

Illinois Senate District 54

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

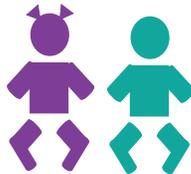
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In District 54:



13,341 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 54 an important way to address their health needs.



13,048 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 54.



2,212 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 54 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



7,965 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 54.



2,071 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 54.



27,045 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 54 to fully participate in their community.



5,599 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 54 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



3,649 families with children are poor, 2,176 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 54 parents can work.



2,992 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 54 households back from the brink of homelessness.



3,395 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 54 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



14,138 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 10,155 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 54 can leave or get help they need to recover.



20,027 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 54 veterans as they have served us.

FIND REAL SOLUTIONS. STOP CUTS TO YOUR COMMUNITY.

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 54, 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 54 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 52 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 54, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.*

ACHS Homemaker Association
 Bond County Senior Citizens Center
 Christian Social Services Of Illinois
 Community Center
 Effingham Child Development Center
 Family Life Center Inc
 Fayco Enterprises Inc
 Greenville Regional Healthcare Inc
 Highland Home
 Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
 Kaskaskia Workshop Inc
 Mascoutah Improvement Association
 New Life Enterprises Organization
 Penta Nascent Corp
 Pregnancy Care Clinic
 Sexual Assault And Family Emergencies Center
 Washington County Senior Services Inc

Adult Comprehensive Human Services Inc
 CEFS Economic Opportunity Corp
 Cila Corporation
 Community Link Inc
 E.C.C.O.A. (Effingham City/County Committee On Aging)
 Family Matters Parent Training and Information Center
 Fontebella
 Heartland Human Services
 Hoyleton Ministries
 Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
 Lutheran Care Center
 Midland Area Agency On Aging
 One Hope United-Hudelson Region
 People Against Violent Environments (PAVE)
 Resources For Enhanced Active Living
 Southern Illinois Case Coordination Services Inc
 Washington County Vocational Workshop

Almira Manor Of Greenville
 Children's Home + Aid
 Clinton County Senior Services Inc
 Effingham Child Development Center
 Faith Countryside Homes
 Family YMCA Of Fayette County
 Grace Care Child And Adult Services
 Highland Area Christian Service Ministry
 Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
 Jarvis Township Senior Citizens
 Marion County Horizon Center
 Midland Area Agency On Aging
 Penta Group Inc
 Planned Parenthood Of Illinois
 Salem Community Activities Center Inc
 Urban Outreach East Saint Louis
 YMCA of Southwest Illinois

**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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