engage youth council, leadership groups and core group members in tracking life plan goals, providing community service, enhancing leadership skills, and learning to become peer mentors and counselors. BUILDing Futures Core Group Impact 93% of high school non-seniors were promoted to the next grade. 93% of high school seniors graduated (compared to CPS rate of 63%). 72% of high school graduates enrolled in college (compared to CPS rate of 59.5%). 227\xa0youth were placed in employment. 12 youth were placed in internships. \xa0 Stay in touch Sign-up to receive our monthly newsletter. Follow Us ",

        "Programs Since 1969, BUILD has focused our efforts and resources on Chicago's most violent neighborhoods in order to change the status quo that has already taken too many young lives. We accomplish our mission through violence prevention/intervention, youth development, and coalition building.\xa0Over the years, we have taken the best elements of our program experience and created THE BUILD MODEL. THE BUILD MODEL\xa0--\xa0Prevention, Intervention, and BUILDing Futures (college/career prep & youth leadership development)\xa0--\xa0provides best-practice services that enable youth to reduce risk-taking behaviors, develop personal competencies, and strengthen their commitment to education and community service.\xa0BUILD offers positive alternatives to the gangs, violence and drugs that surround youth, assisting them to transition from being "at risk" to "at hope" by providing coordinated services that assess youths' needs, identify their assets, and involve them in our programs and refer them to our community partners.\xa0Our services range from one-time violence interventions to intensive, ongoing work with youth. All interactions are geared to empower youth to take charge of their own lives, their own futures! \xa0 The Core youth that participated in all three BUILD's programs (Prevention,\xa0Intervention\xa0and\xa0BUILDing Futures) achieved the following academic goals for FY15' \xa0 BUILD Model (All Programs) •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 79% of youth have reported increased knowledge on conflict resolution and anger management •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 78% of youth have demonstrated an improvement in academic performance •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 95% of youth have been promoted to the next grade level •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 92% of youth have graduated and obtained a high school diploma or GED •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 84% of college-ready youth have applied to postsecondary programs, financial aid, and scholarships •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 45% of college-ready youth have enrolled in a postsecondary program •\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0\xa0 78% of youth have reported a decrease in aggressive behavior \xa0 Prevention \xa0 Intervention \xa0 BUILDing Futures \xa0 Program Outcomes: \xa0 \xa0In FY13, BUILD served 3,000 youth with effective, high-impact programs that created outstanding results. Stay in touch Sign-up to receive our monthly newsletter. Follow Us ",

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entified an emerging community problem—existing counseling programs and other social services were not meeting the growing needs of youth. The Beginning Palatine Township became the second township in the state of Illinois to appoint a youth committee. Over the next few years, the committee opened a drop-in center, began outreach work and started a summer employment program. When the Simon and Garfunkle song Bridge Over Troubled Waters became popular, the youth named the agency The Bridge. The Bridge Youth Services became the official name of the organization in 1976. A Safe Place What started as a safe place for youth in our community to gather has evolved into a comprehensive mental health resource for youth and their families in the Northwest Suburbs. Today the Bridge provides a continuum of services including family and individual counseling, mentoring, social skills and trauma recovery groups, parenting workshops, and more. Funding Needs We are proud to develop programs and services in response to community need. When public funding is limited in amount and scope, it is important for The Bridge to focus on developing new financial resources to not only maintain but also grow services. Private funding is essential to The Bridge so we may continue to offer services matched to individual needs, regardless of one's ability to pay. ',

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sumer law. \xa0\n\n   Dennis joined CCLA in 2011, having both
 legal aid and private sector experience. While working in legal aid, D
ennis expanded the Poverty Law Project to include Southwestern Cook Cou
nty, created and implemented a legal aid advice desk at the Sixth Munic
ipal District Court of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and provided s
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uburban Cook County. \xa0While in private practice, Dennis concentrated
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essionals, including clinical social workers, psychologists, psychoedua tional testing experts, psychiatrists, clinical counselors and case man agers. This breadth allows us to craft a treatment plan that addresses the specific complexity and severity of each client's needs, thus ensu ring a broad base of excellent opinions resulting in an individualized treatment plan. This comprehensive approach also means an individual c an be served at the same location simultaneously by multiple clinical d isciplines. A caring and expert staff We are very selective about who w e hire. We want people who are properly trained and skilled. That is wh y all of our therapists are licensed. Equally as important, we seek to hire only people who are passionate about helping others and exhibit w armth, compassion and patience when interacting with our clients. Affor dable The Josselyn Center accepts Medicare, Medicaid and many private i nsurance plans. For the client portion of the payment, we have a slidin g fee based on income for those who qualify. In fact, The Josselyn Cent er is the only resource in our area that provides psychiatric assessmen t, intervention and maintenance services, case management and referral services and individual counseling all on a sliding fee basis to those who qualify. In most cases, the individuals we are privileged to see w ould not be able to receive services if not for The Josselyn Center. Ac cessible We do not have a waiting list. We are ready to serve you whene ver you need us. In addition to our daytime hours, we also offer evenin g hours, so you do not have to worry about school or work schedules. Co mmunity focus We are an intrinsic part of the human services fabric of the community. We collaborate with local governments, police departmen ts, schools, hospitals, private practitioners and other human services providers. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call u s at 847.441.5600. Share this: supportive upcoming\nevents give \xa0jos selyn in the news contact\nus need\nhelp? \xa0 \xa0 \xa0 ',

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onsible stewards of God's creation.\n\nFar from limiting our focus, our Catholic identity and values enable us to truly be "universal," which is what "catholic" really means. The tenets of Catholic Social Teaching call us to serve everyone, regardless of their belief or background, and to employ anyone, not just Catholics, who commits to our mission. Christ reached out to people of all faiths, and Catholic Charities does the same, with the goal of transforming lives for the better. About Us: Who We Are What We Do Our Supporters ',

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ng mothers. \xa0 \xa02010 — The Crisis Center entered the social media world with a page on Facebook, offering a new way to post photos, announce upcoming events, and connect with friends. \xa0 2012 — Neat Repeats Orland Park moved to a new location. With expanded space, Neat Repeats generates increased revenue. \xa0 2011 — 2013 — Expanded Transitional Housing funding allows the Crisis Center to increase the program from three units to nine. \xa0 2014 — The Crisis Center for South Suburbia has provided services for victims of domestic violence for 35 years! Connect With Us Twitter\n \n Facebook\n \n YouTube\n \n Join Our Email List Email Address\xa0 First Name\xa0 Last Name\xa0 Our Trusted Partners Site Map | Terms of Use | Privacy Policy\r\n\t\t\t\t©2016 The Crisis Center for South Suburbia. All rights reserved. ',

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omething incredible; we can work together to offer people hope and possibility. We are focused on results and committed to the promise we made to end homelessness in our community. You, our donors, partners, and volunteers make DuPagePads an agency of positive change in the lives of people in crisis in DuPage County. Thank you for your inspiration, commitment, and energy! I challenge each one of us to be visionaries. Partner with us — invest in our mission and envision a county where everyone can have a place to call home. Gratefully, Carol Simler\nExecutive Director DuPagePads is so much more than a pad on the floor. DuPagePads is about the journey home. It's about the journey from dependency to self-sufficiency. Not the shelter. Not the nights spent in a car, in a motel room or on the street. DuPagePads is a journey that begins with an extended hand, an affirming voice, and a trusting soul that will advocate undividedly for each individual. The solution to end homelessness. Starts with housing. The solution to end homelessness is more complex than providing individuals with food and shelter. Founded in 1985, DuPagePads is the largest provider of interim and permanent housing, coupled with support services in order to help individuals work toward becoming self-sufficient. These vital support services enable the individuals we help to receive case management and life coaching, employment support such as\xa0job coaching, as well as engagement with employers—effectively stopping the cycle of homelessness. DuPagePads IS the solution to end homelessness—because when someone believes in you, everything can change. Click here to find more success stories. Click here for our agency brochure \xa0 \xa0 Search About DuPagePads Contact DuPagePads 601 West Liberty, Wheaton, IL 60187\nPhone: (630) 682·3846 Contact Us Join Our E-Mail List Upcoming Events 11th Annual Taste of Hope\nThursday, March 2, 2017, 6:00pm–9:00pm Experience signature dishes from 25 of the area's leading upscale restaurants in one evening at Drury Lane. Guests can enjoy wine pairings, unforgettable live and silent auction items, mobile bidding, raffles and more!\nLearn More Latest Tweets Hosting Congregations Full List of Support Congregations Community Benefactors Community Partnerships ',

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domestic violence and sexual violence. Life Span provides community education and technical assistance to ensure responsive and appropriate treatment and delivery of public services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. History Life Span was founded in 1978 by a coalition of women and organizations in the North and Northwest suburbs of Cook County to address the urgent need of battered women in the area for services. In the last 34 years, Life Span has grown from a small, grass roots agency staffed by an Executive Director and a legion of volunteers to an agency employing 25 people. Our agency has grown from one which provided group counseling to one which is a leader in the provision of expert services from counseling and criminal court advocacy to legal representation in all types of family law cases. Life Span has created a number of innovative programs, including the Police Project, the Target Abuser Call Project in conjunction with the State's Attorneys Office, and the Immigration Project. In addition, we are also the only agency in Illinois, and possibly the country, to put into practice Civil No Contact Orders for sexual assault survivors. Throughout our history, Life Span has been true to its original mission, the eradication of domestic and sexual violence in the lives of its individual clients and in society. Our direct domestic and sexual violence services work toward this goal. In our advocacy and policy work, we use what we have learned from helping our clients, to create systems of change that positively impact survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Computer Safety If you think your activities are being monitored, they probably are. If you are in danger, please try to use a safe computer that someone abusive does not have direct or remote (hacking) access to. Support Our Mission Follow Us on Facebook Follow Us on Twitter Recent Posts Center for Legal Services & Advocacy Des Plaines Office Sorry, but we cannot support your browser. Please call Life Span at 312-408-1210 for more information. For a better browsing experience, please upgrade to a modern web browser. ",

        'Services Life Span Services Victim Safety, Perpetrator Accountability, and Client Empowerment Life Span Anti-discrimination Statement Services For Victims of Domestic Violence Life Span provides legal services, advocacy, and counseling services to victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence attorneys represent clients within the Cook County area. Our attorneys provide representation for victims of domestic violence in divorce, custody, visitation, Orders of Protection (OP) and other issues presented in Cook County's Domestic Relations Division.Immigration assistance for domestic violence clients is also provided. Services For Sexual Violence Survivors If you are a survivor of sexual abuse or sexual assault, you may be able to get a protective order to help keep you safe. You have rights under the law even if you did not report the assault to the police, if the assault happened some time ago, or if the police and/or State's Attorney's Office have told you that there is not enough evidence for a criminal case. Counseling Our counseling services are supportive and educational. Life Span believes that when given correct information, and a safe environment to ask questions and learn about resources, any client can become his/her own best advocate, and develop a safety plan that works. Training Life Span is an approved Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional (ICDVP) training site. Due to funding constraints, Life Span has temporarily suspended the Domestic Violence 40-hour training. Check back for updated information. * For more information, call: (847) 824-0382 Advocacy Life Span staff provide training to professionals who work with victims of domestic violence and sexual violence to ensure the responsive and appropriate delivery of public services to battered women, survivors, and their ch

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      'Domestic Violence About Domestic Violence Fact: Domestic viole
nce crosses all age, ethnic, socioeconomic, religious, and educational
 boundaries. There are doctors, ministers, psychologists, police, atto
rneys, judges, and other professionals who beat their partners. Batteri
ng also occurs in same gender relationships. Domestic violence is virtu
ally impossible to measure with absolute precision due to numerous comp
lications including the societal stigma that inhibits victims from disc
losing their abuse and the varying definitions of abuse used from study
 to study. Estimates range from 960,000 incidents of violence against a
 current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend per year to 3.9 mil
lion women who are physically abused each year. Thirty percent of Amer
icans say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husba
nd or boyfriend in the past year. An abusive relationship can be define
d as one in which a partner uses a pattern of assaultive and coercive b
ehaviors to maintain power and control over the other partner. This in
cludes couples who are married or unmarried, gay or straight. Types of
 abuse can include physical, emotional, social, economic, and sexual. C
ycle of Violence Phase 1 — Tension Building A victim often senses that
 the abuser is becoming edgy and more prone to lash out at trivial frus
trations. The victim may learn to anticipate abuse and try to control i
t by being more nurturing and compliant or by simply staying out of the
 abuser's way. This phase is marked by many "minor" abusive actions tha
t gradually increase in severity. Quite often the event which will trig
ger the battering phase is initiated by the abuser who may make a deman
d which the victim cannot meet, and responds to her/his refusal or inab
ility to act with violent behavior. Abuse victims often accept the buil
ding rage in a partner as being legitimately directed towards her/him.
 The victim internalizes the responsibility of keeping the situation fr
om exploding. If she/he does their job well, the abusive partner will
 become or remain calm; if she/he fails, the victim believes it is thei
r own fault. A victim who has been battered over time knows that she/
he can do nothing to stop the tension from building, but often denies t
his knowledge to help cope with the partner's behavior. Phase 2 — Acute
 Battering Incident (Explosive Incident) When the abuser finally become
s violent, the severity of the assault and where it occurs is impossibl
e to predict. This phase is characterized by explosive and unpredictab
le rage. This may involve pushing, shoving, shaking, or hair pulling.
 It may involve hitting with an open hand or a closed fist. It may invo
lve intense yelling and name calling. It may be over in a moment or la
st for hours. If the assault has been physical, there may be visible i
njuries, but often an experienced batterer will leave no marks. The at
tack rarely takes a single consistent form. The attack is followed by s
hock, denial and disbelief. Most victims consider themselves lucky tha
t it was not worse, no matter how bad their injuries are. They often de
ny the seriousness of their injuries and refuse to seek medical help if
 it is needed. The abuser denies violence, and justifes the behavior by
 saying the original intent was to simply teach the victim a lesson, an

d she/he "just lost control." Phase 3 — Aftermath: Loving Respite (Re-e
ngagement Phase) Victims may enter the criminal justice system after an
 acute battering episode, but after the assault comes a period of calm,
 loving, contrite behavior. Both the abuser and the victim feel guilty
 about the event and resolve never to "let" it happen again. The batter
er will very typically treat the victim with apparent respect, love and
 affection. This is a great relief for the victim and is precisely wha
t was desired from the relationship all along. The abuser apologizes fo
r what happened and asks for forgiveness. The abuser may even believe s
he/he will not do it again. The abuser promises to control her/himself
 and will never again hurt the partner she/he loves. An abuser may eve
n agree to go to therapy (but will usually drop out when the relationsh
ip resumes the tension building phase). The abuser tells the victim tha
t she/he would fall apart without them, and the victim wants to believ
e she/he will no longer have to suffer abuse. An abuser's reasonablene
ss and loving behavior during this period support the victim's wish tha
t the partner can really change. The victim takes responsibility for t
heir abuser's well-being and for the abuse.   If the victim has filed c
harges against the "reformed" partner, she/he may consider dropping the
m. As long as the abusive partner continues to behave affectionately,
 the victim becomes increasingly reluctant to jeopardize such good beha
vior by proceeding with a prosecution or anything considered a disturba
nce to the relationship. If you have any questions, or would like to le
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inois Domestic Violence Help Line is free, confidential and multilingua
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ife Span provides trainings to police departments, prosecutors, college
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ble in Spanish, Polish and Arabic. Services For Survivors   Financial
 Concerns Crime Victims Compensation Act (CVC): Victims of sexual assau
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y costs, relocation expenses, loss of earnings, and tuition reimburseme
nt. Employment Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act (VESSA): Vict
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 to 12 weeks of unpaid job-guaranteed leave to help you cope with probl
ems caused by the sexual assault. Education Title IX of the Civil Righ
ts Act: Federal law requires schools to protect students from sex discr
imination, including sexual assault. We can work with your high school
 or university to ensure that you can safely continue your education. S

chool Disciplinary Code: If the perpetrator is a fellow student, you have a right to bring a complaint under the school disciplinary code. Housing Illinois Safe Homes Act: Victims of sexual assault may be able to end their lease early and/or change their locks. Student Housing: If you live in student housing, your university should assist you in relocating to a safe address. Immigration U Visa: If you reported the assault to the police and have cooperated with the investigation, you may be eligible for a U Visa. A U Visa grants temporary status and work authorization for 4 years in the U.S. As a U status holder, you may potentially apply for Lawful Permanent Resident Status in the future. Student Visa: Some students experience problems with their student visa if they are forced to drop out of college as a result of the assault. Our staff can help explain your options. We will explore all legal options in a way that maintains your privacy. For a free and confidential legal consultation, please contact Life Span at 312-408-1210. Computer Safety If you think your activities are being monitored, they probably are. If you are in danger, please try to use a safe computer that someone abusive does not have direct or remote (hacking) access to. Support Our Mission Follow Us on Facebook Follow Us on Twitter Recent Posts Center for Legal Services & Advocacy Des Plaines Office Sorry, but we cannot support your browser. Please call Life Span at 312-408-1210 for more information. For a better browsing experience, please upgrade to a modern web browser. ',

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ated Latina organization in the nation. Over the years Mujeres has deve
loped a comprehensive array of social services and advocacy initiatives
 that promote non-violence, reproductive health and leadership developm
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lude general intake, volunteer training and childcare. Childcare is pro
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d Domestic Violence \r\n\tOctober is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
 This is a time to educate the public about the prevelance of domestic
 violence and have open and honest discussions about the effects of dom
estic violence on our lives and in our communities.\xa0 \r\n\tCheck out
 this awesome infographic from The National Latin@ Network highlighting
 recent data about Latin@s and domestic violence:\xa0 \n Enlaces \r\n\t
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A) is the only full service agency that provides free services to sexua
l assault survivors and their loved ones within the North and Northwest
 suburbs of Cook County. Our agency has been responding to the needs of
 survivors of sexual violence and significant others for more than 30 y
ears. Northwest CASA is a governing body member of the Illinois Coaliti
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ople's lives. Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault is committed to e
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tunity. About PRC \n Meeting Our Community's Needs — Neighbor to Neighbor Since 1975, People's Resource Center (PRC) has been bringing neighbors together to respond to hunger and poverty in DuPage County. Nearly 30,000 DuPage residents rely on PRC for help each year. With a team of over 2,000 volunteers, we offer nutritious food and other basic necessities like clothes and rent assistance for people facing tough times.\xa0 We also connect people with resources—education and tutoring, jobs, technology, art, a caring community—to create a future of hope and opportunity for all. PRC is able to provide these services because of the generosity and support from our neighbors. More than 2,400 volunteers work with our small staff offering\xa0 time, skills and resources to help their neighbors. Donors contribute food, clothing, books, computers, and money to support our work.\xa0 The majority of our support comes from caring neighbors right here in DuPage County. Our Mission People's Resource Center community exists to respond to basic human needs, promote dignity and justice, and create a future of hope and opportunity for the residents of DuPage County, Illinois through discovering and sharing personal and community resources. Our History From our humble beginnings in 1975, handing groceries out to neighbors in need from a small house on Indiana Avenue in Wheaton, we have grown to become a multi-site, multi-service organization serving tens of thousands.\xa0 All the while, we've remained grounded in grassroots support.\xa0 We're still serving the community "neighbor to neighbor." Learn more about PRC History. \xa0 Media Release for photo/video consent. Visit Us Click here for directions to our Wheaton and Westmont locations. A PRC Success Story \n Liliana found her calling as an artist thanks to PRC's art classes. Read what volunteers and clients say about PRC Volunteer tutors and clients from PRC share how PRC makes a difference in their lives. People's Resource Center (630) 682-5402 PRC Mission Statement: People's Resource Center community exists to respond to basic human needs, promote dignity and justice, and create a future of hope and opportunity for the residents of DuPage County, Illinois through discovering and sharing personal and community resources. © 2013 People's Resource Center\nPRC is a 501 (C)3, multiservice, grass roots organization serving the people of DuPage County, Illinois ",

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-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of pers
ons 60 years of age and older by providing the highest level of service
 to those who are physically, psychologically, and/or financially in ne
ed and treating those persons and families with dignity, compassion, an
d respect. PLOWS Council on Aging has been in operation since 1975 deve
loping and providing services to older adults 60 years of age and olde
r.\xa0 PLOWS is an acronym for the areas we serve, Palos, Lemont, Orlan
d, and Worth Townships and the\xa020 municipalities in those Township
s.\xa0 PLOWS goal is to help seniors improve the quality of life and to
 be able to maintain that quality as long as possible.\xa0 This is acco
mplished by providing assistance with the services highlighted on this
 website. PLOWS offices are located at 7808 College Drive, and have bee
n since 2000.\xa0 Prior to that, PLOWS was located in Oak Lawn for 25 y
ears.\xa0 PLOWS does emphasize services to the most vulnerable elderly
 but basic services are offered to all seniors. PLOWS is a 501(c)3 not
 for profit Corporation governed by a 15 person Board of Directors the
 vast majority of which are seniors and geographically represent the PL
OWS service area.\xa0 Recent estimates are that nearly 70,000 seniors r
eside in PLOWS communities, making it the fastest growing area of senio
rs in Suburban Chicago. PLOWS has a staff of 34 full time, 17 part tim
e, and 25 in-home workers plus many volunteers to help provide vital se
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os Heights, IL 60463 E-mail: info@plows.org\nPhone: 708.361.0219\nFax:
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 2.6 million members and participants in 300 local associations in the
 United States. More important than the numbers, is our mission to elim
inate racism and empower women. We provide safe places for women and gi
rls, build strong women leaders, and advocate for women's rights and ci
vil rights in Congress. Women come to us in times of crisis, as survivo
rs of rape or domestic violence. They come for job training and career
 counseling. They come for childcare. They come for health and fitness.
 They come for a variety of reasons. But they come. And they leave with
 a renewed spirit, new skills, and stronger lives. \xa0 Learn more, get
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a0a social justice organization that works in the areas of: We do this through: We empower thousands of individuals to transform their lives and make our communities more just and equitable for all its members. We invite you to stand with YWCA Evanston/North Shore in our mission and our work. Learn more, get\xa0safe, get involved, empower yourself. Take Action... \n\n\n\n\n Current Issues \n\n\n Get Help With... \n\n\n\n\n 24-hour Domestic Violence Crisis Line: (877) 718-1868 \n\n\n Basic Money Management \n\n\n Relationship Abuse \n\n\n Support Us... \n\n\n\n\n Make a Donation \n\n\n Volunteer \n\n\n Learn About... \n\n\n\n\n YW Community \n\n\n YWCA Evanston/North Shore \n1215 Church Street, Evanston, IL 60201\xa0Email the YWCA | Phone: 847-864-8445 | Fax: 847-864-8498©2016. All rights reserved. Privacy\xa0Policy\xa0YWCA Evanston/North Shore Find Another YW \xa0 ',

'Donate Connect Volunteer\xa0 General Facts About YWCA Evanston/North Shore History: YWCA Evanston/North Shore's roots stretch back to the 1930s. It started as a place that provided safe housing and support for young women coming to the city to work. Our programs and services have continually evolved to meet the changing needs of the communities we serve. Primary location: 1215 Church Street, Evanston, Illinois. YWCA Evanston/North Shore also employs legal advocates located at the District Courthouse (in Skokie). Staff: 73 employees (full and part-time) Service Area: YWCA Evanston/North Shore serves more than 10,000 people annually in the following communities: Chicago, Deerfield, Des Plaines, Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Golf, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Park Ridge, Skokie, Wilmette, Winnetka. Budget: YWCA Evanston/North Shore has an annual budget of $4.5 million. Private giving accounts for the majority (61%) of YWCA Evanston/North Shore's annual revenue. Government grants represent 15% of annual revenue. See our 2015 Annual Impact Report for more information. Leadership: 18-21 women serve on the YWCA Evanston/North Shore Board of Directors. We also have a 19-member Advisory Council composed of men and women from the communities it serves. President/CEO: Karen Singer. Singer was named CEO of YWCA Evanston/North Shore in 2005. Mission: YWCA Evanston/North Shore is part of YWCA USA, Inc., whose mission is to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. YWCA USA is the 25th largest nonprofit organization in the country, with 230 independent associations supporting 2 million women and families nationwide. Areas of Focus: YWCA Evanston/North Shore combines direct services, education, training, outreach, and advocacy to generate institutional change in support of this mission in three key areas: Domestic Violence Program: Started in 1983, YWCA Evanston/North Shore's Domestic Violence Program is the only comprehensive domestic violence program in northeastern Cook County. Our continuum of services includes: Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate: YWCA Evanston/North Shore presents the Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate, an annual event held in Evanston in June. It draws more than 5,000 participants and raises more than $300,000 for YWCA's racial justice programming. The first Race Against Hate was held in 2000. In 2006, YWCA Evanston/North Shore was granted sole stewardship of the Race Against Hate from The Byrdsong Family Foundation. YWomen Leadership Awards: In 2008, YWCA Evanston/North Shore created the YWomen Leadership Awards to recognize women making an impact by working for women's empowerment, racial justice and social change. The YWomen Leadership Awards dinner is held every October in Evanston. Stand Against Racism: Since 2012, YWCA Evanston/North Shore has sponsored the local Stand Against Racism, an annual event held the last Friday in April that draws 10,000 participants. The Stand Against Racism encourages communities and community members to a

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cknowledge racial inequity and work for change.\xa0  Flying Fish Aquati
cs: YWCA Evanston/North Shore is home to Flying Fish Aquatics, a missio
n-based swim program which provides swimming lessons to more than 1,200
 children per year, a swim team which includes nearly 600 members and i
s one of the largest swim teams in the state of Illinois, and aqua aero
bics classes. The Flying Fish are partners in both Evanston Swims! and
 USA Swimming's Make A Splash programs, efforts to make swimming more i
nclusive and to ensure that all children have the opportunity to learn
 to be safe in the water. Partnerships: YWCA Evanston/North Shore has m
any major and ongoing community partnerships, among them the City of Ev
anston, Village of Skokie, Cradle to Career, Y.O.U., Evanston Swims!, t
he Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, North Shore Communit
y Bank, Loyola University, Northwestern University, North Shore Univers
ity Health System, and Lutheran General Hospital. Awards: We have been
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Model topics with LDA

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As a start to modeling topics, we define below a function "create_topics" that uses Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA) to find topics.

```
In [23]: def create_topics(tfidf, features, N_TOPICS=3, N_TOP_WORDS=5,):
             """
             Given a matrix of features of text data generate topics

             Parameters
             -----------
             tfidf: scipy sparse matrix
                 sparse matrix of text features
             N_TOPICS: int
                 number of topics (default 10)
             N_TOP_WORDS: int
                 number of top words to display in each topic (default 10)

             Returns
             -------
             ls_keywords: ls
                 list of keywords for each topics
             doctopic: array
                 numpy array with percentages of topic that fit each category
             N_TOPICS: int
                 number of assumed topics
             N_TOP_WORDS: int
                 Number of top words in a given topic.
             """

             with progressbar.ProgressBar(max_value=progressbar.UnknownLength) as
         bar:
                 i=0
                 lda = LatentDirichletAllocation( n_topics= N_TOPICS,
                                                 learning_method='online') #create
         an object that will create 5 topics
                 bar.update(i)
                 i+=1
                 doctopic = lda.fit_transform( tfidf )
                 bar.update(i)
                 i+=1

                 ls_keywords = []
                 for i,topic in enumerate(lda.components_):
                     word_idx = np.argsort(topic)[::-1][:N_TOP_WORDS]
                     keywords = ', '.join( features[i] for i in word_idx)
                     ls_keywords.append(keywords)
                     print(i, keywords)
                     bar.update(i)
                     i+=1

             return ls_keywords, doctopic
```

Create a bag of words and set of features from our social services corpus:

```
In [24]: corpus_bag_of_words, corpus_features = create_bag_of_words(corpus)
```

Let's examine our features.

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In [25]: corpus_features
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The first aspect to notice about the feature list is that the first few entries are numbers that have no real semantic meaning. The feature lists also includes numerous other useless words, such as prepositions and articles, that will just add noise to our analysis.

We can also notice the words *action* and *activities*, or the words *addition* and *additional*, are close enough to each other that it might not make sense to treat them as entirely separate words. Part of your cleaning and preprocessing duties will be manually inspecting your lists of features, seeing where these issues arise, and making decisions to either remove them from your analysis or address them separately.

Let's get the count of the number of times that each of the words appears in our corpus.

In [26]:
```
get_word_counts( corpus_bag_of_words, corpus_features )
```

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Our top words are articles, prepositions and conjunctions that are not informative whatsoever, so we're probably not going to come up with anything interesting ("garbage in, garbage out").

Nevertheless, let's forge blindly ahead and try to create topics, and see the quality of the results that we get.

```
In [27]: ls_corpus_keywords, corpus_doctopic = create_topics(corpus_bag_of_words,
          corpus_features)
```

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                                    /Users/crh278/anaconda3/envs/geo_py3
6/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/decomposition/online_lda.py:294:
 DeprecationWarning: n_topics has been renamed to n_components in versi
on 0.19 and will be removed in 0.21
  DeprecationWarning)

0 the, and, to, of, in
1 and, the, to, of, in
2 the, evanston, and, ywca, north

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These topics don't give us any real insight to what the data contains - one of the topics is "and, the, to, of, in"! There are some hints to the subjects of the websites ("YWCA", "youth") and their locations ("Evanston"), but the signal is being swamped by the noise.

The word "click" also comes up. This word might be useful in some contexts, but since we scraped this data from websites, it's likely that "click" is more related to the website itself (e.g. "Click here to find out more") as opposed to the content of the website.

We'll have to clean and process our data to get any meaningful information out of this text.

Text Cleaning and Normalization

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To clean and normalize text, we'll remove all special characters, numbers, and punctuation, so we're left with only the words themselves. Then we will make all the text lowercase; this uniformity will ensure that the algorithm doesn't treat "the" and "The" as different words, for example.

To remove the special characters, numbers and punctuation we will use regular expressions.

Regular Expressions, or "regexes" for short, let you find all the words or phrases in a document or text file that match a certain pattern. These rules are useful for pulling out useful information from a large amount of text. For example, if you want to find all email addresses in a document, you might look for everything that looks like *some combination of letters, _, .* followed by @, followed by more letters, and ending in *.com* or *.edu*. If you want to find all the credit card numbers in a document, you might look for everywhere you see the pattern "four numbers, space, four numbers, space, four numbers, space, four numbers." Regexes are also helpful if you are scraping information from websites, because you can use them to separate the content from the HTML code used for formatting the website.

A full tutorial on regular expressions would be outside the scope of this tutorial, but many good tutorials that can be found on-line. <u>regex101.com (regex101.com)</u> is also a great interactive tool for developing and checking regular expressions.

> "Some people, when confronted with a problem, think 'I know, I'll use regular expressions.' Now they have two problems." -- Jaime Zawinski

A word of warning: Regexes can work much more quickly than plain text sorting; however, if your regular expressions are becoming overly complicated, it's a good idea to find a simpler way to do what you want to do. Any developer should keep in mind there is a trade-off between optimization and understandability. The general philosophy of programming in Python is that your code is meant to be as understandable by *people* as much as possible, because human time is more valuable than computer time. You should therefore lean toward understandability rather than overly optimizing your code to make it run as quickly as possible. Your future-self, code-reviewers, people who inherit your code, and anyone else who has to make sense of your code in the future will appreciate it.

For our purposes, we are going to use a regular expression to match all characters that are not letters -- punctuation, quotes, special characters and numbers -- and replace them with spaces. Then we'll make all of the remaining characters lowercase.

We will be using the `re` library in python for regular expression matching.

```
In [28]:  #get rid of the punctuations and set all characters to lowercase
          RE_PREPROCESS = re.compile( r'\W+|\d+' ) #the regular expressions that m
          atches all non-characters

          #get rid of punctuation and make everything lowercase
          #the code below works by looping through the array of text ("corpus")
          #for a given piece of text ( "description" ) we invoke the `re.sub` comm
          and
          #the `re.sub` command takes 3 arguments: (1) the regular expression to m
          atch,
          #(2) what we want to substitute in place of that matching string (' ', a
           space)
          #and (3) the text we want to apply this to.
          #we then invoke the `lower()` method on the output of the `re.sub` comma
          nd
          #to make all the remaining characters lowercase.
          #the result is a list, where each entry in the list is a cleaned version
           of the
          #corresponding entry in the original corpus.
          #we then make the list into a numpy array to use it in analysis

          processed_corpus = np.array( [ re.sub( RE_PREPROCESS, ' ', description
          ).lower() for description in corpus ] )
```

Next, let's look at an example of the results of this cleanup.

First Description, Before Cleaning

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First, we'll look at the first description in our corpus, before it was cleaned:

In [29]: `corpus[0]`

Out[29]: 'Menu About Us We understand the challenges in our community. Health ca
          re, family, education, employment; trying to find the time and guidance
          to address every part of life can seem impossible. Association House ma
          kes it possible, all in one place — a place where the staff speaks your
          language and helps you meet your goals by providing wrap-around service
          s for social, educational, and health programs. We offer our community
           a unique blend of services, and do it with a warm, family-like atmosph
          ere. Since 1899, Association House has worked with Chicagoans who seek
           tools to lead more productive lives. It is one of the oldest "settleme
          nt houses" in Chicago originally designed to provide relief and guidanc
          e to new immigrants. Today, Association House is a vital resource to un
          der-served, multicultural communities, providing collaborative programs
          in English and Spanish. We promote health and wellness, educational adv
          ancement, and economic empowerment. With a staff of over 200 profession
          als, Association House impacts the lives of nearly 20,000 children, ind
          ividuals and families each year in the neighborhoods of Humboldt Park,
           West Town, Logan Square, Avondale, Hermosa, and beyond. We both addres
          s immediate needs and plan for long-term goals with services such as: T
          hese bilingual programs, conducted by seasoned staff in a caring, welco
          ming environment, give motivated participants a cohesive safety net to
           turn to throughout their life. Read more about our mission and values.
          To learn more about any of Association House's services, simply call or
          visit us. Our staff is happy to answer all of your questions. We are al
          so always looking for new volunteers and donors — contact us to find ou
          t how you can help your community. 1116 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, I
          L 60651\n(773) 772-7170 Find us on: Subscribe to our newsletter Email
           Address * Yes, I would like to receive emails from Association House
           of Chicago. (You can unsubscribe anytime) Instagram '

This text includes a lot of useful information, but also includes some things we don't want or need. There are some weird special characters (like `\xe2\x80\x94`). There are also some numbers, which are informative and interesting to a human reading the text (phone numbers, addresses, "since 1899," "impacts the lives of nearly 20,000 children"), but when we break down the documents into individual words, the numbers will become meaningless. We'll also want to remove all punctuation, so that we can say any two things separated by a space are individual words.

First Description, After Cleaning

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Now, let's look at this text after cleaning:

```
In [30]: processed_corpus[0]
```

Out[30]: 'menu about us we understand the challenges in our community health car
e family education employment trying to find the time and guidance to a
ddress every part of life can seem impossible association house makes i
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mission and values to learn more about any of association house s servi
ces simply call or visit us our staff is happy to answer all of your qu
estions we are also always looking for new volunteers and donors contac
t us to find out how you can help your community   north kedzie avenue
 chicago il   find us on subscribe to our newsletter email addres
s yes i would like to receive emails from association house of chicago
 you can unsubscribe anytime instagram '

All lowercase, all numbers and special characters have been removed. Out text is now normalized.

Tokenizing text - breaking it into pieces

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Now that we've cleaned our text, we can *tokenize* it by deciding which words or phrases are the most meaningful. Normally the `CountVectorizer` handles this for us, but in this case, we'll split our text into individual words manually to show how it is done.

To go from a whole document to a list of individual words, we can use the `.split()` command. By default, this command splits based on spaces in between words, so we don't need to specify that explicitly.

```
In [31]: tokens = processed_corpus[0].split()
```

```
In [32]: tokens
```

```
Out[32]: ['menu',
          'about',
          'us',
          'we',
          'understand',
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Removing meaningless text - Stopwords

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Stopwords are words that are found commonly throughout a text and carry little semantic meaning. Examples of common stopwords are prepositions ("to", "on", "in"), articles ("the", "an", "a"), conjunctions ("and", "or", "but") and common nouns. For example, the words *the* and *of* are totally ubiquitous, so they won't serve as meaningful features, whether to distinguish documents from each other or to tell what a given document is about. You may also run into words that you want to remove based on where you obtained your corpus of text or what it's about. There are many lists of common stopwords available for you to use, both for general documents and for specific contexts, so you don't have to start from scratch.

We can eliminate stopwords by checking all the words in our corpus against a list of commonly occuring stopwords that comes with NLTK.

```
In [33]: eng_stopwords = stopwords.words('english')
```

```
In [34]: eng_stopwords
```

```
Out[34]: ['i',
          'me',
          'my',
          'myself',
          'we',
          'our',
          'ours',
          'ourselves',
          'you',
          'your',
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          'the',
          'and',
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            'or',
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            'as',
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'shan',
'shouldn',
'wasn',
'weren',
'won',
'wouldn']
```

```
In [35]:  #sample of stopwords
          #this is an example of slicing where we implicitly start at the beginnin
          g and move to the end
          #we select every 10th entry in the array
          eng_stopwords[::10]
```

```
Out[35]:  ['i',
           'yours',
           'herself',
           'which',
           'was',
           'does',
           'because',
           'against',
           'from',
           'further',
           'any',
           'nor',
           't',
           'o',
           'hasn',
           'weren']
```

Notice that this list includes "weren" and "hasn" as well as single letters ("t"). Why do you think these are contained in the list of stopwords?

Exercise 3 - practicing slicing

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Try slicing to retrieve every 5th word.

```
In [36]: eng_stopwords[::5]
```

```
Out[36]: ['i',
          'our',
          'yours',
          'his',
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          'was',
          'have',
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          't',
          'should',
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          'aren',
          'hasn',
          'mustn',
          'weren']
```

Topic Modeling on Cleaned Data

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Now that we've cleaned up our data a little bit, let's see what our bag of words looks like.

In [37]:
```python
# create bag of words from processed_corpus
processed_bag_of_words, processed_features = create_bag_of_words( proces
sed_corpus, stop_words = eng_stopwords )
dict_processed_word_counts = get_word_counts( processed_bag_of_words, pr
ocessed_features )
dict_processed_word_counts
```

```
Out[37]: OrderedDict([('services', 474),
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Much better! Now this is starting to look like a reasonable representation of our corpus of text.

We mentioned that, in addition to stopwords that are common across all types of text analysis problems, there wil also be specific stopwords based on the context of your domain. Notice how the top words include words like "services," "youth," "community," "mission"? It makes sense that these words are so common, but we'd expect to see them in every website in our corpus - after all, we're looking at websites of social service organizations in Chicago! - so they won't be very helpful in analysis.

One quick way to remove some of these domain-specific stopwords is by dropping some of your most frequent words. We'll start out by dropping the top 20. You'll want to change this number, playing with making it bigger and smaller, to see how it affects your resulting topics.

```
In [38]:   # get top 20 stopwords (slice from start through 20 items in list)
           top_20_words = list(dict_processed_word_counts.keys())[:20]

           # create new stopword list by combining default stopwords with our top 2
           0.
           domain_specific_stopwords = eng_stopwords + top_20_words

           # make a new bag of words excluding custom stopwords.
           processed_bag_of_words, processed_features = create_bag_of_words(process
           ed_corpus,
                                                                           stop_wo
           rds=domain_specific_stopwords)
```

In [39]:
```python
# what do we have now?
dict_processed_word_counts = get_word_counts(processed_bag_of_words, pro
cessed_features)
dict_processed_word_counts
```

```
Out[39]: OrderedDict([('catholic', 112),
                      ('help', 109),
                      ('social', 106),
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This is a bit better - although we still see some words that are probably very common ("care", "communities"), words like "catholic," "north," and "violence" will probably help us come up with more specific categories within the broader realm of social services. Let's see what topics we produce.

```
In [40]: processed_keywords, processed_doctopic = create_topics(processed_bag_of_
         words,
                                                     processed_feature
         s)
```

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/ 0 Elapsed Time: 0:00:00
                                  /Users/crh278/anaconda3/envs/geo_py3
6/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/decomposition/online_lda.py:294:
 DeprecationWarning: n_topics has been renamed to n_components in versi
on 0.19 and will be removed in 0.21
  DeprecationWarning)

0 violence, domestic, legal, please, catholic
1 vision, house, service, need, care
2 evanston, ywca, north, shore, volunteer

| 2 Elapsed Time: 0:00:00
```

Now we are starting to get somewhere! We can manipulate the number of topics we want to find and the number of words to use for each topic to see if we can understand more from our corpus.

```
In [41]: # look for 5 topics, include 10 words in each.
         processed_keywords, processed_doctopic = create_topics(processed_bag_of_
         words,
                                                     processed_feature
         s,
                                                     N_TOPICS = 5,
                                                     N_TOP_WORDS= 10)
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6/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/decomposition/online_lda.py:294:
 DeprecationWarning: n_topics has been renamed to n_components in versi
on 0.19 and will be removed in 0.21
  DeprecationWarning)

0 care, donatebutton, change, lives, alliance, heartland, contact, heal
th, high, build
1 dupage, house, hope, county, opportunity, dignity, values, resources,
food, clients
2 volunteer, help, years, one, group, service, value, counseling, may,
 organization
3 evanston, ywca, north, shore, women, get, learn, volunteer, empower,
 violence
4 violence, domestic, please, legal, may, illinois, information, help,
 charities, catholic

| 4 Elapsed Time: 0:00:00
```

Some structure is starting to reveal itself - "legal" and "law" appear in the same topic, as do "violence," "domestic," and "women" (probably appearing in websites of women's shelters). Adding more topics has revealed to larger subtopics. Let's see if increasing the number of topics gives us more information.

However, we can see that "donatebutton" and "companylogo" are still present - these are more likely artifacts of the websites than useful information about the charities! This is an iterative process - after seeing the results of some analysis, you will need to go back to the preprocessing step and add more words to your list of stopwords or change how you cleaned the data.

Now let's try 10 topics with 15 words each:

```
In [42]:  # 10 topics, 15 words each
          processed_keywords, processed_doctopic = create_topics(processed_bag_of_
          words,
                                                        processed_feature
          s,
                                                        N_TOPICS = 10,
                                                        N_TOP_WORDS= 15)
```

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6/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/decomposition/online_lda.py:294:
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on 0.19 and will be removed in 0.21
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0 care, illinois, vision, lutheran, donation, based, communities, chang
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2 help, volunteer, house, dupage, need, email, service, needs, organiza
tion, dignity, food, one, hope, time, opportunity
3 violence, domestic, legal, please, clients, county, law, safe, counse
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4 health, care, park, view, west, quality, call, children, department,
 high, patients, street, largest, suburbs, serve
5 development, counseling, group, education, today, prevention, parent
s, school, issues, provide, years, members, staff, children, health
6 catholic, charities, social, values, church, must, anyone, based, sup
porters, serve, human, dignity, regardless, everyone, identity
7 value, gift, service, document, shelter, may, american, show, donate,
clients, place, one, please, make, next
8 evanston, ywca, north, shore, women, get, learn, violence, domestic,
 volunteer, empower, yw, make, safe, crisis
9 may, violence, building, abuse, often, build, domestic, please, schoo
l, help, relationship, follow, year, futures, job

| 9 Elapsed Time: 0:00:00
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This looks like a good amount of topics for now. Some of the top words are quite similar, like "volunteer" and "volunteers," or "child" and "children." Let's move to stemming and lemmatization.

Stemming and Lemmatization - Distilling text data

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We can further process our text through *stemming and lemmatization*, or replacing words with their root or simplest form. For example "systems," "systematic," and "system" are all different words, but we can replace all these words with "system" without sacrificing much meaning.

- A **lemma** is the original dictionary form of a word (e.g. the lemma for "lies," "lied," and "lying" is "lie").
- The process of turning a word into its simplest form is **stemming**. There are several well known stemming algorithms -- Porter, Snowball, Lancaster -- that all have their respective strengths and weaknesses.

For this tutorial, we'll use the Snowball Stemmer:

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In [43]:  # Examples of how a Stemmer works:
          stemmer = SnowballStemmer("english")
          print(stemmer.stem('lies'))
          print(stemmer.stem("lying"))
          print(stemmer.stem('systematic'))
          print(stemmer.stem("running"))
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lie
lie
systemat
run
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Let's try creating a bag of stemmed words.

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In [44]:  # include stemming when creating our bag of words.
          processed_bag_of_words, processed_features = create_bag_of_words(process
          ed_corpus,
                                                                stop_wo
          rds=domain_specific_stopwords,
                                                                stem=True)
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In [45]: # create topics with stemmed words.
         processed_keywords, processed_doctopic = create_topics(processed_bag_of_
         words,
                                                           processed_feature
         s,
                                                           N_TOPICS = 10,
                                                           N_TOP_WORDS= 15)
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6/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/decomposition/online_lda.py:294:
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  DeprecationWarning)

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hous, peopl, inform, famili, read, want
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2 donatebutton, vision, work, heartland, allianc, care, companylogo, ca
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3 evanston, ywca, north, shore, violenc, domest, women, communiti, get,
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ove, chang, qualiti, violenc, well
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ili, serv, educ, one, help, contact
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north, report, p, shore, provid, chang, get
7 vision, project, menu, place, busi, first, polici, year, thank, priva
ci, copyright, map, w, main, secondari
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chariti, servic, famili, busi, communiti, church

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What do we think of these topics?

N-grams - Adding context by creating N-grams

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Obviously, reducing a document to a bag of words means losing much of its meaning - we put words in certain orders, and group words together in phrases and sentences, precisely to give them more meaning. If you follow the processing steps we've gone through so far, splitting your document into individual words and then removing stopwords, you'll completely lose all phrases like "kick the bucket," "commander in chief," or "sleeps with the fishes."

One way to address this is to break down each document similarly, but rather than treating each word as an individual unit, treat each group of 2 words, or 3 words, or n words, as a unit. We call this a "bag of n-grams," where n is the number of words in each chunk. Then you can analyze which groups of words commonly occur together (in a fixed order).

Let's transform our corpus into a bag of n-grams with n=2: a bag of 2-grams, AKA a bag of bi-grams.

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In [46]:  # create bag of words with stemmed words and 2-grams (NGRAM_RANGE = (0,
           2)).
          processed_bag_of_words, processed_features = create_bag_of_words(process
          ed_corpus,
                                                                          stop_wo
          rds=domain_specific_stopwords,
                                                                          stem=Tr
          ue,
                                                                          NGRAM_R
          ANGE=(0,2))

          # Create topics.
          processed_keywords, processed_doctopic = create_topics(processed_bag_of_
          words,
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          s,
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4 career, job, network, american, abl, nation, vision, employ, north, s
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6 homeless, place, inspir, women, open, door, experienc, focus, il phon
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ent, child, cultur, well, group, encourag, class, earli
9 servic, hous, bridg, donatebutton, communiti, provid, famili, company
logo, need, may, group, counsel, chang, e, parent

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We can see that this lets us uncover patterns that we couldn't when we just used a bag of words: "north shore" and "domest violenc" come up as words. Note that this still includes the individual words, as well as the bi-grams.

TF-IDF - Weighting terms based on frequency

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A final step in cleaning and processing our text data is **Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF)**. TF-IDF is based on the idea that the words (or terms) that are most related to a certain topic will occur frequently in documents on that topic, and infrequently in unrelated documents. TF-IDF re-weights words so that we emphasize words that are unique to a document and suppress words that are common throughout the corpus by inversely weighting terms based on their frequency within the document and across the corpus.

Let's look at how using TF-IDF affects our bag of words:

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In [47]:  # create bag of words including TF-IDF weighting.
          processed_bag_of_words, processed_features = create_bag_of_words( proces
          sed_corpus,
                                                                      stop_w
          ords = domain_specific_stopwords,
                                                                      stem =
           True,
                                                                      NGRAM_
          RANGE = ( 0, 2 ),
                                                                      USE_ID
          F = True )
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In [48]:  # let's see what we have:
          dict_word_counts = get_word_counts( processed_bag_of_words, processed_fe
          atures )
          dict_word_counts
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                         ('youtubelink socialmedia', 30.345664075540132),
                         ('yw communiti', 30.345664075540132),
                         ('ywca phone', 30.34566407554013)])
```

The words counts have been reweighted to emphasize the more meaningful words of the corpus, while de-emphasizing the words that are found commonly throughout the corpus.

How does this affect our topics?

```
In [49]:  processed_keywords, processed_doctopic = create_topics(processed_bag_of_
          words,
                                                    processed_feature
          s,
                                                    N_TOPICS = 10,
                                                    N_TOP_WORDS= 15)
```

```
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6/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/decomposition/online_lda.py:294:
 DeprecationWarning: n_topics has been renamed to n_components in versi
on 0.19 and will be removed in 0.21
  DeprecationWarning)

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person, servic, hour, near, grow, year
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7 span, pleas, abus, legal, domest, violenc, survivor, may, domest viol
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```

Exercise 4 - Refining a topic model

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You can only develop an intuition for the right number of topics and topic words suitable for a given problem by iterating until you find a good match.

Change the number of topics and topic words until you get an intution of how many words and topics are enough.

In [50]:
```
exercise_keywords, exercise_doctopic = create_topics( processed_bag_of_w
ords,

processed_features,
                                                      N_TOPICS = 5,
                                                      N_TOP_WORDS= 25 )
```

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6/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklearn/decomposition/online_lda.py:294:
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```
In [51]: exercise_keywords, exercise_doctopic = create_topics( processed_bag_of_w
         ords,

         processed_features,
                                                     N_TOPICS = 10,
                                                     N_TOP_WORDS= 25 )
```

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   DeprecationWarning)

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help, individu, particip, work, peopl, first

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In [52]:
```python
#grab the topic_id of the majority topic for each document and store it
 in a list
ls_topic_id = [np.argsort(processed_doctopic[comment_id])[::-1][0] for c
omment_id in range(len(corpus))]
df_socialservices_data['topic_id'] = ls_topic_id #add to the dataframe s
o we can compare with the job titles
```

Now that each row is tagged with a topic ID. Let's see how well the topics explain the social services by looking at the first topic, and seeing how similar the social services within that topic are to each other.

In [53]:
```python
topic_num = 0
print(processed_keywords[topic_num])
df_socialservices_data[ df_socialservices_data.topic_id == topic_num ].h
ead(10)
```

american, shelter, menu, place, famili, servic, hous, friend, individu,
homeless, mental, inspir, corpor, new, door

Out[53]:

	Unnamed: 0	FACID	facname	factype	facurl	facloc
10	10	21	Chinese American Service League	education	http://www.caslservice.org/	Metro
11	11	21	Chinese American Service League	education	http://www.caslservice.org/	Metro
14	14	32	Family Focus Inc.	education	http://www.family-focus.org/	West Suburba
18	18	50	Project: VISION, Inc.	education	http://www.projectvisionchicago.org/	Metro
19	19	50	Project: VISION, Inc.	education	http://www.projectvisionchicago.org/	Metro
20	20	50	Project: VISION, Inc.	education	http://www.projectvisionchicago.org/	Metro
42	42	83	DuPage PADS	income	http://dupagepads.org/	West Suburba
43	43	87	Family Shelter Service, Inc.	income	http://www.familyshelterservice.org/	West Suburba

	Unnamed: 0	FACID	facname	factype	facurl	facloc
44	44	87	Family Shelter Service, Inc.	income	http://www.familyshelterservice.org/	West Suburba
48	48	94	Inspiration Corporation	income	http://www.inspirationcorp.org/	Metro

Exercise 5 - Interpreting a model's "topics"

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Examine the other topic IDs, and see if the "topics" we identified make sense as groupings of social service agencies.

```
In [54]: topic_num = 3
         print(processed_keywords[topic_num])
         df_socialservices_data[ df_socialservices_data.topic_id == topic_num ].h
         ead(10)
```

dupag, dupag counti, opportun, resourc, neighbor, peopl, food, hope, sh
are, communiti, counti, futur, digniti, organ serv, resid

Out[54]:

	Unnamed: 0	FACID	facname	factype	facurl	facloc
3	3	4	B.U.I.L.D., Inc.	education	http://www.buildchicago.org/	Metro
4	4	4	B.U.I.L.D., Inc.	education	http://www.buildchicago.org/	Metro
5	5	4	B.U.I.L.D., Inc.	education	http://www.buildchicago.org/	Metro
12	12	24	The Community House	education	http://www.thecommunityhouse.org/	Metro
13	13	24	The Community House	education	http://www.thecommunityhouse.org/	Metro
61	61	108	North Lawndale Employment Network	income	http://www.nlen.org/	Metro
62	62	111	People's Resource Center	income	http://www.peoplesrc.org/	West Suburba
63	63	111	People's Resource Center	income	http://www.peoplesrc.org/	West Suburba
83	83	146	B.U.I.L.D., Inc.	health	http://www.buildchicago.org/	Metro
84	84	146	B.U.I.L.D., Inc.	health	http://www.buildchicago.org/	Metro

Supervised Learning: Document Classification

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Previously, we used topic modeling to infer relationships between social service facilities within the data. That is an example of unsupervised learning: we were looking to uncover structure in the form of topics, or groups of agencies, but we did not necessarily know the ground truth of how many groups we should find or which agencies belonged in which group.

Now we turn our attention to supervised learning. In supervised learning, we have a *known* outcome or label (*Y*) that we want to produce given some data (*X*), and in general, we want to be able to produce this *Y* when we *don't* know it, or when we *only* have *X*.

In order to produce labels we need to first have examples our algorithm can learn from, a "training set." In the context of text analysis, developing a training set can be very expensive, as it can require a large amount of human labor or linguistic expertise. **Document classification** is an example of supervised learning in which want to characterize our documents based on their contents (*X*). A common example of document classification is spam e-mail detection. Another example of supervised learning in text analysis is *sentiment analysis*, where *X* is our documents and *Y* is the state of the author. This "state" is dependent on the question you're trying to answer, and can range from the author being happy or unhappy with a product to the author being politically conservative or liberal. Another example is *part-of-speech tagging* where *X* are individual words and *Y* is the part-of-speech.

In this section, we'll train a classifier to classify social service agencies. Let's see if we can label a new website as belonging to facility type "income" or "health."

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```
In [55]: # look at counts
         df_socialservices_data.factype.value_counts()
```

```
Out[55]: income        45
         safety net    40
         health        32
         education     29
         Name: factype, dtype: int64
```

```
In [56]: # make a mask column we can use to flag rows with facility type in our t
         ypes of interest.
         mask = df_socialservices_data.factype.isin(['income','health'])
```

```
In [57]: # use mask to subset our data.
         df_income_health = df_socialservices_data[mask]
```

Split into training and testing sets (20% held back for training):

```
In [58]: # split into train and test sets.
         df_train, df_test = train_test_split(df_income_health, test_size=0.20, r
         andom_state=17)
```

Look at our training set:

```
In [59]: # look at our training set.
         df_train.head()
```

Out[59]:

	Unnamed: 0	FACID	facname	factype	facurl	facloc
57	57	105	Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois	income	http://www.lcfs.org/	South-Southwest
82	82	145	Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center and Healthc...	health	http://www.auntmarthas.org/	Metro, North-Northwest South-Southwest
95	95	165	Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights	health	http://www.heartlandalliance.org/	Metro, North-Northwest
72	72	133	YWCA Evanston/North Shore	income	http://www.ywca.org/evanston/	North-Northwest
78	78	141	Arab American Action Network	health	http://www.aaan.org/	Metro

```
In [60]: # make sure we only have the facility types we expect.
         df_train['factype'].unique()
```

```
Out[60]: array(['income', 'health'], dtype=object)
```

```
In [61]: # look at the counts for each value.
         Counter(df_train['factype'].values)
```

```
Out[61]: Counter({'health': 25, 'income': 36})
```

Look at our testing set:

In [62]:   `# look at our testing set.`
             `df_test.head()`

Out[62]:

	Unnamed: 0	FACID	facname	factype	facurl	facloc	a
45	45	91	Heartland Human Care Services, Inc.	income	http://www.heartlandalliance.org/	Metro	h
58	58	107	National Able Network, Inc	income	http://www.nationalable.org/	South-Southwest Suburban	h
89	89	152	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	health	http://www.catholiccharities.net/	Metro, North-Northwest, South-Southwest Suburban	h
62	62	111	People's Resource Center	income	http://www.peoplesrc.org/	West Suburban	h
87	87	152	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	health	http://www.catholiccharities.net/	Metro, North-Northwest, South-Southwest Suburban	h

In [63]:   `# make sure we only have the facility types we expect.`
             `df_test['factype'].unique()`

Out[63]:   `array(['income', 'health'], dtype=object)`

In [64]:   `# look at the counts for each value.`
             `Counter(df_test['factype'].values)`

Out[64]:   `Counter({'health': 7, 'income': 9})`

Prepare Data for Document Classification

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In order to feed out data into a classifier, we need to pull out the labels (*Y*) and a clean corpus of documents (*X*) for our training and testing sets.

```
In [65]:  # prepare training data - get labels we'll train on.
          train_labels = df_train.factype.values

          # prepare training data - clean text.
          train_corpus = np.array( [re.sub(RE_PREPROCESS, ' ', text).lower() for t
          ext in df_train.textfromurl.values])

          # prepare testing data - get labels we'll train on.
          test_labels = df_test.factype.values

          # prepare testing data - clean text.
          test_corpus = np.array( [re.sub(RE_PREPROCESS, ' ', text).lower() for te
          xt in df_test.textfromurl.values])

          # make list of all labels across train and test (should just be 'income'
           and 'health')
          labels = np.append(train_labels, test_labels)
```

Just as we had done in the unsupervised learning context, we have to transform our data. This time we have to transform our testing and training set into two different bags of words. The classifier will learn from the training set, and we will evaluate the classifier's performance on the testing set.

First, we create a CountVectorizer that we'll use to convert our text documents to matrices of features based on words contained within our corpus.

```
In [66]:  #parameters for vectorizer
          ANALYZER = "word" #unit of features are single words rather then phrases
           of words
          STRIP_ACCENTS = 'unicode'
          TOKENIZER = None
          NGRAM_RANGE = (0,2) #Range for pharases of words
          MIN_DF = 0.01 # Exclude words that have a frequency less than the thresh
          old
          MAX_DF = 0.8  # Exclude words that have a frequency greater then the thr
          eshold

          vectorizer = CountVectorizer( analyzer = ANALYZER,
                                        tokenizer = None, # alternatively tokenize
          _and_stem but it will be slower
                                        ngram_range = NGRAM_RANGE,
                                        stop_words = stopwords.words( 'english' ),
                                        strip_accents = STRIP_ACCENTS,
                                        min_df = MIN_DF,
                                        max_df = MAX_DF )
```

Next, we create a TF-IDF transformer, and create our bags of words, then weight them using TF-IDF.

In [67]:
```python
NORM = None              # turn on normalization flag
SMOOTH_IDF = True        # prevents division by zero errors
SUBLINEAR_IDF = True # replace TF with 1 + log(TF)
USE_IDF = True           # flag to control whether to use TFIDF

transformer = TfidfTransformer( norm = NORM,
                                smooth_idf = SMOOTH_IDF,
                                sublinear_tf = True )

# timing code - start!
start_time = time.time()

# get the bag-of-words for train and test from the vectorizer and
# then use TFIDF to limit the tokens found throughout the text
train_bag_of_words = vectorizer.fit_transform( train_corpus ) #using all
 the data on for generating features!! Bad!
test_bag_of_words = vectorizer.transform( test_corpus )

# if we use IDF, compute it here.
if USE_IDF:
    train_tfidf = transformer.fit_transform(train_bag_of_words)
    test_tfidf = transformer.transform(test_bag_of_words)

# Get list of the feature names, for passing to our model.
features = vectorizer.get_feature_names()

# timing code - done!
print('Time Elapsed: {0:.2f}s'.format( time.time() - start_time ) )
```

Time Elapsed: 0.16s

We cannot pass the labels "income" or "health" directly to the classifier. Instead, we to encode them as 0s and 1s using the `labelencoder` part of `sklearn`.

In [68]:
```python
#relabel our labels as a 0 or 1
le = preprocessing.LabelEncoder()
le.fit(labels)
labels_binary = le.transform(labels)
```

In [69]:
```
list(zip(labels,labels_binary))
```

```
Out[69]: [('income', 1),
          ('health', 0),
          ('health', 0),
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We also need to create arrays of indices so we can access the training and testing sets accordingly.

```
In [70]:  train_size = df_train.shape[ 0 ]
          train_set_idx = np.arange( 0, train_size )
          test_set_idx = np.arange( train_size, len( labels ) )
          train_labels_binary = labels_binary[ train_set_idx ]
          test_labels_binary = labels_binary[ test_set_idx ]
```

Model Training - Train Document Classification Model

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The classifier we are using in the example is LogisticRegression. As we saw in the Machine Learning tutorial, first we decide on a classifier, then we fit the classifier to the data to create a model. We can then test our model on the test set by passing the features (X) from our test set to get predicted labels. The model will output the probability of each document being classified as income or health.

```
In [71]:  # create our LogisticRegression classifier.
          clf = LogisticRegression(penalty='l1')

          # train the classifer to create our model.
          mdl = clf.fit( train_tfidf, labels_binary[ train_set_idx ] )

          # create scores for each of the documents predicting whether each refers
           to
          #     an income or health agency
          y_score = mdl.predict_proba( test_tfidf )
```

Model Evaluation - Precision and Recall

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Now that we have calculated a score for each of our facility types of interest, we look at how well our model performed by outputting precision and recall curves at different cutoffs.

First, we define the function that will do this work:

```python
In [72]: def plot_precision_recall_n( y_true, y_prob, model_name ):

             """
             y_true: ls
                 ls of ground truth labels
             y_prob: ls
                 ls of predic proba from model
             model_name: str
                 str of model name (e.g, LR_123)
             """

             from sklearn.metrics import precision_recall_curve

             y_score = y_prob
             precision_curve, recall_curve, pr_thresholds = precision_recall_curve(y_true, y_score)
             precision_curve = precision_curve[:-1]
             recall_curve = recall_curve[:-1]
             pct_above_per_thresh = []
             number_scored = len(y_score)
             for value in pr_thresholds:
                 num_above_thresh = len(y_score[y_score>=value])
                 pct_above_thresh = num_above_thresh / float(number_scored)
                 pct_above_per_thresh.append(pct_above_thresh)
             pct_above_per_thresh = np.array(pct_above_per_thresh)
             plt.clf()
             fig, ax1 = plt.subplots()
             ax1.plot(pct_above_per_thresh, precision_curve, 'b')
             ax1.set_xlabel('percent of population')
             ax1.set_ylabel('precision', color='b')
             ax1.set_ylim(0,1.05)
             ax2 = ax1.twinx()
             ax2.plot(pct_above_per_thresh, recall_curve, 'r')
             ax2.set_ylabel('recall', color='r')
             ax2.set_ylim(0,1.05)

             name = model_name
             plt.title(name)
             plt.show()
```

Then we output the graphs for our model:

In [73]: `plot_precision_recall_n( labels_binary[ test_set_idx ], y_score[:,1], 'LR' )`

`<matplotlib.figure.Figure at 0x10b9d0240>`
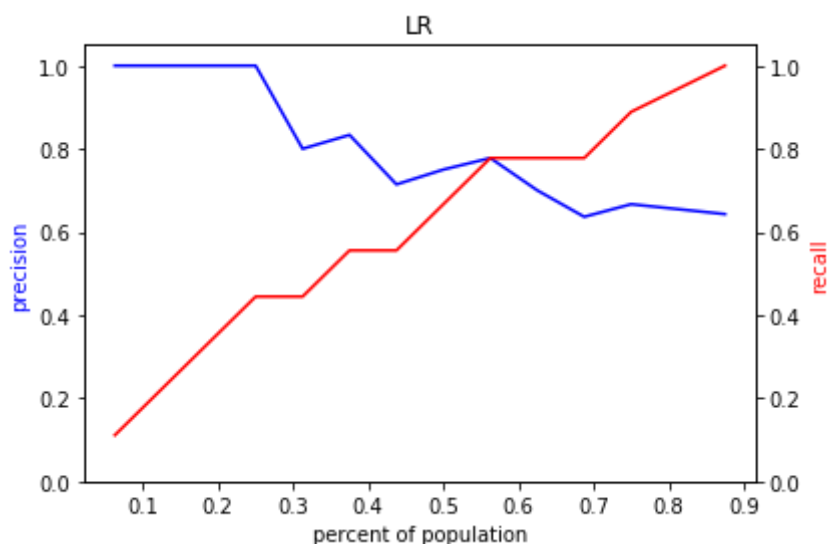
If we examine our precision-recall curve we can see that our precision is 1 up to 25 percent of the population. We can use a "precision at *k*" curve to see what percent of the corpus can be tagged by the classifier, and which should undergo a manual clerical review. Based on this curve, we might say that we can use our classifier to tag the 25% of the documents that have the highest scores as 1, and manually review the rest.

Alternatively, we can try to maximize the entire precision-recall space. In this case we need a different metric - "Area Under Curve" (AUC).

In [74]:
```python
def plot_precision_recall(y_true,y_score):
    """
    Plot a precision recall curve

    Parameters
    ----------
    y_true: ls
        ground truth labels
    y_score: ls
        score output from model
    """
    precision_curve, recall_curve, pr_thresholds = precision_recall_curv
e(y_true,y_score[:,1])
    plt.plot(recall_curve, precision_curve)
    plt.xlabel('Recall')
    plt.ylabel('Precision')
    auc_val = auc(recall_curve,precision_curve)
    print('AUC-PR: {0:1f}'.format(auc_val))
    plt.show()
    plt.clf()
```

```
In [75]: plot_precision_recall(labels_binary[test_set_idx],y_score)
```

AUC-PR: 0.846553

`<matplotlib.figure.Figure at 0x10b997588>`
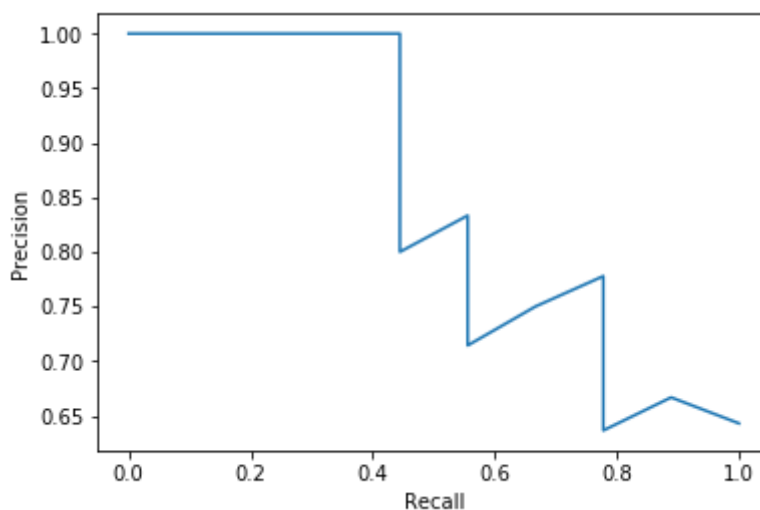
The AUC shows how accurate our scores are under different cutoff thresholds. The model will output a score between 0 and 1. We specify a range of cutoff values and label all of the examples as 0 or 1 based on whether they are above or below each cutoff value. The closer our scores are to the true values, the more resilient they are to different cutoffs. For instance, if our scores were perfect, our AUC would be 1.

Model Evaluation - Feature Importances

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Next, we look at the importance of different features (words) in our model.

The function that will calculate these:

In [76]:
```python
def display_feature_importances( coef, features, labels, num_features =
10 ):

    """
    output feature importances

    Parameters
    ----------
    coef: numpy
        feature importances
    features: ls
        feature names
    labels: ls
        labels for the classifier
    num_features: int
        number of features to output (default 10)

    Example
    --------


    """
    coef = mdl.coef_.ravel()

    dict_feature_importances = dict( zip(features, coef) )
    orddict_feature_importances = OrderedDict(
                                    sorted(dict_feature_importances.item
s(), key=lambda x: x[1]) )

    ls_sorted_features  = list(orddict_feature_importances.keys())

    label0_features = ls_sorted_features[:num_features]
    label1_features = ls_sorted_features[-num_features:]

    print(labels[0],label0_features)
    print(labels[1], label1_features)
```

In [77]:
```python
display_feature_importances(mdl.coef_.ravel(), features, ['health','inco
me'])
```

```
health ['youth', 'health', 'society', 'focus', 'josselyn', 'american',
 'park', 'com', 'justice', 'futures']
income ['shelter', 'service', 'little city', 'low', 'improve', 'employm
ent', 'ywca', 'current', 'illinois', 'people']
```

The feature importances give us the words which are the most relevant for distinguishing the type of social service agency (between income and health). Some of these make sense ("city church" seems more likely to be health than income), but some don't make as much sense, or seem to be artifacts from the website that we should remove ("housing humancarelogo").

Exercise 6 - interpreting feature importances

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Display the top 25 feature importances to get an intution of which words are the most and least important.

We need to know how to pass into the function we want the top 25 feature importances. We can do this by consulting the docstring of the function.

From this docstring we can see that `num_features` is a keyword argument that is set to 10 by default. We can pass `num_features=25` into the keyword argument instead to get the top 25 feature importances.

```
In [78]: display_feature_importances(mdl.coef_.ravel(),
                                     features,
                                     ['health','income'],
                                     num_features=25)
```

```
health ['youth', 'health', 'society', 'focus', 'josselyn', 'american',
 'park', 'com', 'justice', 'futures', 'association house', 'family focu
s', 'healing', 'arab', 'like', '_____', '_____ benefit', '_____', '__
_____ dollars', 'aaaj_la', 'aaaj_la raminashashibi', 'aaan', 'aaan alwa
ys', 'aaan read', 'aaan strives']
income ['get', 'event', 'low vision', 'click', 'mission', 'help', 'ladd
er', 'north', 'home', 'little', 'seniors', 'view', 'lutheran', 'person
s', 'lighthouse', 'shelter', 'service', 'little city', 'low', 'improv
e', 'employment', 'ywca', 'current', 'illinois', 'people']
```

Model Evaluation - Cross-validation

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Recall from the machine learning tutorial that we are seeking the find the most general pattern in the data in order to have to most general model that will be successful at classifying new unseen data. Our previous strategy above was the *Out-of-sample and holdout set*. With this strategy we try to find a general pattern by randomly dividing our data into a test and training set based on some percentage split (e.g., 50-50 or 80-20). We train on the test set and evaluate on the test set, where we pretend that we don't have the labels for the test set. A significant drawback with this approach is that we may be lucky or unlucky with our random split, and so our estimate of how we'd perform on truly new data is overly optimistic or overly pessimistic. A possible solution is to create many random splits into training and testing sets and evaluate each split to estimate the performance of a given model.

A more sophisticated holdout training and testing procedure is *cross-validation*. In cross-validation we split our data into *k* folds or partitions, where *k* is usually 5 or 10. We then iterate k times. In each iteration, one of the folds is used as a test set, and the rest of the folds are combined to form the training set. We can then evaluate the performance at each iteration to estimate the performance of a given method. An advantage of using cross-validation is all examples of data are used in the training set at least once.

Define function to create test and train bags of words:

In [79]:
```python
def create_test_train_bag_of_words(train_corpus, test_corpus):

    """
    Create test and training set bag of words


    Parameters
    ----------
    train_corpus: ls
        ls of raw text for text corpus.
    test_corpus: ls
        ls of raw text for train corpus.

    Returns
    -------
    (train_bag_of_words,test_bag_of_words): scipy sparse matrix
        bag-of-words representation of train and test corpus
    features: ls
        ls of words used as features.
    """

    #parameters for vectorizer
    ANALYZER = "word" #unit of features are single words rather then phr
ases of words
    STRIP_ACCENTS = 'unicode'
    TOKENIZER = None
    NGRAM_RANGE = (0,2) #Range for pharases of words
    MIN_DF = 0.01 # Exclude words that have a frequency less than the th
reshold
    MAX_DF = 0.8  # Exclude words that have a frequency greater then the
```

```
    threshold

    vectorizer = CountVectorizer(analyzer=ANALYZER,
                                 tokenizer=None, # alternatively tokenize
_and_stem but it will be slower
                                 ngram_range=NGRAM_RANGE,
                                 stop_words = stopwords.words('english'),
                                 strip_accents=STRIP_ACCENTS,
                                 min_df = MIN_DF,
                                 max_df = MAX_DF)

    NORM = None #turn on normalization flag
    SMOOTH_IDF = True #prevents division by zero errors
    SUBLINEAR_IDF = True #replace TF with 1 + log(TF)
    USE_IDF = True #flag to control whether to use TFIDF

    transformer = TfidfTransformer(norm = NORM,smooth_idf = SMOOTH_IDF,s
ublinear_tf = True)

    #get the bag-of-words from the vectorizer and
    #then use TFIDF to limit the tokens found throughout the text
    train_bag_of_words = vectorizer.fit_transform( train_corpus )
    test_bag_of_words = vectorizer.transform( test_corpus )
    if USE_IDF:
        train_tfidf = transformer.fit_transform(train_bag_of_words)
        test_tfidf = transformer.transform(test_bag_of_words)
    features = vectorizer.get_feature_names()


    return train_tfidf, test_tfidf, features
```

And now, use scikit-learn's StratifiedKFold object to generate our folds (we'll do 3 here as an example), and then train and validate across all combinations.

```
In [80]:   from sklearn.cross_validation import StratifiedKFold

           # create folds
           cv = StratifiedKFold( train_labels_binary, n_folds = 3 )

           # get our labels
           train_labels_binary = le.transform(train_labels)

           # for each fold, get rows specified as train and test, then
           #     train and test our model with it.
           for i, ( train, test ) in enumerate(cv):

               # break out train and test data.
               cv_train = train_corpus[train]
               cv_test = train_corpus[test]

               # create bags of words and get feature names
               bag_of_words_train, bag_of_words_test, feature_names = create_test_t
           rain_bag_of_words(cv_train,

                             cv_test)
               # fit our model and then use it to predict values in test set.
               probas_ = clf.fit(bag_of_words_train,
                             train_labels_binary[train]).predict_proba(bag_of_w
           ords_test)
               cv_test_labels = train_labels_binary[test]

               # draw precision and recall curve
               precision_curve, recall_curve, pr_thresholds = precision_recall_curv
           e(cv_test_labels, probas_[:,1] )

               # calculate and plot AUC
               auc_val = auc( recall_curve,precision_curve )
               plt.plot( recall_curve, precision_curve, label = 'AUC-PR {0}
           {1:.2f}'.format( i, auc_val ) )

           #-- END loop over folds --#


           # and, plot the collected graphs.
           plt.ylim( 0, 1.05 )
           plt.xlabel( 'Recall' )
           plt.ylabel( 'Precision' )
           plt.legend( loc = "lower left", fontsize = 'x-small' )
```

```
/Users/crh278/anaconda3/envs/geo_py36/lib/python3.6/site-packages/sklea
rn/cross_validation.py:41: DeprecationWarning: This module was deprecat
ed in version 0.18 in favor of the model_selection module into which al
l the refactored classes and functions are moved. Also note that the in
terface of the new CV iterators are different from that of this module.
This module will be removed in 0.20.
    "This module will be removed in 0.20.", DeprecationWarning)
```

Out[80]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x1195ec160>
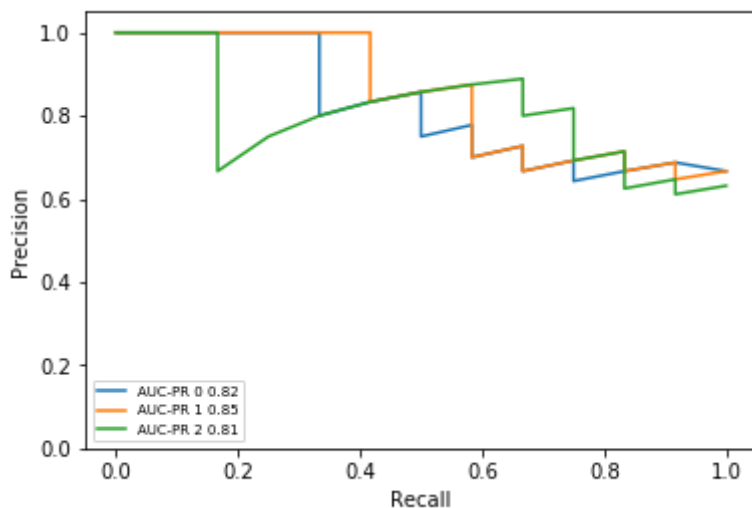
In this case we did 3-fold cross-validation and plotted precision-recall curves for each iteration. You can see that there is a marked difference between the iterations. We can then average the AUC-PR of each iteration to estimate the performance of our method.

Exercise 7 - Try a 5-fold cross-validation

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Try 5-fold cross-validation.

In [81]:
```python
from sklearn.cross_validation import StratifiedKFold
cv = StratifiedKFold(train_labels_binary, n_folds=5)
train_labels_binary = le.transform(train_labels)
for i, (train,test) in enumerate(cv):
    cv_train = train_corpus[train]
    cv_test = train_corpus[test]
    bag_of_words_train, bag_of_words_test, feature_names = create_test_t
rain_bag_of_words(cv_train,

                    cv_test)

    probas_ = clf.fit(bag_of_words_train,
                        train_labels_binary[train]).predict_proba(bag_of_w
ords_test)
    cv_test_labels = train_labels_binary[test]

    precision_curve, recall_curve, pr_thresholds = precision_recall_curv
e(cv_test_labels,

  probas_[:,1])
    auc_val = auc(recall_curve,precision_curve)
    plt.plot(recall_curve, precision_curve, label='AUC-PR {0} {1:.2f}'.f
ormat(i,auc_val))

plt.ylim(0,1.05)
plt.xlabel('Recall')
plt.ylabel('Precision')
plt.legend(loc="lower left", fontsize='x-small')
```

Out[81]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x11c9c0ba8>
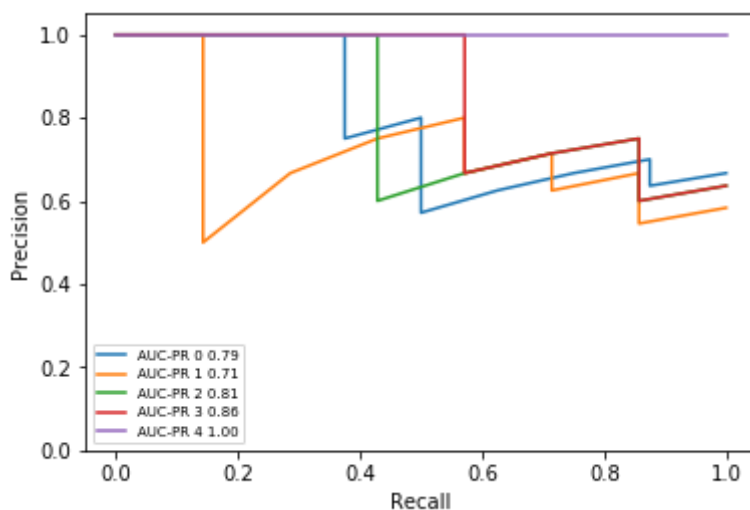
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Look at our data:

```
In [82]: df_test
```

Out[82]:

	Unnamed: 0	FACID	facname	factype	facurl	facloc
45	45	91	Heartland Human Care Services, Inc.	income	http://www.heartlandalliance.org/	Metro
58	58	107	National Able Network, Inc	income	http://www.nationalable.org/	South-Southwe Suburba
89	89	152	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	health	http://www.catholiccharities.net/	Metro, North-Northwe South-Southwe Suburba
62	62	111	People's Resource Center	income	http://www.peoplesrc.org/	West Suburba
87	87	152	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	health	http://www.catholiccharities.net/	Metro, North-Northwe South-Southwe Suburba
76	76	135	360 Youth Services	health	http://www.360youthservices.org/	West Suburba
54	54	105	Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois	income	http://www.lcfs.org/	South-Southwe
99	99	166	Heartland International Health Center	health	http://www.heartlandalliance.org/	Metro
65	65	114	Restaurant Opportunities Center of Chicago	income	http://rocunited.org/chicago/	Metro
100	100	166	Heartland International Health Center	health	http://www.heartlandalliance.org/	Metro

	Unnamed: 0	FACID	facname	factype	facurl	facloc
47	47	91	Heartland Human Care Services, Inc.	income	http://www.heartlandalliance.org/	Metro
43	43	87	Family Shelter Service, Inc.	income	http://www.familyshelterservice.org/	West Suburba
79	79	141	Arab American Action Network	health	http://www.aaan.org/	Metro
40	40	80	Clearbrook	income	http://www.clearbrook.org/	North-Northwe
38	38	77	Chicago House and Social Service Agency	income	http://www.chicagohouse.org/	Metro
94	94	162	Family Focus, Inc.	health	http://www.family-focus.org/	West Suburba

And, look at the text the model is most certain of being categorized as each facility type:

In [83]:
```python
num_comments = 2
label0_comment_idx = y_score[:,1].argsort()[:num_comments]
label1_comment_idx = y_score[:,1].argsort()[-num_comments:]
test_set_labels = labels[test_set_idx]
#convert back to the indices of the original dataset
top_comments_testing_set_idx = np.concatenate([label0_comment_idx,
                                                label1_comment_idx])


#these are the 5 comments the model is most sure of
for i in top_comments_testing_set_idx:
    print(
        u"""{}:{}\n---\n{}\n===""".format(test_set_labels[i],
                                          y_score[i,1],
                                          test_corpus[i]))
```

health:0.006766648891161595
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 by supporting and strengthening families in and with their communities
we help parents gain confidence and competence as the primary caregiver
s and educators of their children we provide parents and their children
with critical resources and learning opportunities to encourage healthy
development in their communities what we do early childhood development
we provide parents with training and educational tools to support healt
hy early childhood development we work as partners evaluating benchmark
s and providing resources to meet the developmental needs of children w
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t life transitions self esteem and parenting specialized services for h
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 and housing our vision is a community where all youth possess the nece
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rned parents community and religious leaders recognized the need for pr
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med a council that eventually became a non profit organization referred
to as naperville community outreach in   the organization changed its n
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and housing the organization serves youth and families in naperville an
d the surrounding areas board of directors president debra lellbach lel
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 norman design resource center development committee chair dawn kelsch
 facilities committee chair bob seidl new mainstream capital marketing
 committee chair christine peggau treehouse foods strategic planning co
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 officer katy leclair development director jason altenbern clinical dir
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czyk lsw csadp marketing events specialist lisa schwarz barry financial
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vide access to our financial records for more information you can downl
oad our most recent financial snapshot or review our annual report   yo
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mission and history our mission chicago house and social service agency

serves individuals and families who are disenfranchised by hiv aids lgb tq marginalization poverty homelessness and or gender nonconformity by providing housing employment services medical linkage and retention se rvices hiv prevention services legal services and other supportive prog rams our history in the early years of the hiv aids epidemic in the us nearly activists met at the historic baton show lounge to address th e dire need for housing for chicagoans living with aids on september chicago house was incorporated in illinois as not for profit the goal of providing housing for those with aids a chicago house float in the p ride parade during the s chicago house emerged as an organization pr oviding a compassionate response to a fearful disease we built our infr astructure as we established several facilities to meet the growing and ever evolving needs of our clients our first residence opened in februa ry in uptown accommodated individuals in private bedrooms with shar ed cooking dining bathing and living areas we opened two more residence s in and responding to demand a hour care program and hospice in for clients in need of additional support in chicago house formed th e family support program becoming the first provider of housing and rel ated services to hiv affected families before advances in hiv medicatio n these early years often meant that we were providing our clients a pl ace to die with dignity after they had been abandoned by friends and fa mily or forced out of their apartments an early agency newsletter from reads through may chicago house has provided a home for individ uals all men of the men no longer with chicago house are deceased i n these early years chicago house was the last home many people had bef ore they died early interior of a housing unit in chicago s west town t he latter half of the s however ushered in new hope as medical advanc es came to the fore with the advent of new drug therapies as drug advan ces and approvals began to dominate the news in the aids community incr eased hope was also somewhat tempered by the reality that the annual co st of drug therapy could easily exceed per person in the annual a ids death toll in the united states dropped to after it had peaked in at over many people with hiv aids found themselves getting be tter and were confronted with the reality that they now faced rebuildin g their lives while living with hiv rather than preparing to die in w e bought the building that would house our independent living program r esponding to then need that many of those living with hiv aids had to l ive in a more independent supportive housing program then in after ex periencing empty beds in our hospice facility and increased demand in o ur other housing programs chicago house made the difficult decision to close down the hospice chicago house s hospice provided essential and compassionate care to over people in the four housing facilities tha t we currently operate chicago house now provides permanent supportive housing to more than people each year we also provide these resident s along with those living independently in the community with vital cas e management services in chicago house became the lead agency on a year project funded by the centers for disease control cdc running thi s program chicago house helped our hiv positive clients reach out and p rotect their peers and partners from infection chicago house continues to run a cdc funded prevention with positives intervention that in r eached people also in u s senator dick durbin visited chicago house to learn more about our programs and the needs of our clients the resid ents he met with expressed their desire to return to work but explained the major obstacles that they faced after listening to their concerns a nd the efforts of the agency senator durbin helped facilitate a start u p grant to support the initial development and implementation of an hiv employment service system which became our employment services program

the program launched in the fall of   with much support from leaders i
n the hiv and workforce development community and since its inception h
as served nearly   participants chicago house began its scattered sit
e housing program which provides rental assistance and support services
to clients in   initially offering   apartment units connecting people
 to housing and employment services the scattered site housing program
 now manages about   units each year   was another momentous year for c
hicago house as we officially launched the translife center tlc respond
ing to the great need for culturally competent expert social services s
pecifically for transgender individuals in the same facility that we on
ce used as a hospice in the early years of the hiv epidemic we now deli
ver housing employment linkage to medical care case management and lega
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overty in dupage county nearly   dupage residents rely on prc for hel
p each year with a team of over   volunteers we offer nutritious food
and other basic necessities like clothes and rent assistance for people
facing tough times we also connect people with resources education and
 tutoring jobs technology art a caring community to create a future of
 hope and opportunity for all prc is able to provide these services bec
ause of the generosity and support from our neighbors more than   vol
unteers work with our small staff offering time skills and resources to
help their neighbors donors contribute food clothing books computers an
d money to support our work the majority of our support comes from cari
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venue in wheaton we have grown to become a multi site multi service org
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These are the top 2 examples that the model is the most sure of for each label. We can see our important feature words in the descriptions, which gives a hint of how the model made these classifications.

Further Resources

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A great resource for NLP in Python is <u>Natural Language Processing with Python (https://www.amazon.com/Natural-Language-Processing-Python-Analyzing/dp/0596516495)</u>.