

OUR VALUES

Holistic Support

The impact from trauma is complex, ongoing, and varies depending on identity (race, gender, sexuality, ability, age, class, language, etc.). Our services and programs for the incarcerated and non-incarcerated address various needs and urgencies. These include physical, emotional, social and economic well-being, and evolve as necessary.

Politicized Healing

We understand that healing encompasses the individual *and* the collective - within communities, throughout structures, and across generations. Central to our healing is acknowledging and working to dismantle the systems that have caused and continue to cause harm.

Transformational Leadership

People are the experts of their own lives, therefore everyone is a teacher and a learner. Together we innovate a model of shared and accountable leadership, which creates spaces to flourish and contribute to the work of the Center by engaging in self-discovery, creativity, and practice.

Community Relationships

We prioritize deep relationships and alliances with partners who recognize and share our commitments and values. The opportunity to share in lived experience and resilience are the life-saving and life-reinforcing methods of healing that enable change. The story of the Center does not sit alone - but within a context of the stories of communities of color in Chicago and throughout the United States.

Liberatory Culture

We intentionally and actively create internal and external spaces that advance our liberation by developing and sustaining connections through accountability, grace, joy, truth-telling, and creativity.

Radical Justice

Recognizing the need for structural healing, co-creation, and innovation, we hold up resistance and imagination as our guides as we fight for systems-change and liberation. It is our duty to speak truth and to challenge and dismantle systems of harm, oppression and state violence while creating new structures that allow all of our people to thrive.

