

Illinois House District 2

A fundamental tenet of society is that everyone—no matter how fortunate or what challenges they have—deserves opportunity and the chance to thrive. But, Illinois has steadily eroded the community institutions and programs that help ensure all people in District 2 can thrive. Instead of community members bearing the brunt of Illinois's budget crisis, it is time to start looking to real solutions.

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In District 2:



6,611 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 2 an important way to address their health needs.



7,386 children are under the age of 5, critical years that help set life-long trajectories. Early childhood education enhances the prospects of young children in District 2.



2,284 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 2 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



8,437 people are unemployed, looking for work, and trying to figure out how to get by in the meantime. Training programs and other supports help shorten unemployment spells in District 2.



2,995 poor youth, 12 to 17, are more at risk than non-poor youth for struggling now and into the future. Afterschool and youth summer jobs brighten the prospects of youth in District 2.



9,573 people have a disability, representing a range of assistive needs. Home services and developmental disability services enhance the ability of people with disabilities in District 2 to fully participate in their community.



2,775 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 2 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



4,269 families with children are poor, 1,723 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 47% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 2 parents can work.



5,448 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 2 households back from the brink of homelessness.



46,849 immigrants contribute to the fabric of community life, but barriers often stand in the way of their flourishing. Language assistance and citizenship application assistance make it so that District 2 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



6,982 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 5,002 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 2 can leave or get help they need to recover.



2,445 veterans have served our country, many needing some supports to re-integrate into civilian life. Community-based services like mental health and supportive housing help us serve District 2 veterans as they have served us.

FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 2, and they carry out much of the work to create strong and stable communities in the District. Their work helps address or prevent problems now to save the state money in the long run. State budget cuts not only result in these organizations working with fewer District 2 constituents, but they have to lay off employees, which increases unemployment in Illinois, and they spend less money in the Illinois economy. There are over 59 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 2, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.*

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| Access Community Health Network- Cabrini Family Health Center | Access Community Health Network- Kedzie Family Health Center | Alivio Medical Center |
| Alivio Medical Center | America Scores Chicago | Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago |
| Camino Y Esperanza | Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago-Pilsen Service Center | Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago-Senior Food and Nutrition Program |
| Center For Economic Progress | Central States SER - Jobs For Progress Inc. | Central States SER - Jobs For Progress Inc. |
| Changing Worlds | Changing Worlds | Chicago Commons Association |
| Chicago Legal Clinic Inc | Chicago Youth Centers | Child Link Inc |
| Chinese American Service League | Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Foundation | Chinese Mutual Aid Association |
| Eighteenth Street Development | El Hogar Del Nino | El Valor |
| El Valor | El Valor | Elevarte Community Studio |
| Esperanza Health Centers | Federacion De Clubes Michoacanos En Illinois | Frida Kahlo Community Organization |
| Gads Hill Center | Habitat For Humanity International Inc | Heartland Human Care Services Inc. |
| Heartland Human Care Services Inc. | Helen Miller-Seiu Member Education And Training Center | Home Of The Child El Hogar Del Nino |
| Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault | Instituto Del Progreso Latino | Instituto Del Progreso Latino |
| Instituto Del Progreso Latino | Instituto Del Progreso Latino | Ladder Up |
| Legal Assistance Foundation | Metropolitan Tenants Organization | Mujeres Latinas En Accion |
| Mujeres Latinas En Accion | National Able Network Inc | Neighborhood Housing Services Of Chicago Inc |
| One Hope United-Northern Region | One Hope United-Northern Region | Pilsen Little Village Community Mental Health Center Inc |
| Project: Vision Inc. | Pui Tak Center | The Resurrection Project |
| The Resurrection Project | The Resurrection Project | Unity Parenting And Counseling Inc |
| YMCA Of Metropolitan Chicago | Brighton Park Neighborhood Council | |

**this list is not exhaustive; organizations listed multiple times indicate different office locations in the district.*

Data Sources and Notes

All estimates are from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates program. Since data on certain topics are not available at the district level, several of these estimates use the ACS for base population numbers with a prevalence rate from other research applied to it. For estimates of sexual violence, a 12-month prevalence rate from the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey was applied to the 18+ population in the district. For estimates of domestic violence, 12-month prevalence rates from the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey were applied to the 18+ population in the district based on sex. The prevalence rates reflect rape, other sexual violence, physical violence and stalking experienced by women, and all of the same categories for men except rape. For estimates of substance abuse and mental health, Illinois's 12-month prevalence rates from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health were applied to the 18+ population in the district.

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