

# Illinois Senate 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.

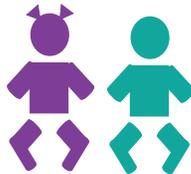
## HEARTLAND ALLIANCE

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### In District 31:



12,431 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 31 an important way to address their health needs.



15,434 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.



1,309 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.



10,770 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.



2,285 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.



16,437 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.



5,217 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.



2,874 families with children are poor, 1,776 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 30% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 31 parents can work.



3,903 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.



35,577 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.



13,189 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 9,482 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.



12,175 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 17 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.\*

Assistance In Healthcare Inc

Community Resources For Education And Wellness Inc

Lake County Crisis Center

Mt Zion Development Corporation

Northpointe Resources Inc

Tri County Crisis Pregnancy Center

Catholic Charities Of The Archdiocese Of Chicago- Lake County Senior Case Management Services

Community Youth Network Inc

Love-Light Christian Counseling

Nicasa Behavioral Health Services

One Hope United-Northern Region

YWCA of Lake County

Clearbrook

Heartland Alliance For Human Needs & Human Rights

Mano A Mano

Northpointe Resources

The Super Jake Foundation

*\*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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