Illinois Senate District 15

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 15 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 15:

12,800 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 15 an important way to address their health needs.

14,467 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 15.

2,531 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 15 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.

18,738 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 15.

5,876 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 15.

25,569 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 15 to fully participate in their community.

5,372 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 15 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.

6,688 families with children are poor, 4,749 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 41% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 15 parents can work.

8,485 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 15 households back from the brink of homelessness.

13,360 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 15 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.

13,657 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 9,859 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 15 can leave or get help they need to recover.

12,930 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 15 veterans as they have served us.

FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 15, 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 15 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 81 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 15, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.*

Angels On Assignment Inc
Aunt Martha's Youth Services
By The Hand Club For Kids
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- All Saints Residence
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- South Suburban Senior
Case Management Services
CEDA Center For Community Action
Centers For New Horizons Inc
Christian Community Health Center
Family Christian Health Center
Ford Heights Community Service Organization Inc.
Franciscan Communities Inc
Franciscan Community Services Inc
Grand Prairie Services
Illinois Action For Children
Illinois Action For Children
Ingalls Home Care
IPAE Network
Link And Option Center Inc
National Kidney Foundation Of Illinois
Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation
Restoration Ministries Inc.
Safer Foundation
South Suburban Family Shelter
South Suburban Foundation
Southwest Community Services Inc
St. Jude House Inc
Thornton Township Youth Committee Program Inc
Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center And Health Center
Belle Court Place Organization
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- Roseland Manor
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- St. Anne
Center For Economic Progress
Chicago Christian Counseling Center Inc
CTF Illinois
Family Guidance Centers Inc
Ford Heights Community Service Organization Inc.
Franciscan Communities St Mary Of The Woods Inc
Golden Community Living Center
Healthcare Consortium Of Illinois
Illinois Action For Children
Ingalls Development Foundation
Ingalls Home Care
Its About Change Sober Living Inc
Lutheran Social Services Of Illinois
New Hope Center Inc
Primary Healthcare Associates Sc
Restoration Ministries Inc.
Songs From The Heart Ministries
South Suburban Family Shelter Inc.
South Suburban Pads
St. Andrew's Manor
Suburban Access Inc
University Place Inc
Aunt Martha's Youth Services
Blue Island Citizens For Persons With Developmental Disabilities Inc.
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- South Regional Office
Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- St. Christopher
Center For Residential Alternatives
Chicago Youth Centers
Family Christian Health Center
Family-Centered Educational Agency Inc
Franciscan Communities Inc
Franciscan Communities Villa De San Antonio
Grand Prairie Services
Human Development Center
Illinois Action For Children
Ingalls Health Ventures
Ingalls Home Care
Kids Off The Block Inc
National Able Network Inc
NH Housing Development
Prologue Inc
Roseland Youth Center
South Suburban Council On Alcoholism And Substance Abuse
South Suburban Family Shelter Inc.
Southland Senior Services
St. Anthony Medical Center Inc
Suburban Access Inc
Zion Buds Of Promise Christian Academy

**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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