

Illinois House District 31

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 31 can thrive. Instead of community members bearing the brunt of Illinois's budget crisis, it is time to start looking to real solutions.

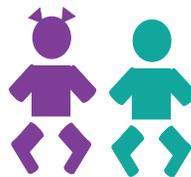
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In District 31:



6,686 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 31 an important way to address their health needs.



7,300 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 31.



1,557 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 31 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



9,169 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 31.



3,022 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 31.



14,508 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 31 to fully participate in their community.



2,806 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 31 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



3,818 families with children are poor, 2,656 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 43% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 31 parents can work.



5,473 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 31 households back from the brink of homelessness.



10,936 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 31 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



7,136 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 5,153 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 31 can leave or get help they need to recover.



5,880 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 31 veterans as they have served us.

FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 31, 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 31 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 40 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 31, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.*

A Resting Place	Access Community Health Network- Auburn-Ada S. Mckinley Community Services	
Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center And Health Center	Gresham Family Health Center	Black Men United To Build Better Communities
Brighter Behavior Choices Inc	Beds Plus Care Inc.	Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- Pope John Paul II Residence
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- St. Leo Residence	Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- Auburn Gresham Community Based Outpatient Clinic	Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- St.Sabina Elders Village
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago-WIC Site	Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- St. Sabina Emergency Assistance Department	Center For Economic Progress
Center For Independence Through Conductive Education	Center For Community Development Initiatives	Chicago Youth Centers
Children's Home + Aid	Chicago Area Project	Children's Home + Aid
Community Development Institute	Children's Home + Aid	Helping Hand Center
Highland Day Care Inc	Heartland Human Care Services Inc.	Holistic Community Outreach Center Inc
Lots Of Love	Holiness Homes Of Vision	Naomi & Sylvester Smith Senior Living Center
Neighborhood Housing Services Of Chicago Inc	Men For A Better Lawndale Inc	Safe Cities Inc
Society Of St Vincent De Paul Of The Joliet Diocesan Council Inc	New Pisgah Haven Homes	Y & C Berry Supportive Services
YMCA Of Metropolitan Chicago	SOS Children's Villages Illinois	YMCA Of Metropolitan Chicago
You Can Make It	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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