

United Way of Central Illinois

2023-2026 Financial Stability Investments

Providing individuals and families the education, skills and supports needed to lead financially stable lives

Total Financial Stability Investments: \$213,984



Helping Hands of Springfield, Inc.

Helping Hands Representative Payee Program

This life-stabilizing budgeting and money management program is designed to support at-risk individuals who have been assigned a payee by the Social Security Administration or have voluntarily enrolled in the program. It offers comprehensive case management and advocacy services by trained professionals to chronically homeless and/or disabled individuals, aiming to ensure housing, bill payments, and overall stability through the payee program.

By prioritizing stability, the program seeks to minimize hospital stays, shelter usage, and incarcerations by actively locating and maintaining housing options for participants, enabling them to live independently while receiving necessary support services.

Memorial Behavioral Health

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)

The PATH program, operated by MHCCI within its Community Support Services Department, is a federal initiative administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services. Its primary objective is to assist individuals in finding safe and affordable housing of choice, while also addressing key social determinants of health and enhancing access to medical and behavioral care promoting wellness and recovery.

PATH offers a comprehensive range of services, including outreach efforts, screening and diagnostic treatment, recovery-focused rehabilitation, vocational referrals, psychiatric and counseling services, alcohol/drug referral, money management, and other vital skills necessary to attain and sustain independence and overall well-being.

Senior Services of Central Illinois, Inc.

Comprehensive Elder Assistance Services Program

The primary objective for this program is to provide comprehensive case management to assist seniors age 60 and older in maintaining quality, independent living with safety, comfort, and dignity.

The program provides a range of services, including application assistance for supportive programs such as Medicaid and SNAP benefits, as well as housing applications and re-determinations. Additionally, the program conducts regular well-being checks and collaborates with service providers to offer one-time assistance for seniors facing challenges such as disconnect notices, utility bills, rental assistance, and emergency funds when necessary.

The ultimate goal is to ensure that senior clients receive the necessary support to enhance their overall well-being and maintain their independence in a dignified manner.



MERCY Communities, Inc.

Permanent Housing

MERCY Communities provides Permanent Housing o families with dependent children through two subprograms, Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing. These programs offer safe, furnished, and affordable housing, with comprehensive supportive services and a robust support system, aiming to empower homeless families to lead healthy, independent lives.

By addressing the immediate and basic needs of shelter, food, and clothing, as well as tackling the underlying causes of poverty, MERCY seeks to foster long-term independence. The ultimate goal is for clients to maintain a stable home, enhance their life skills, and become self-sufficient. To achieve this, MERCY focuses on five key areas of self-sufficiency: housing, budgeting, parenting, mental health, and general life skills, providing a holistic approach to support families in their journey toward stability and independence.

MERCY Communities, Inc.

Transitional Living Program

This two-year employment and education oriented program is designed to help homeless women and their children achieve stability and self-sufficiency. By providing a stable home and intensive supportive services, the program offers a structured and goal-oriented approach to enhance the family's living skills.

It specifically focuses on assisting mothers in completing their education, acquiring job skills, and developing the necessary life skills for long-term independence in permanent housing. To accomplish these goals, MERCY engages five primary pillars of self-sufficiency: housing, budgeting, parenting, mental health and general life skills through classes and one-on-one case management, and education and employment related skills.



Springfield Urban League

The Empowerment Program

The Urban League's mission is to enable those who struggle to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights. Their Empowerment Program is one of 4 key strategies in achieving this vision of Empowering Communities and Changing Lives. This program specifically focuses on addressing the employment barriers faced by at-risk adults. By empowering these individuals, the program not only facilitates personal transformation but also has a positive ripple effect on their families and the broader community.

The program's core components encompass comprehensive case management, educational interventions, occupational training, financial coaching, and income support. These targeted areas help equip at-risk adults with the tools and resources necessary to overcome employment obstacles, enhance their skills, and achieve self-sufficiency, leading to positive changes in their lives and the communities they belong to.

Wooden It Be Lovely

Sustainability & Enhancement Program

WIBL focuses on providing employment opportunities to women living in poverty who are in the process of healing from addiction and/or abuse. They are hired to refurbish donated furniture, engage in sewing activities, and create candles. WIBL intentionally reaches out to women who may have faced challenges finding employment elsewhere due to criminal records or poor work histories.

These women are given a job in a grace filled environment where they are mentored, supported, loved, and offered education. WIBL also connects them to community volunteers and resources, facilitating their ongoing journey towards sobriety, social skills development, and financial stability. Through its holistic approach, this program empowers these women to rebuild their lives, fostering personal growth and sustainable well-being.