

Illinois House District 26

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 26 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 26:



7,065 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 26 an important way to address their health needs.



5,958 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 26.



2,938 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 26 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



8,751 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 26.



2,671 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 26.



13,400 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 26 to fully participate in their community.



2,965 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 26 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



3,539 families with children are poor, 2,905 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 46% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 26 parents can work.



9,462 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 26 households back from the brink of homelessness.



13,693 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 26 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



7,571 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 5,482 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 26 can leave or get help they need to recover.



4,837 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 26 veterans as they have served us.

FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 26, 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 26 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 66 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 26, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.*

ABJ Community Services	Access Community Health Network- Booker Family Health Center	Ada S. Mckinley Community Services
AIDS Foundation of Chicago	AIDS Foundation of Chicago	American Friends Of AACI
Annies Legacy Corporation	As Our Own	Bright Star Community Outreach
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago-Southeast Service Center	Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago-WIC Site	Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago-WIC Site
Center For Community Academic Success Partnerships	Center Of Higher Development	Centers For New Horizons Inc
Centers For New Horizons Inc	Centers For New Horizons Inc	Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center Inc
Chicago Commons	Chicago Help Initiative	Drene Child Care Services Inc
Edgealliance Inc	Featherfist	Friend Family Health Center Inc
Friends Of Prentice	Henry's Sober Living House	Illinois Latino Resource
Inspiration Corporation	Institute For Positive Living	International Ministers And Community Alliance
Invest For Kids Inc	Jennifer Mudd Houghtaling Postpartum Depression Foundation	John Howard Association
Kenyattas Day Care Center	Legal Assistance Foundation	Legal Assistance Foundation
Legal Assistance Foundation	Lawrence Hall Youth Services	Lawrence Hall Youth Services
Lawrence Hall Youth Services	Montgomery Place	Near North Health Service Corporation
Near North Health Service Corporation	Near North Health Service Corporation	North Kenwood Day Care Center
Northwestern Arthritis & Rehabilitation Institute	One Hope United-Northern Region	Options For Youth
Project Exploration	Project Exploration	Prologue Inc
Quad Communities Development Corporation	Ronald Mcdonald House Charities Inc	Ronald Mcdonald House Charities Inc
Sawyer Gardens Inc	Special Childrens Charities	St. Martin De Porres House Of Hope
Supportive Housing Providers Association	Tasc Inc	The Cara Program
Thresholds	Trinity Acres Housing Corporation	Trinity United Church Of Christ Child Care Centers Inc
Ujima Inc	Westside Holistic Family Services	YMCA Of Metropolitan Chicago

**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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