

# Community Assistance Programs at the 2011 Bud Billiken Parade



Community Assistance Programs told Chicago what it does best at the 2011 Annual Bud

Billiken Parade on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive.

“Bud Billiken”, the oldest and largest African American parade in the United States, began 82 years ago when Robert S. Abbott, founder of the Chicago Defender newspaper, conceived it to urge youth back to school.

Participation in the parade keeps CAPs clients, and especially the CAPs older-youth, involved in productive activities. "We are helping them in their transition to adulthood, we help give them a head



start in life, and activities like the float keep them engaged," CAPs Cottage Grove Director Renada

Johnson explained.

Two CAPs offices sent groups to the parade this year.

Signs held high by clients of CAPs



Roseland office announced:

- ⇒ "Mentoring + Jobs in the Roseland Community."
- ⇒ "The Roseland Renovation Starts With Our Generation."
- ⇒ "Power Lands In The Youth's Hands. "
- ⇒ "Save The Community, Stay in Unity."

But the CAPs Cottage Grove float countered with the driving motto at Community Assistance Programs:

- ⇒ "Creating a Strong Community Workforce."

