

# Illinois House District 17

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 17 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 17:



6,642 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 17 an important way to address their health needs.



6,235 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 17.



1,247 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 17 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



3,188 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 17.



633 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 17.



10,241 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 17 to fully participate in their community.



2,787 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 17 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



691 families with children are poor, 271 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 15% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 17 parents can work.



2,357 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 17 households back from the brink of homelessness.



26,649 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 17 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



7,082 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 5,110 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 17 can leave or get help they need to recover.



5,081 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 17 veterans as they have served us.

**FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.**

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 17, 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 17 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 41 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 17, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.\*

Asian Human Services	Care For Children USA Inc	Chicago Lighthouse For People Who Are Blind Or Visually Impaired
Clearbrook	Council For Jewish Elderly	Covenant Housing Corp
Covenant Retirement Communities West	Covenant Retirement Communities West	Covenant Retirement Services
Devoras Dream Inc	Evanston Day Nursery Association	Family Service Center Of Wilmette Glenview Northbrook Kenilworth
Hands Of Peace	Housing Opportunity Development Corporation	Jewish Child And Family Services
Jewish Community Centers Of Chicago	Jewish Community Centers Of Chicago	Libenu Foundation
Matteson Supportive Housing	Meals At Home	Midwest Palliative & Hospice Carecenter
North Suburban Young Mens Christian Association	Northfield Township Food Pantry	One Hope United-Northern Region
One Hope United-Northern Region	Over The Rainbow Unit Ii	Path To Improved Risk Stratification
Pathways Center	Presbyterian Home	Presence Resurrection Health Care Senior Services
Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago	Rockford Supportive Housing	Skin Of Steel
Three Crowns Park	Village Treasure House	Waukegan Supportive Housig
Wesley Child Care Center	Wesley Day Care Center Inc	Youth Connection
Youth Services Of Glenview- Northbrook	YWCA Evanston/North Shore	

*\*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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