



# FEDERAL CHANGES, COMMUNITY CONSEQUENCES: THE STATE OF HUMAN SERVICES IN ILLINOIS

TRENDS • IMPACTS • PROVIDER PERSPECTIVES

## Profiles in Perseverance

ILLINOIS PARTNERS  
for HUMAN SERVICE



**Interviewee:**



**“We're tired of being tired.”**

Edwin Martinez,  
Executive Director

**Services:**  
Mental and Behavioral Health, Violence Prevention and Recovery, Adult & Family Services

**Location:**  
Southwest Side of Chicago, IL (Brighton Park, Gage Park, Back of the Yards, & South Lawndale)

**FY25 Budget:**  
Up to \$2M

**Federal Funding:**  
25%

**# Staff:**  
16

**# Clients Served Per Year:**  
700



**Interviewees:**




Jayne Vellinga,  
Executive Director

Beth Berendsen,  
Policy Director

**“What we experienced was whiplash, 100%.”**

**Services:**  
Workforce Development

**Location:**  
Chicago, IL

**FY25 Budget:**  
\$2M - \$6M

**Federal Funding:**  
40%

**# Staff:**  
26

**# Clients Served Per Year:**  
175



**Interviewee:**



Laura Zumdahl  
President & CEO

**“We are on an involuntary roller coaster ride in the dark.”**

**Services:**  
Advocacy, Housing, Mental and Behavioral Health, Workforce Development, Youth Services


**Location:**  
Chicago, IL & Near West Suburbs

**FY25 Budget:**  
\$10M - \$20M


**Federal Funding:**  
50%

**# Staff:**  
75

**# Clients Served Per Year:**  
400 Households; 900 Individuals



**Interviewee:**



Ashley Harms,  
Executive Director

**“Everything that happens at the federal level trickles down and impacts all of us.”**

**Services:**  
Child Care

**Location:**  
Freeport, IL

**FY25 Budget:**  
\$2-6M

**Federal Funding:**  
50%

**# Staff:**  
32

**# Clients Served Per Year:**  
125



**Interviewees:**




Tracey Noe Slach,  
CEO

Shlinda Trudeau,  
Director of Admin

**“You cannot separate healing from stability.”**

**Services:**  
Violence Prevention and Recovery

**Location:**  
Kankakee, IL (Iroquois, Kankakee & Ford Counties)

**FY25 Budget:**  
Up to \$2M

**Federal Funding:**  
30%

**# Staff:**  
20

**# Clients Served Per Year:**  
627 survivors & their loved ones through direct services; raised awareness with 153,597 people



**Interviewee:**



Renita White,  
Executive Director

**“It is fear of the unknown. Always prepare for the rainy days.”**

**Services:**  
Housing, Workforce Development

**Location:**  
Chicago, IL

**FY25 Budget:**  
\$4.8M

**Federal Funding:**  
70%

**# Staff:**  
25

**# Clients Served Per Year:**  
415