

# Illinois Senate District 56

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 56 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 56:



13,576 people are grappling with substance use. Treatment and prevention programs give many in District 56 an important way to address their health needs.



12,700 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 56.



1,840 seniors are poor, living on fixed incomes and making trade-offs to get by. In-home service and other senior programs help many District 56 seniors stay safely in their homes longer.



9,914 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 56.



2,424 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 56.



26,045 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 56 to fully participate in their community.



5,697 people have a serious mental illness, needing supports to lead thriving lives. Mental health services give many people in District 56 the stabilizing treatment they need to maintain housing and function in their communities.



4,705 families with children are poor, 3,000 of them headed by single moms who are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, with a 40% poverty rate. Childcare assistance increases the likelihood that low-income District 56 parents can work.



6,387 renters pay over half their income on rent, leaving too little for other basics. Homeless prevention programs and affordable housing draw these District 56 households back from the brink of homelessness.



5,048 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 56 immigrants are more able to integrate and contribute to the economy.



14,423 people are survivors of domestic violence, and 10,379 are survivors of sexual violence, all in varying stages of recovery from trauma. Shelters, therapy, and other services ensure survivors in District 56 can leave or get help they need to recover.



19,164 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 56 veterans as they have served us.

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

Nonprofit organizations are the cornerstones of neighborhoods throughout District 56, 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 56 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 50 nonprofit human service organization office locations in District 56, many of which are being crippled from doing their work by the State's failure to implement sustainable solutions.\*

African Vision Of Hope	Alton Day Care & Learning Center	Behavioral Health Alternatives Inc
Boys & Girls Club Of Alton Inc	Boys & Girls Club Of Bethalto	Challenge Unlimited Inc
Chestnut Health Systems	Chestnut Health Systems	Chestnut Health Systems
Children's Home + Aid	Children's Home + Aid	Christian Social Services Of Illinois
Collinsville Area Meals On Wheels	Collinsville Area Ministerial Association	Crisis Food Center Inc
Eden Retirement Center Inc	Edwardsville YMCA Foundation	Faith In Action
Gateway Foundation Inc	Glen-Ed Pantry	Habitat For Humanity International Inc
Hempel House	Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault	IMPACT Center for Independent Living
Junior Service Club Of Edwardsville Glen Carbon	MHC Development	Madison County Urban League Inc
Main Street Community Center Inc	McCcc	Montessorri Glen-Ed Inc
Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Centers	NAMI Illinois	New Opportunities
Oasis Womens Center	Phoenix Crisis Center Inc	Residential Options Inc
Riverbend Head Start & Family Services Inc	Saint Anthony's Physician Group	Senior Services Plus Inc
Specialized Professional Services Inc	St. John's Community Care	Theodoro Place
United Methodist Village Retirement Communities Inc	Unity Hospice	Wellspring Resources
Yakubian Homes	YMCA Tri-City Area	YMCA of Edwardsville
YMCA of Southwest Illinois	YWCA	

*\*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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