

Illinois Senate District 51

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 51 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 51:



13,431 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 51 an important way to address their health needs.



13,192 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 51.



2,142 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 51 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



6,786 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 51.



1,861 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 51.



24,714 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 51 to fully participate in their community.



5,637 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 51 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



3,217 families with children are poor, 1,760 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 33% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 51 parents can work.



3,133 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 51 households back from the brink of homelessness.



4,883 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 51 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



14,260 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 10,257 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 51 can leave or get help they need to recover.



17,834 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 51 veterans as they have served us.

FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 51, 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 51 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 31 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 51, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.*

Arcola Foundation	BCP Housing Corporation	Catholic Charities Of The Diocese Of Peoria
Christian Homes Inc	Clinton Community YMCA	Community Retirement Inc
Dewitt County Friendship Center	Dewitt County Human Resource Center	Eastern Star Home Of Macon
Eberhardt Village Inc	Edgar County Senior Citizens Council Inc	Friendship Hill Inc
Habitat For Humanity International Inc	Human Resources Center Of Edgar & Clark Counties	Human Resources Center Of Edgar And Clark Counties
Illini Christian Ministries Inc	Kids 1st Child Care Center	Kirby Foundation
Kleeman Village Housing Corporation	Latino Coalition For Prevention	Mid-Illinois Senior Services Inc
Midwest Senior Ministries Inc	Moultrie County Counseling	Moultrie County Counseling Center
Planned Parenthood Of Illinois	Release Through Jesus Prison Ministry	Sao Victim Witness Advocate
Shelby County Community Service Inc	Tatman Village Inc	Willow Tree Missions
YMCA of Champaign		

**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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