

Chicago Workforce Board The Other Side of the Stethoscope

In its first year (2004-2005), “The Other Side of the Stethoscope” program introduced 43,000 Chicago Public Schools 7th grade students to healthcare careers. The program includes student curriculum, a teachers’ guide and family worksheets as well as tours and other activities with Chicago hospitals. Media components of the program feature Chicago healthcare workers telling students how they prepared for their healthcare career, and why they find their careers so rewarding, stressing the importance of math, reading and science. The curriculum materials, which map to Illinois Learning Standards, are available on the CPS math and science website for continuous use. “The Other Side of the Stethoscope” was developed in partnership with Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Tribune, and key healthcare associations – The Illinois Hospital Association, the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council and the American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration- a division of the American Hospital Association. This year, Workforce Boards in the Chicagoland region have rolled out parallel campaigns, collectively reaching another 28,000 students.

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