

Illinois House District 54

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 54 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 54:



6,680 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 54 an important way to address their health needs.



7,027 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 54.



667 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 54 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



3,666 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 54.



688 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 54.



8,657 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 54 to fully participate in their community.



2,803 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 54 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



1,009 families with children are poor, 439 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 24% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 54 parents can work.



1,951 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 54 households back from the brink of homelessness.



20,027 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 54 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



7,100 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 5,111 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 54 can leave or get help they need to recover.



5,106 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 54 veterans as they have served us.

FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 54, 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 54 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 39 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 54, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.*

Alexian Brothers Services	Augustana Group Home For The Handicapped Inc	Aunt Martha's Youth Services
Bridge Youth And Family Services	Bridge Youth And Family Services	Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago
Children's Home + Aid	Clearbrook	Clearbrook
Clearbrook	Clearbrook	Clearbrook
CRH Inc	Journeys From Pads To Hope	Legal Assistance Foundation
Little City Foundation	Little Sisters Of The Poor Chicago Province Inc	Little Sisters Of The Poor St Josephs Home For The Elderly
Lutheran Home And Services For The Aged Inc	Lutheran Home For The Aged	Lutheran Life Ministries
Midwest Palliative & Hospice Carecenter	Pads To Hope Inc	Palatine Township Senior Citizens Council
Resources For Community Living	Salute Inc	Shepherds Flock Intergenerational Child Care
Society For The Preservation Of Human Dignity	Special Ed Advocacy Center	St. Mary's Services
Supersibs	VOR	Wellness Place
Wings Program Inc	Wings Program Inc	Wings Program Inc.
Wings Program Inc.	Wings Program Inc.	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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