

# Illinois Senate District 37

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

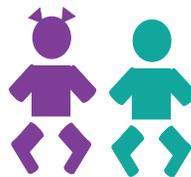
## HEARTLAND ALLIANCE

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### In District 37:



13,471 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 37 an important way to address their health needs.



11,622 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 37.



2,010 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 37 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



6,602 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 37.



1,707 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 37.



23,782 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 37 to fully participate in their community.



5,653 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 37 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



2,905 families with children are poor, 1,824 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 38% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 37 parents can work.



3,172 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 37 households back from the brink of homelessness.



7,343 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 37 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



14,304 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 10,289 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 37 can leave or get help they need to recover.



18,136 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 37 veterans as they have served us.

**FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.**

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 37, 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 37 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 46 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 37, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.\*

Abilities Plus	Apostolic Christian Home	Apostolic Christian Home Foundation
Apostolic Christian Home Of Roanoke Illinois	Aunt Martha's Youth Services	Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center
Bridgeway	Bridgeway Foundation	Bridgeway Inc
Bridgeway Inc	Bridgeway Training Services	Bureau County Senior Citizens Association Inc
Central Illinois Health Information Exchange	Children's Home Association Of Illinois	Covenant Childrens Home And Family Services
Crossword Cafe	Dove Uganda Childrens Fund	Ep!C Peoria
Freedom House	Galesburg Per Club Inc	Gateway Services Inc
Greater Geneseo Senior Citizens Inc	Henry County Senior Citizens Inc	Henry Home Association
Human Service Center	Human Service Center	Human Service Center
In-Home Care Vna	KCCDD	Mercer County Family Crisis Center
Mercer County Family YMCA of Aledo	Metamora Community Nursing Home	Midwest Food Bank
MSW Projects Of Henry Illinois	Pearce Community Center Inc	Peoria Production Shop
Princeton Closet	Project Now Inc	Project Now Inc
Project Now Inc	Project Now Inc	St. Joseph's Nursing Home Inc
William M Yarbrough Foundation	YMCA Kewanee	YMCA of Knox County
Zearing Child Enrichment Center Inc		

*\*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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