

Illinois House District 83

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 83 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 83:



6,051 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 83 an important way to address their health needs.



8,487 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 83.



967 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 83 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



6,617 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 83.



2,715 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 83.



8,761 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 83 to fully participate in their community.



2,540 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 83 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



3,376 families with children are poor, 1,559 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 40% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 83 parents can work.



4,103 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 83 households back from the brink of homelessness.



30,196 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 83 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



6,410 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 4,602 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 83 can leave or get help they need to recover.



3,678 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 83 veterans as they have served us.

FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 83, 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 83 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 36 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 83, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.*

Association For Individual Development
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 Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry
 Center For Family Services
 Family Focus Inc.
 Hesed House
 Jennings Terrace
 Lutheran Social Services Of Illinois
 North Aurora CLRC
 People For Child Care Inc
 Public Action To Deliver Shelter Inc
 Triple Threat Mentoring

Association For Individual Development
 Aunt Martha's Youth Services
 Aurora Residential Service Inc
 Companeros En Salud
 Family Guidance Centers Inc
 Hope For Tomorrow Inc
 Joseph Corporation Of Illinois Inc
 Lutheran Social Services Of Illinois
 North East Multi-Regional Training Inc
 Presence Life Connections
 Rebuilding Together Aurora Inc
 VNA Health Care

Association For Individual Development
 Aunt Martha's Youth Services
 Breaking Free
 Family Counseling Service Of Aurora
 Gateway Foundation Inc
 Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
 Kane Homes Association
 Mutual Ground Inc
 One Hope United-Northern Region
 Presence Life Connections
 Southern Kane County Training Association
 YWCA

**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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