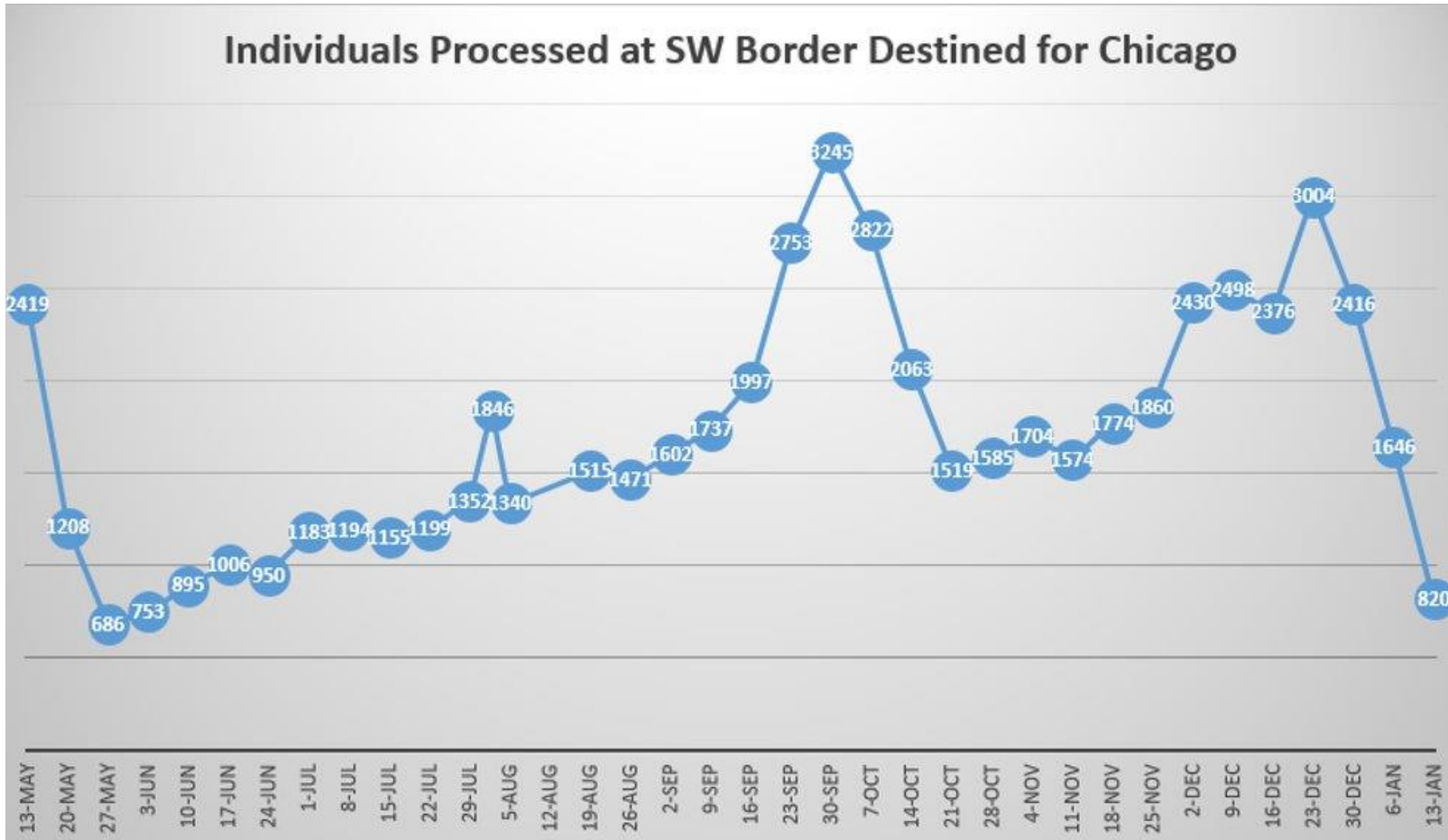


New Arrivals Briefing – Community Partners

January 31, 2024

★ Intended Destination Data



For the week ending January 20, 2024, 900 noncitizens provided an intended destination to Chicago.

An estimated 30,000+ asylum seekers have arrived in Chicago since Aug 31st, 2022.

★ Shelter Census

As of January 30, 2024

- There are **13,935** shelter residents in **28** active shelters, across 21 Wards.

- 171 awaiting shelter at ORD
- 0 CPD Stations
- 0 at MDW
- 0 at Landing Zone (waiting for outmigration from Catholic Charities)
- 0 buses expected today

NOTE: The census numbers are updated daily and can fluctuate due to resettlement, finding housing independently, onward movement, rogue bus drop-offs, among other factors. Additionally, the bus numbers are fluid and can change.

Total New Arrivals in Our Care: 14,100+





County, State and Federal Updates

- **State**
 - On Tuesday, January 16th the State announced funding for Illinois Welcoming Centers and a new RFP for municipalities (other than Chicago) to support new arrivals.
 - \$17 million will go toward additional resources to address the crisis. According to Pritzker, the funding will be used for welcome centers, work permit applications, housing, and healthcare.
 - \$11 million will go toward Supporting Municipalities for Asylum Seeker Services (SMASS). Those funds will specifically be given to municipalities outside of Chicago to support new arrivals living there; however, there's a stipulation. The money cannot be used to transport migrants to other communities.
 - \$4 million will support 13 Illinois Welcoming Centers.
 - \$2 million will go to Immigrant Family Resources Program (IFRP) providers.
- **Federal**
 - FEMA Region 5 starting a planning cell in EOC consisting of all levels of government (OEMC, EMRS, IEMA, FEMA)
 - **Multi Agency and Multi-Jurisdictional Planning Cell**
 - Coordinating efforts to solve supply chain gaps and planning for upcoming challenges.
 - Immediate Incident Stabilization
 - Supply Chain Resiliency, Planning and Operations



Overview

- Chicago has received **602 buses** since August 2022
- **215 buses and 1 plane** have been accounted for dropping new arrivals off in the Chicagoland area since December 1 (Source: IEMA)
- **Since passing the Bus Ordinance, 215 buses have dropped new arrivals off in 30+ suburban towns in 9+ Illinois Counties in the Chicagoland Region**
 - Townships and Municipalities have also implemented similar ticketing and towing enforcements
 - New Arrivals being dropped at outlying locations are travelling into Chicago via train and into main transportation hubs (Union Station, Ogilvie, etc.)
- 95 tickets written for violation; 2 impoundments; 3 Administrative Notice of Violation/Citation for illegal sewage dropping
- Ordinance meant to bring control to an erratic and unpredictable process.
 - No operator of any intercity bus shall use any designated bus stand, or passenger loading/unloading zone or other location for regular loading or unloading of passengers, luggage or other goods without first obtaining the approval of the Department of Transportation.
 - Motor vehicles used in violation will be subject to penalties, including impoundment and towing.



Landing Zone

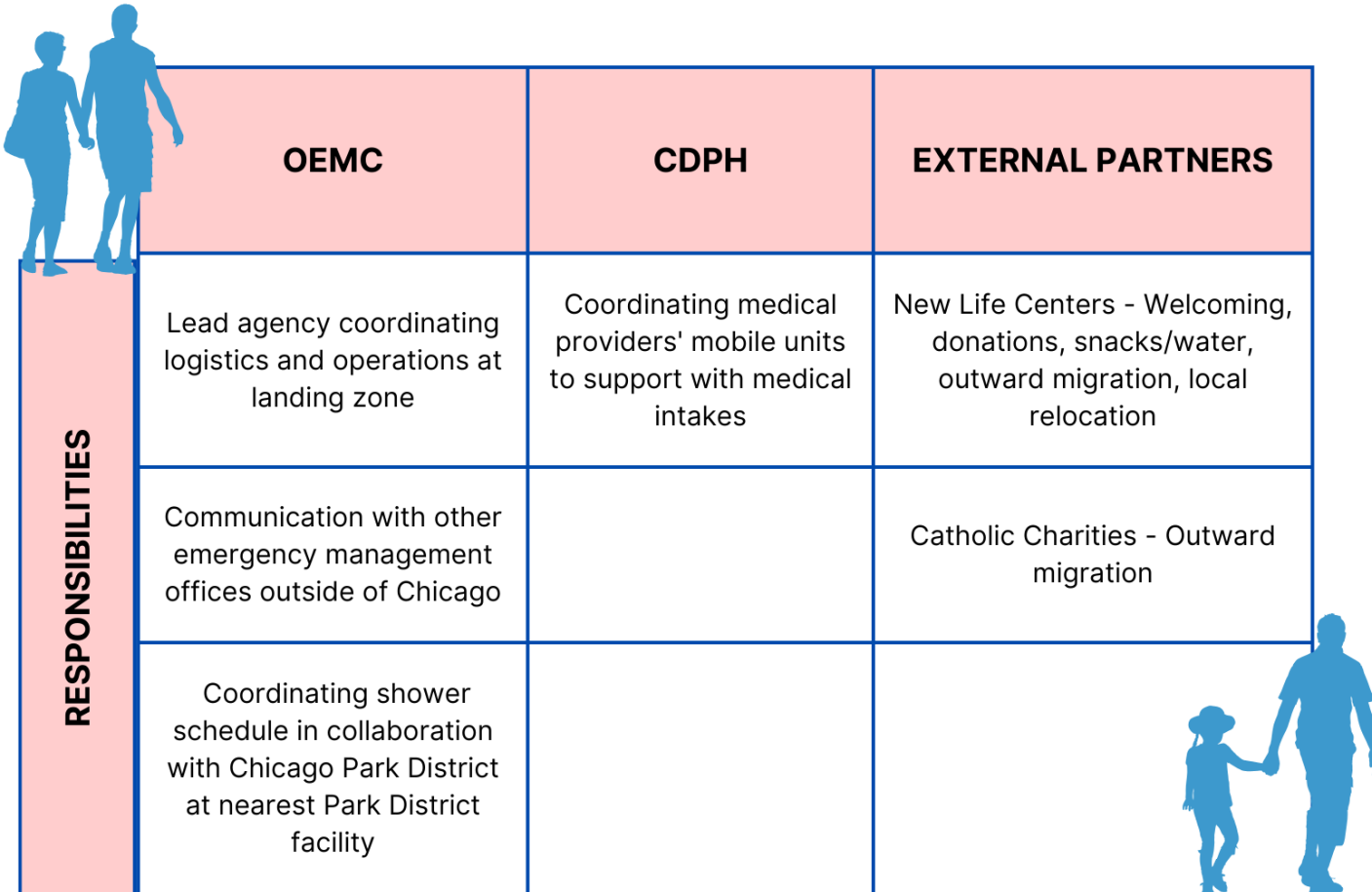
Landing Zone – Managed by OEMC with support from Streets and Sanitation and Favorite Healthcare contractors

- Operational 24/7
- Bus / District Transfers / Walk-in Reception
- Identify acute health concerns
- Meet immediate needs (Blankets, water, MREs, basic hygiene, baby formula)
- Short-Term reception
- Shelter placement
- Currently less than 5 residing through the night (late night walk-ins)
- Contractor's role (Data entry, Managing shelter waiting list, Spanish speaking, overnight security)

Intake Center – Managed by IDHS with support from New Life Church and Catholic Charities

- Currently non-operational except for New Life Church handing out winter kits and snacks
- Anticipated operational hours 0800-2000 hrs.
- Separate but adjacent to the Landing Zone
- Addresses immediate needs (water, food, warm clothing, phone charging,/Wi-Fi)
- Assist with onward movement
 - Local - New Life Church
 - Outside Chicago - Catholic Charities

★ City of Chicago Landing Zone






	OEMC	CDPH	EXTERNAL PARTNERS
RESPONSIBILITIES	Lead agency coordinating logistics and operations at landing zone	Coordinating medical providers' mobile units to support with medical intakes	New Life Centers - Welcoming, donations, snacks/water, outward migration, local relocation
	Communication with other emergency management offices outside of Chicago		Catholic Charities - Outward migration
	Coordinating shower schedule in collaboration with Chicago Park District at nearest Park District facility		



★ 60 Day Policy Updates – Extensions Policy

Shelter-based case managers will use a **standardized extension screening document** and any **required supporting documentation** to determine eligibility for an extension.

EXTENSION CATEGORY	Housing Imminent 	Severe Weather 	Familial Circumstances 
VALIDATING PARTIES	Catholic Charities	OEMC and DFSS	DFSS, CPDH, CPS, MOPD, Medical Providers, ICIRR





60 Day Policy Update

- To ensure the City can support new arrivals in shelter with their resettlement and post-shelter planning, the following extensions will be granted (see chart)
- DFSS will work with shelter staff to roll-out more information about the process.

Here is a table summarizing who has received an extension based on their original exit date, the length of their extension and their new exit date:

Original Exit Date	Extension	New Exit Date
January 16, 2024 - February 29, 2024	60-days	March 16, 2024 - April 29, 2024
March 1, 2024 - March 28, 2024	30-days	March 31, 2024 - April 27, 2024

Residents with an original exit date between 1/16/24 - 2/29/24 have received a **60-day extension**. This group will now exit between 3/16/24 - 4/29/24.

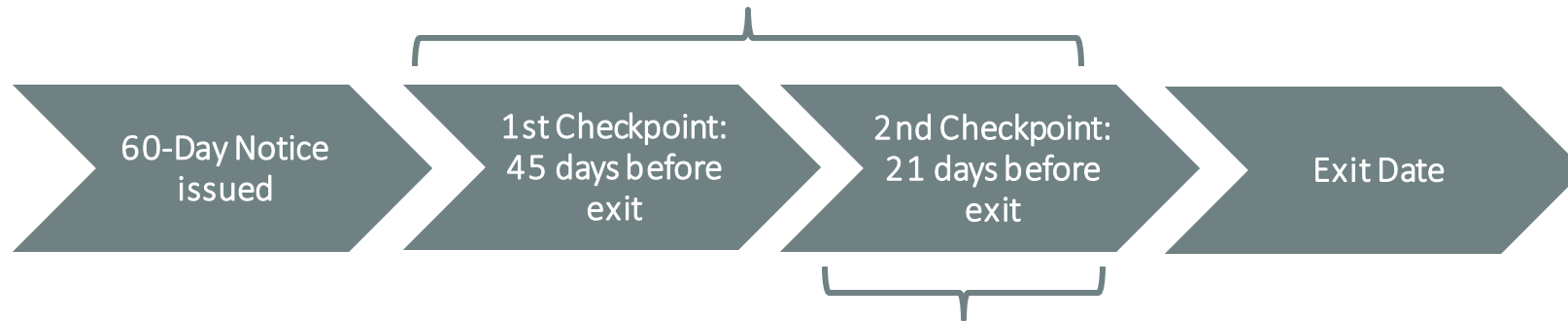
Residents with an original exit date between 3/1/24 - 3/28/24 have received a **30-day extension**. This group will exit between 3/31/24 - 4/27/24.

Residents who have original exit dates on or after 3/29/2024 will **not** receive a 30-day or 60-day extension. Their exit dates will remain the same.

★ 60 Day Policy Updates – Checkpoints

Checkpoints:

- Conversation between case manager and shelter resident
- Goal: Get residents thinking about what onward movement could look like prior to the end of their 60-day stay
- Conversation includes questions about access to resources and networks of support



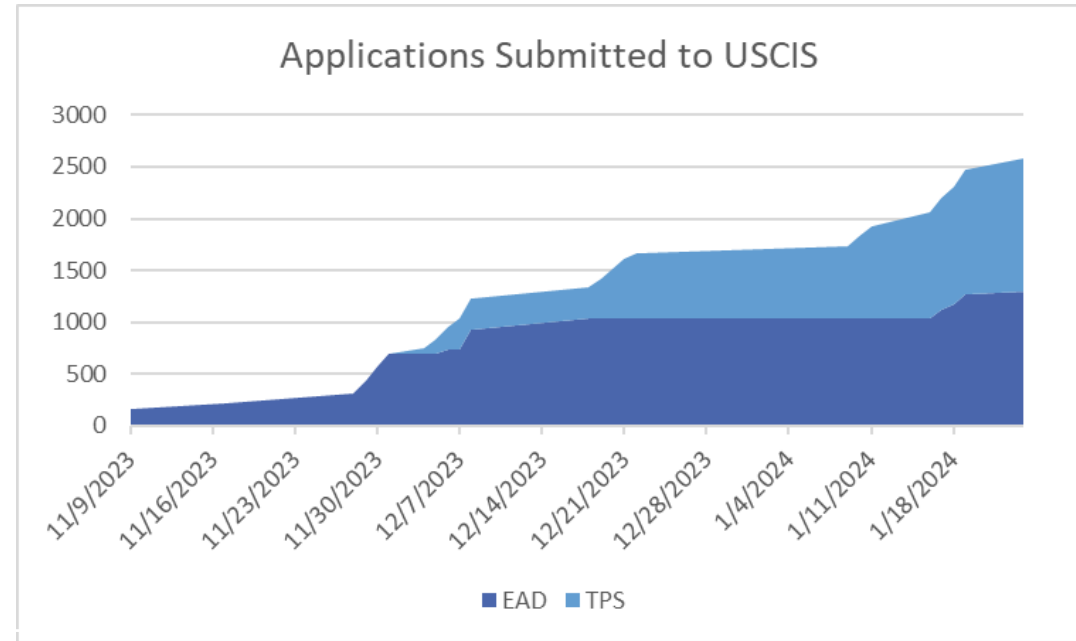
Extension screening:

- Extension eligibility screening would occur at the 21-day checkpoint, only if the resident states they anticipate needing shelter beyond their current exit date.

★ TPS/EAD Applications

The Resurrection Project and the State – in collaboration with City and Federal governments, and others – are coordinating efforts to **centralize and expedite application** preparation via large-scale workshops for new arrivals who are eligible for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and/or Employment Authorization Documents (EAD).

<i>Phase 1</i>	<i>Phase 2</i>	<i>Phase 3</i>
Focus: City-run shelters. Began on Nov 9th, 2023.	Focus: Other shelters and those in ASERAP housing. Beginning Feb 2024.	Focus: New arrivals not in shelters or ASERAP housing.



2,888 Applications Submitted to USCIS (Jan 26)

EAD: 1,423

TPS: 1,465

For those who don't qualify for TPS or EAD:

Only **15%-20%** of new arrivals in shelter during Phase 1 were eligible to attend a work authorization event.

Others seeking immigration remedies who are not eligible for TPS or EAD, whether in shelter or not, **may qualify and apply for asylum.**

In very specific circumstances, a new arrival may qualify for a U visa or T visa.

TPS/EAD Applications

Approved Documents Received as of 1/23

EADs (work permits) received: 1031

Social Security Cards received: 951

TPS documents could take upwards of 6 months to be adjudicated.

Workforce Development:

- New arrivals receiving their EAD documents are given a flyer with information to connect them to workforce development and employment services through a partnership involving the **American Job Centers**.
- **Adult Employment Resource Fair** - The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership (CCW) is hosting an Adult Resource Fair on February 14th, connecting them with job resources, resume support and interview coaching. Subsequent hiring fair scheduled for March 19th.
- **Youth Skilled Trades Fair** - Chicago Public Schools (CPS) is organizing a Youth Skilled Trades Fair with strategic efforts to engage new arrival youth, offering them insights and opportunities in various skilled trades.
- An **employer-focused webinar** for Illinois HR Professionals, Hiring Managers, Business Owners, and Diversity and Inclusion Advocates is scheduled for February 8th. The event is hosted by CCW, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the Illinois Department of Employment Security, and Tent Partnership for Refugees.



Shelter RFP

- **RFP #9335: New Arrival Shelter Operations of City-Owned, City-Leased and Licensed Facilities**
- **Goal:** to find cost-effective, community-based shelter operators for longer-term management of New Arrival shelters in Chicago, especially as the number of New Arrivals has continued to grow in Chicago.
- **RFP application window:** Aug. 29th, 2023 - Oct. 6th, 2023
- **Anticipated funding:** Bed rate of \$22-\$35 per night
- **Current status:** The selection and award process is paused until the City/State/County planning process is complete to ensure alignment with larger strategic planning for fiscal year '24.

★ TPS Workshops

Volunteer Opportunities:

Click [here](#) to join TRP every **Monday at 2:00 p.m. CST** to learn more about volunteering at upcoming workshops: <https://bit.ly/3SgG3q1>

Click [here](#) to sign up for a shift at an upcoming workshop: <https://bit.ly/424HHP0>



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Assist recent immigrant arrivals
apply for work permits

WHERE: Downtown Chicago
WHEN: Every Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm (shifts available)

For more info and to sign up to volunteer, visit:
welcometoil.org/tps-ead-volunteers





Meals RFP

- **RFP #9785: New Arrivals Meal Program**
- **Goal:** to provide high quality, culturally congruent, and nutritious meals for the City's New Arrival Shelter system.
- **RFP application window:** October 12th, 2023 – December 1st, 2023
- **New cost for meals:** \$15-\$17 for three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) per person per day
- **Current status:** Two applicants, Seventy-Seven Communities, LLC and 14 Parish, LLC have been selected to be the administrators for the North and South regions of the City. The first day of meals service began on January 16th, 2024. Funding has been approved by OBM for the next four months (**\$10.1M and \$12.8M respectively**).
- **Note:** IDHS funded the Greater Chicago Food Depository directly through Jan. 15

★ How to Get Involved

Donate and Volunteer

- With mutual aid groups helping with the migrant mission
- Amazon Wish List: chicago.gov/support
- Winter items (new and gently used) dropped off at one of Cradles 2 Crayons several locations
- Volunteers at [New Life Centers Warehouse](#)

Recommend Apartments Units

- Suggest rental units

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/texas-new-arrivals/home/shelter.html>

Advocate for State and Federal Action





QUESTIONS