

Hull House Firsts

- First social settlement house in Chicago
- First public swimming pool, kitchen and playground in Chicago
- First free art exhibits and painting loan program in Chicago
- Investigations that led to the creation and enactment of the first factory laws in Illinois
- Creation of the first four labor unions: Women's Skirt Makers, Women Cloak Makers, Dorcas Federal Labor Union, Chicago Women's trade Union League
- First investigations resulting in laws relating to truancy, sanitation, child labor, public school curriculum
- First private venture capital fund in the U.S. targeted toward neighborhood business development
- First domestic violence court in Chicago in conjunction with the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network (Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program)
- First on-site emergency medical team in a Chicago public housing development (First Aid Care Team)
- First infant care facility in a Chicago high school (Orr Infant and Family Development Center)
- First community-based foster care program of its kind in the country (Neighbor to Neighbor)
- Hull House Web site <http://www.hullhouse.org/>

