

Let's Go!



Helping Kids Walk and Bike
to School...Safely

A regular update from the **TASK Student Travel Project** April-May 2004
A pilot project of Transportation that is Active and Safe for Kids/CLOCC

Ashburn

Uptown/Edgewater

West Garfield Park

West Town/East Humboldt Park

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The **TASK Student Travel Project** has been working hard in your community!

We are:

- Working with two schools and the larger West Garfield Park community. The schools are **Delano Elementary** and **Our Lady of the Westside-Presentation**.
- Talking to the community and schools to make it safer for kids to walk/bike to school.
- Forming a **Community Solutions Team** that will find ways to make it easier—and safer—for kids to walk to school.

Who is your Community Link to the TASK Student Travel Project?

Your community link is **Rev. James Kenady**. He has been talking to parents at the schools. He has also been to community

meetings like CAPS. He is reaching out to all kinds of people. This includes elected officials, residents, school leaders, churches and businesses.

Rev. Kenady is bringing together a group of community residents, parents and leaders who want to make it safer for kids to walk or bike to school.

When we say **"It's good when kids are active, it's great when they are safe!"** we mean that:

- **Active kids are healthier kids.**
- **Active kids do better in school.**
- **Active kids should be safe.**
- **"Safe kids" means safe from traffic and crime.**

So what do walking and biking to school have to do with active, safe kids?

All kids go to school, and most live close enough to walk or bike. It's a great

way to get more exercise: it costs nothing and is very simple.

But parents are concerned about whether it is safe to do this. The TASK Student Travel Project will help the community find solutions to make it safer.

How can you help? You can:

- Tell us what you think can be done to make it safer for children when going to or from school.
- Invite the TASK Student Travel Project to give a presentation at a community meeting or for a group you're in.
- Learn more about the Community Solutions Team.

Please call **Rev. James Kenady** at **773/287.7801** to find out more or to get involved!

TASK is a collaborative group within the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC), and whose members include Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, Center for Neighborhood Technology, Chicago Public Schools, Archdiocese of Chicago, Illinois Dept. of Public Health, Metropolis 2020 and the Chicago Park District. The Student Travel Project is administered by Children's Memorial Hospital, and funded by The Chicago Community Trust.



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