



IMPACT STATEMENT — JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

Mission Statement

Responding to the Gospel, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) brings healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities.

The information below about our programs and the people LSSI served last year represents July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Affordable Housing

For adults 62+ and people over age 18 with disabilities, LSSI provides affordable housing at 19 housing sites throughout Illinois. A Social Service Coordinator is available at every site to assist residents.

LSSI provided affordable housing to 1,466 residents, the majority of whom had annual incomes below \$25,000.



The People LSSI Serves

By Age

By Income

42,000

children, adults, seniors, and families served; one in every 297 people in Illinois

31%

of children served were under age 9

18%

of people served by all programs were 25–34

70%

below \$5,000

94%

below \$25,000

Foster Care Services

As the largest provider of Foster Care Services in Illinois, we care for children who have been removed from their birth families due to abuse and/or neglect and place them with foster families who receive training and support from LSSI. **Our primary goal is to help children find their forever home**, either by reunification with birth families whenever possible or through adoption. LSSI provides licensing for foster parents and offers Foster Care Services in **12** offices that cover **42** counties in Illinois.

2,747 children were served through Foster Care placements.



Therapeutic Foster Care Program Expands

LSSI launched a fifth Therapeutic Foster Care Team in January 2022 out of the Peoria office and serving the Central Illinois region. LSSI provides specialized Therapeutic Foster Care through an evidence-based treatment program that places children with histories of severe trauma and emotional/behavioral needs into single-family homes rather than institutional settings. Of the children who were discharged this year, **69% successfully completed their treatment and joined their planned aftercare family**, which surpasses the average completion rate of 66% in the research trials of all children enrolled in the Treatment Foster Care of Oregon model across the U.S. and internationally. LSSI uses this model.

Intact Family Services

Designed to **stabilize, strengthen, enhance, and preserve family life** by enabling children to remain safely at home, Intact Family Services works with families who have come to the attention of Illinois DCFS.



1,278 families were enrolled in this program.

“People helped me. I am very grateful that I can help others, because helping others helps me.”

— Greg, Resident and Peer Leader,
LSSI’s Healthy Start Recovery Home West,
Elgin

Mental Health Services

LSSI’s Project IMPACT (Inter Multidisciplinary Pre-Screening Assessment Crisis Team) opened a new program site at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park. Project IMPACT uses a creative wrap-around behavioral health model with trained counselors available 24 hours a day, every day, to help people experiencing a behavioral, psychiatric, or addiction crisis. LSSI’s Welcoming Center is a safe, walk-in emergency department alternative for people experiencing behavioral health symptoms like anxiety, depression, bi-polar disorder, substance use, and post-traumatic stress. LSSI partners with **over 60 Chicago Public Schools** to provide Step-Up School-Based Counseling Services, which include mental health care for grammar and high school-age students.

LSSI provided critical mental health services to 13,907 clients.



Alcohol and Drug Treatment

LSSI provides a full continuum of targeted Alcohol and Drug Treatment for individuals, beginning with medically assisted detox, all the way through residential care and transitional housing.

LSSI served 2,574 clients with a substance use disorder.

People with Developmental Disabilities

LSSI guides each client aged 18 or older with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities toward a plan to live successfully in their community. Our person-centered services range from residential to community-based living and include programming at our Shady Oaks Developmental Training Center.



LSSI served 123 clients with developmental disabilities.

Prisoner and Family Ministry

LSSI’s Prisoner and Family Ministry serves people who are incarcerated and their families, as well as individuals who have returned from prison to their communities: Re-entry for Returning Citizens, Visits to Mom, and the Storybook Project. The program’s **Employment Skills School** is a six-week, computer-based program, specially designed for returning citizens. It covers all aspects of employment training, from resume writing to interview skills.



“I liked Employment Skills School because there was always something new and different. They taught me how to operate computers. You’re never too old to learn.”

— Jackson, Returning Citizen and Employment Skills School graduate, now employed repairing video games and consoles