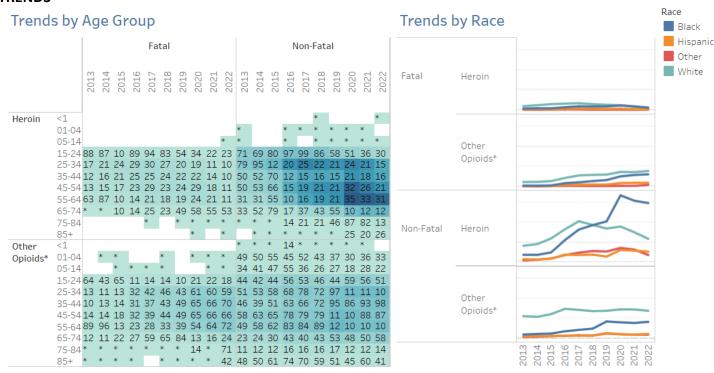


SRC conducts a Community Survey that employs an opportunity to determine the needs and awareness of residents in our approach to operationalize and present selected indicators in such a way that assists in better integrating community engagement into our recovery awareness process. SRC aims to raise awareness among the general public throughout the Southland and open up opportunities for residents to have access to resources and engagement with the SRC ROSC Council.

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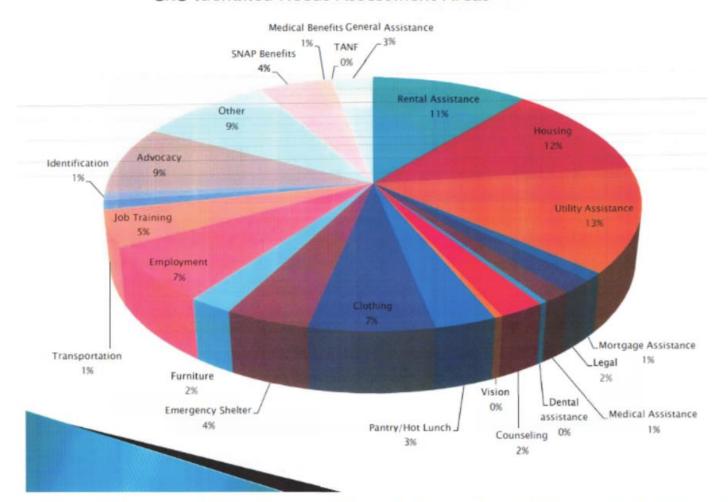
South Suburban Cook County is facing an overdose epidemic, with death rates on the rise, similar to Chicago as reported by the Cook County Department of Public Health. The report found that heroin and fentanyl, a synthetic opioid far more powerful than heroin that increasingly has been added as an adulterant to street drugs, accounted for the vast majority of the nearly 1,600 deaths that have happened in suburban Cook County since 2016.

In addition to recovery supportive services, treatment needs, and substance use support groups, the key issue areas outside of SRC's scope noted on the following chart were identified as high priority needs by Southland residents in our community survey.





SRC Identified Needs Assessment Areas



The Gaps: What are the Greatest Needs in South Suburban Cook County'





PRIMARY RESOURCES:

SRC is comprised of three anchor nonprofit organizations which include: Cornerstone Community Development Corporation, NFP (Cornerstone CDC); Indigenous Community Service Center (ICSC); and Together We Cope (TWC). With a host of members representing various industries, backgrounds, and people with lived experience, SRC raises recovery & mental health awareness.

SRC endeavors to create a recovery-oriented system of care in the south suburban region of Cook & Will County. These counties include but are not limited to Ford Heights, Calumet City, Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Lansing, Lynwood, Sauk Village, and the southeastern corridor of Will County, which includes parts of Park Forest, Steger, and University Park; along with Crete, Monee, and training/community workshop(s) in Joliet. Individually, our partners have been hard at work to provide a supportive recovery community and believe that the formation of a ROSC Council will significantly help to expand that work while building a holistic, comprehensive network of services. Systematic efforts to develop a robust public health approach focused on the prevention of substance use and mental health issues in the general population while changing communities and restoring lives.

The HUB is the Southland's "connector resource" for residents. The HUB services the entire the entire south suburban area, which encompasses 62 communities. Of even greater value is the fact that many of the individuals that were assisted through The HUB received a complete and seamless access to services than they would have otherwise. The HUB's primary goal is to focus on what is needed as a means of filling the gap of services previously unidentified throughout the southland region. Upon receipt of comprehensive case management services, more than 75% of cases required resources from multiple categories. From the onset of the creation of The HUB, it was determined that while the Southland has a plethora of resources and services available to individual and families, smaller and understaffed agencies and individuals in need had difficulty connecting to those resources.

The HUB is the south suburbs response to the lack of a 211 system to assist those in crisis, particularly those who are formerly incarcerated and recovery communities. The core partner agencies work in deep collaboration to achieve the highest quality wrap-around case services they can to residents in the southland. The target populations are those who express a need focused on safety net services inclusive of basic human needs, supportive programs, as well as professional services -- housing counseling, mental health, and addiction – which are all needs that are offered comprehensively by HUB partners.

Stability is found through HUB case managers a/k/a Community Navigators enabling the connection of individuals to all the services for which they need and are eligible. The HUB has grown to conduct research and advocate for client effective outreach and ensure that they receive comprehensive supportive services without the encumbrances. With the increase in information and resources added to the database, the staff can rapidly connect clients to services where other resources were unidentified throughout the Southland prior to the HUB.





A prime example of this involves the needs of the older population throughout the service area. A significant number of requests for which we have not been able to provide referrals to senior citizens who either need a repair or home modifications for handicap accessibility. They lack the ability and resources to complete these on their own. Examples such as these have enabled The HUB provider network to realize and transform how we access and connect with social and faith-based organizations. All residents are introduced to The HUB's website (www.HUBrelief.com), so that they can search for specific services in a more streamlined capacity. In partnership with the Southland Human Services Leadership Council and United Way of Metro Chicago, The HUB has been successful in integrating the region's wide variety of services.

Cornerstone Community Development Corporation, NFP - Serves as the Lead Fiscal Agent for The HUB - Serves the Southeast part of South Suburban Cook County east of I-57

Together We Cope - Partner Agency

- Serves the south suburban service area encompassing all of Orland, Palos, and Bremen townships and includes the suburban part of Worth Township.

Respond Now - Partner Agency

- Provides vital services in 22 communities in the Chicago Southland.

South Suburban PADS

- Provides emergency shelter, affordable housing, and supportive services throughout the Southland.

Southland Human Services Leadership Council has a mission to create and sustain health and human services excellence and enhance the nature and flow of resources to people in the Southland community. With over 90 members in this network, SRC regularly receives notices across the region and posts information about our recovery awareness events and pop ups.

OTHER SRC SUPPORTIVE INSTITUTIONS IN THE SOUTHLAND

Associations:

Business organizations: South Holland Chamber of Commerce Charitable groups: United Way of Metro Chicago, Age Options

Civic event groups: Will County Top Ladies of Distinction

Special needs groups: Housing, Legal Aid, Disabled, and Veterans Assistance Associations

Elderly groups: St. James Manor

Institutions:

Schools: School District 169

Universities: Governors State University

Community Colleges: South Suburban College, Prairie State College





Hospitals: Ingalls UChicago, Advocate South Suburban, Oak Street Health, Access

Social Service Agencies: See List

Physical Space:

Gardens: The Nate Sculpture Park

Forest/Forest preserves: Cook County Forest Preserves

Mental Health

NAMI South Suburbs (SRC Member)

Local Economy:

Chamber of Commerce Business associations: South Holland Chamber of Commerce

Banks: Old National Bank, US Bank, Chase Bank, PNC Bank

Credit Unions: Credit Union 1