

Empowering Our Communities
The Far Southside ROSC Initiative (FSSRI) Needs Assessment



According to the Substance Use and Mental Health Administration, a community-needs assessment is a collaborative process that determines the nature and extent of both needs and resources in a community.

FSSRI focus on making a difference stems from the profound impact that a supportive and well-informed community can have on individuals struggling with addiction, mental health issues, and other challenges. By expanding awareness and knowledge, we enable family, friends, and community members to better understand and support those in active addiction, recovery, and those with mental illnesses. This collective effort fosters a more compassionate and resilient community, where individuals are not stigmatized or marginalized but are instead empowered to seek help and thrive.

The receptiveness of community members, as demonstrated through their active participation and input in ROSC Council meetings and collaborations, highlights the importance of continuing our educational efforts. By emphasizing the principles of Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) and Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs), we are building a foundation of support that extends beyond immediate recovery needs. This holistic approach addresses various aspects of well-being, including employment, housing, medical care, and financial stability, ensuring that all community members have the resources and opportunities to lead fulfilling lives.

Ultimately, our commitment to making a difference is driven by the belief that every individual deserves access to a continuum of care, enabling them to overcome challenges and contribute positively to the community. Through education, support, and collaboration, we are creating an environment where everyone has the chance to achieve their full potential and live with dignity and hope.

Over the past five years, the Far Southside ROSC Council has worked diligently to enhance community well-being. By conducting comprehensive needs assessments, we identified key areas for improvement in substance use and mental health, leading to beneficial changes. This strategic approach has fostered education, support, and collaboration, aiming to reduce stigma

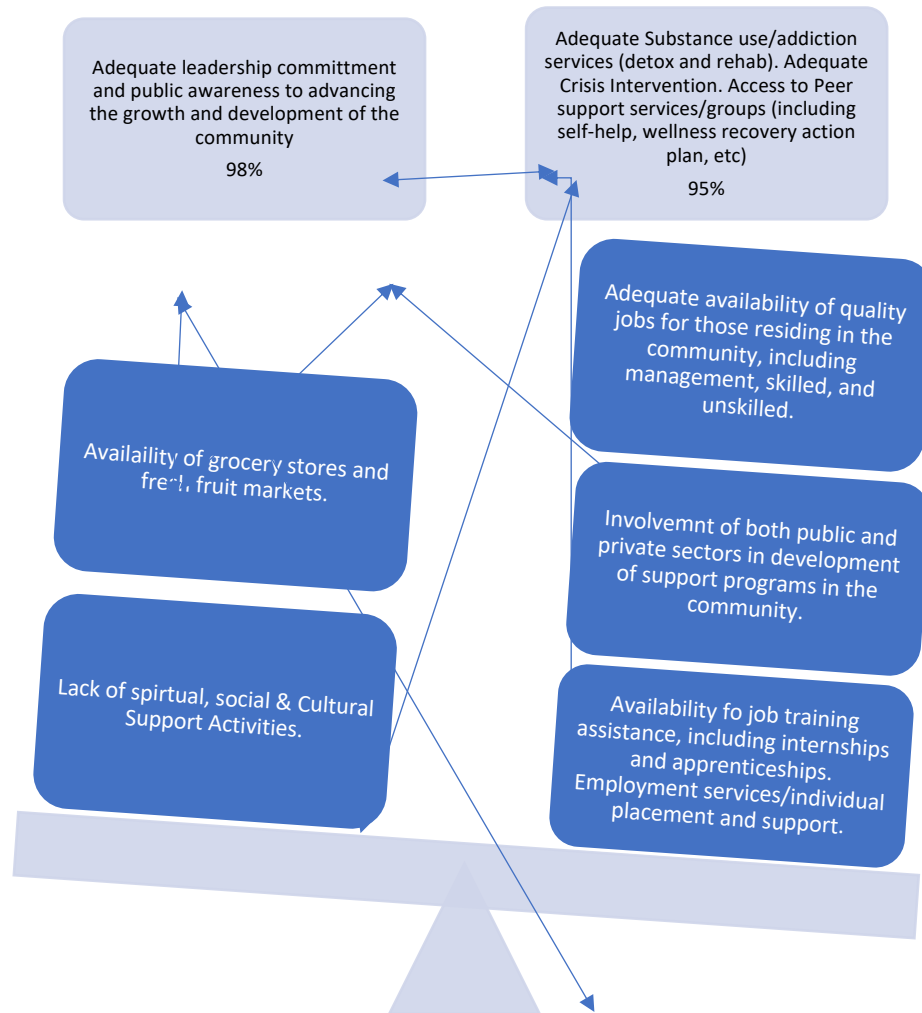
and facilitate recovery. Our collective efforts have built trust and momentum, signaling continued growth within our communities. The involvement of stakeholders and community members has been crucial in building resilient communities. Ongoing initiatives will continue with support from FSSRI, focusing on the care and support of residents in Chicago's Far Southside.

Year 1

Based on the Far Southside needs assessment data, the community has several identified strengths according to the surveys. These strengths include the availability of adequate health care services, such as pharmacies, hospitals, local clinics, and mental health and substance use services. Additionally, the community benefits from adequate police, fire protection, and public safety services. There is also sufficient accessibility to local schools, including elementary, secondary, post-secondary, and vocational programs.

The survey outcomes also identified gaps, which are illustrated in graph form to highlight the most prevalent issues as perceived by stakeholders and peers. The Far Southside ROSC Council aims to bridge these gaps by providing education, support, and awareness for the community, as well as for individuals in recovery and their families and friends. Many of these methodologies were implemented during subsequent ROSC meetings and proved effective, as evidenced by the first-year outcomes of the ROSC Council and the collaboration with the community, stakeholders, family, and friends

Exhibit A -SURVEY OUTCOMES



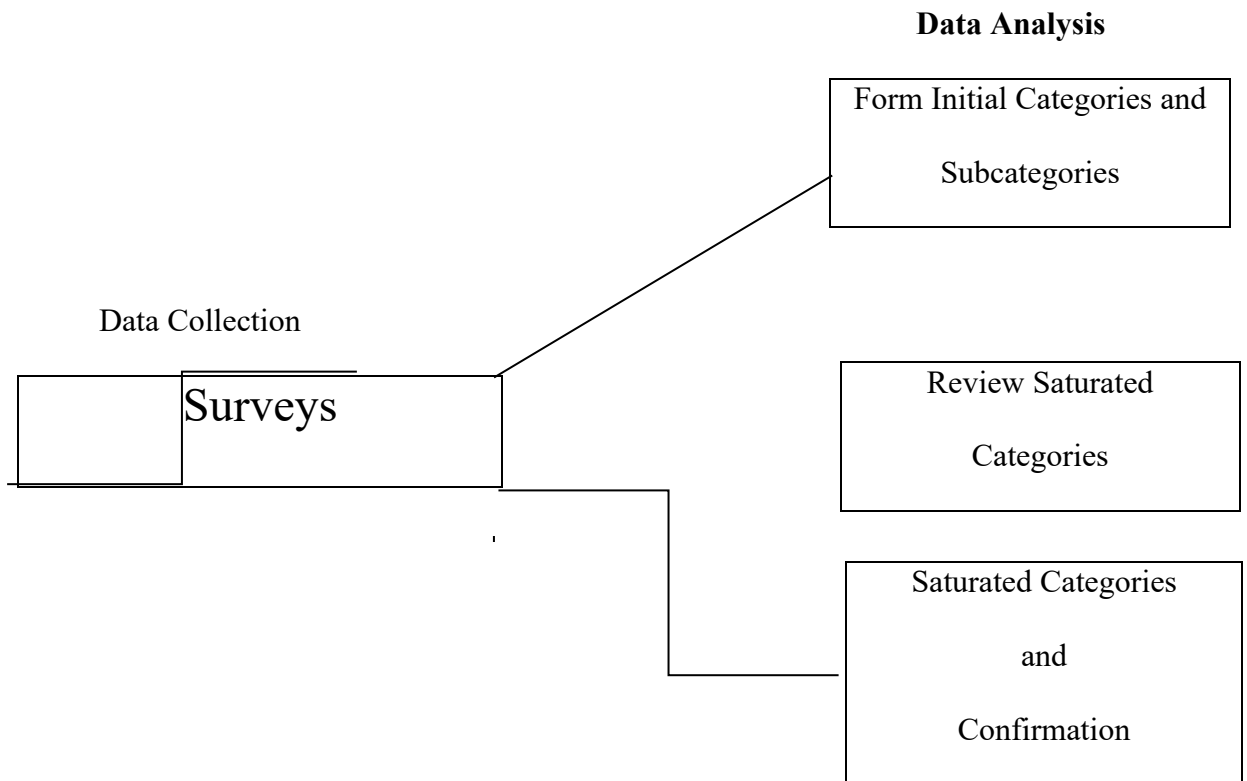
The document highlights the importance of leadership commitment and public awareness in the community's growth and development. It addresses the lack of spiritual, social, and cultural support activities, the availability of grocery stores and fresh fruit markets, and sufficient substance use/addiction services, including crisis intervention and peer support services. Additionally, it emphasizes the need for job training assistance, employment services, and quality job availability, as well as the involvement of both public and private sectors in developing community support programs.

A. Assumptions and Limitations:

Limitations: This research study's limitations are tied to the internal feelings and discomfort experienced when identifying loved ones or oneself who may be struggling with addiction, homelessness, unemployment, or mental health issues.

Assumptions:

1. The perception of the recovering person as it pertains to stigmas and stereotypes.
2. The perceptions of the communities about support groups and services.
3. The perceptions of family and friends of persons suffering from mental health, substance use disorders, and persons with lived experience.
4. Substance use involvement cannot subconsciously be inflicted on others.
5. Stakeholders will be enthusiastic to collaborate and build their community



Data Analysis

Qualitative data analysis “builds on the data from the identified gaps, data analysis goes through the data and highlights significant statements, sentences, or quotes that provide an understanding” (Creswell, 2007, p. 61). Creswell (2007) stated that this process allows the “researcher to follow a path of analyzing the data to develop an increasingly detailed knowledge of the topic being studied” (p. 19).

The data analysis involved several components. Recurrent themes or examples were identified, and common items were grouped together. This approach helped to distill the data into the concepts that were frequently and consistently expressed in the survey.

- I. Define the goals for the assessment.
 - a. Articulate the purpose of the assessment – The assessment aimed to identify community gaps and provide solutions by educating on long-term recovery, mental health issues, and community concerns. The goal was to amplify the voices of those affected and collaborate with stakeholders to build a sustainable ROSC Council to address these gaps.
 - b. Identify the target populations for the assessment of needs and services – The communities demonstrate a wide range of socio-economic statuses, with residents spanning from poverty to wealth. These areas are culturally diverse, comprising approximately 50% African Americans, 30% Caucasians, 15% Hispanics, and 5% individuals of other races. The socio-economic disparity in the far south side community has seemingly fostered a culture of silence regarding substance use and mental illness. This has resulted in limited care and resources for individuals affected by addiction and/or mental health issues. Addiction and mental health challenges have caused significant distress within the community, as youth and young adults face increasing rates of overdose, death, and addiction to mood-altering substances.

Additionally, the surge in addiction and mental health concerns in these communities has exacerbated issues related to unemployment, homelessness, and incarceration.

- c. Determine how data will be collected and used: The data was gathered from surveys with 15 questions given to 25 participants attending ROSC meetings. The survey aimed to identify gaps in areas such as affordable housing, social services, health care, education, grocery stores, public safety, addiction services, peer support, leadership commitment, job training, community strengths, and needs.

- d. Establish the timeline: Qualitative Methodology (Data collection and use)/timeline. This approach allowed participants’ comments to form a collective voice via surveys. FSSRI employed surveys and interviews to assess stakeholder needs and their readiness to support ROSC and RCO’s. The following timeline was used:

Activities	Date	Responsible party	Measurable Outcomes
ROSC meetings	October 1, 2018 November 10, 2018	TEECH Foundation	Attendance Sign in Sheets
Survey completion	November 2018	TEECH Foundation	Survey Responses
Interviews	October 2018 November 2018 December 2018	TEECH Foundation	Interview outcomes
Community Needs Assessment	December 2018	TEECH Foundation	Completed needs assessment

- a. Determine the strategic use of the findings - This research aimed to identify community needs and create a collaborative process to assess both needs and resources. The community faces issues like disconnection, addiction, overdoses, mental health issues, homelessness, and incarcerations. The study found that lack of assistance, resources, education, and support remains a critical issue, as indicated by discussions in ROSC meetings and survey responses from community members.

- b. Strengths – Many local businesses serve the community.
Weaknesses – Organizations lack collaboration.

Year 2

According to the Community Needs Assessment Resource Guide National Gap “a community needs assessment is a process conducted by all Community Action Agencies every three years to determine the underlying causes and conditions of poverty within the community they serve and identify the available resources to address the unmet needs of the community’s most vulnerable residents” (https://communityactionpartnership.com/publication_toolkit/community-needs-assessment-resource-guide/).

The Far Southside ROSC Council is entering its second year and will address gaps identified in the first year. This is crucial to ensure that the community's needs are met more effectively. Addressing these gaps involves creating a more cohesive network of support and resources, which is essential for tackling issues such as addiction, mental health challenges, and homelessness. By improving the collaboration between organizations and implementing new programs, the community can better support its most vulnerable members and work towards sustainable solutions.

Update: Year 1 (one) saw several notable successes. Collaboration with stakeholders led to the hiring of community residents at the new Evergreen Plaza mall, providing much-needed employment opportunities. Monthly ROSC meetings served as a crucial platform for breaking the cycle of silence, bringing to light underreported incidents of violence and overdoses. This transparency highlighted the urgent need for needle exchange programs and Naloxone training to address the rising overdose rates. Additionally, the Far Southside ROSC Council shared detailed statistics on overdoses and violence within Southside communities, reinforcing the necessity of these interventions and supporting their findings with concrete data

Exhibit A

Community areas on the south and west sides of Chicago consistently experience the highest incidence of adolescent firearm homicide and are at increased risk for violence. Between 2013 and 2017, the pattern of violence showed significant consolidation into these areas of the city, as violence became overall less dispersed. The Chicago Community Area with the highest amount of youth firearm homicide shifted from the south side of the city in 2013 to the west side by 2017.

Figure 3. Adolescent homicide ranks by Chicago Community Area (CCA)

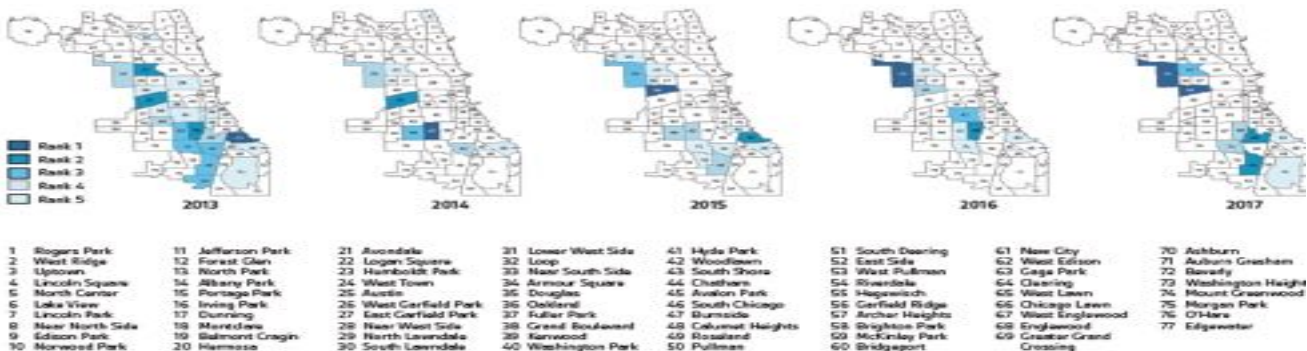


Table 1. Adolescent firearm homicides: Annual CCA rankings (name/corresponding CCA number); ranks with multiple CCAs are tied

CCA Rank	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1	South Shore (43)	West Englewood (57)	North Lawndale (29)	Austin (25)	Austin (25) North Lawndale (29)
2	Englewood (58) Humboldt Park (23) South Lawndale (30)	South Lawndale (30)	South Shore (43)	Englewood (58)	Greater Grand Crossing (59) Roseland (49)
3	Auburn Gresham (7) Chatham (44) Roseland (49) West Englewood (57) West Pullman (53)	Chicago Lawn (56)	Austin (25)	New City (51)	Humboldt Park (23)
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Number of opioid-involved overdose deaths by Chicago Community Area, July 2017-June 2018

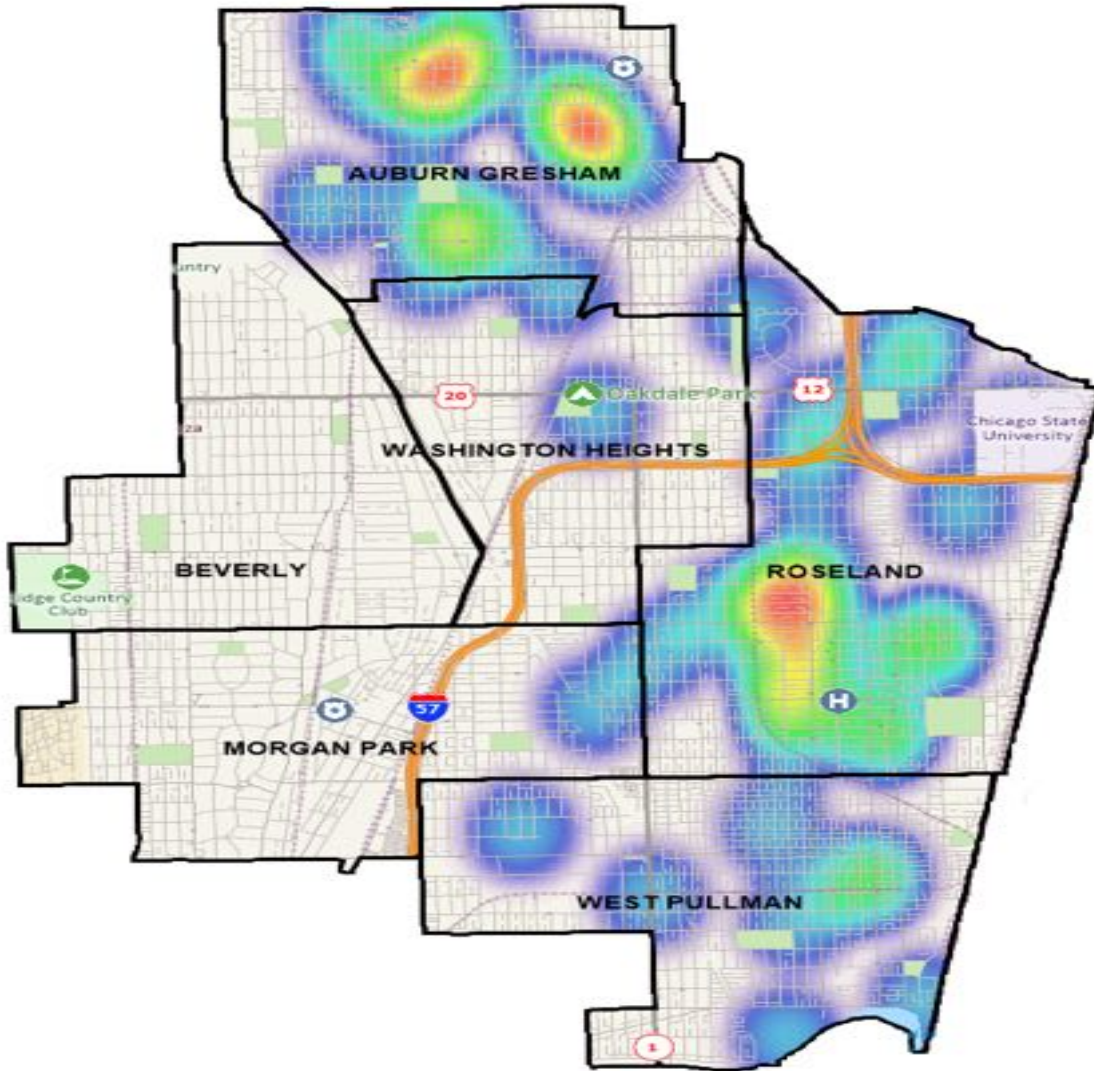
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- Roseland – 22
- Auburn Gresham – 17
- West Pullman -8
- Beverly – 0
- Morgan Park <5

Density map of opioid-involved overdose deaths, Southwest Side of Chicago

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Exhibit B



The outcome of the research underscores the necessity for continued investigation. The initial study, conducted with a small sample size, revealed significant gaps within the community, highlighting areas that require further exploration. Recognizing these limitations, the Far Southside ROSC Initiative (FSSRI) plans to expand the research sample to identify any additional gaps and ensure a more comprehensive understanding of the community's needs. The current findings, while relevant to those who participated, indicate a broader need for further research to address these critical issues effectively. Therefore, it is imperative for the Far Southside ROSC Initiative to continue building a sustainable ROSC Council. This ongoing effort

will enable the community to develop a more robust support system, fostering resilience and well-being among its members

Technical Assistance Priorities for Expanding ROSC

1. **Educate Providers and Stakeholders:** Conduct webinars to educate providers and stakeholders on the principles and practices of Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) and Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs).
2. **Provide Consultations:** Offer webinars to provide consultations for ROSC and RCOs, ensuring they receive the guidance and support needed to implement effective recovery strategies.
3. **Develop Sustainability Resources:** Assist in the development of sustainability resources to ensure the long-term success and viability of ROSC and RCO initiatives.

FY 25 - SUD and COD Resources List Updated.

Aldermen - Leadership

- **West Englewood** – 16th Ward – Stephanie D. Coleman 113 W 63rd Chicago, Il 60621 (773) 306 – 2961
- **Auburn Gresham** - 18th ward – Derrick G. Curtis – 8359 s. Pulaski Chicago, Il 60652 (773) 284-5057.
- **Beverly** - 19th Ward– Matthew O’Shea 10400 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60643 (773) 672-5133.
- **Washington Heights** – 21st Ward – Ronnie L. Mosley 10801 S Halsted St. Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 881-9300
- **Mount Greenwood** 19th Ward– – Matthew O’Shea 10400 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60643 (773) 672-5133.
- **Morgan Park** 19th Ward– Matthew O’Shea 10400 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60643 (773) 672-5133.
- **Roseland (North-East)** – 9th Ward - Anthony A. Beale Chicago, Il (773) 785-1100
Calumet Heights – 7th Ward – Greg Mitchell 2249 E 95th St. Chicago, I 60617 (773) 731-7777
- **West Pullman** - 9th Ward Anthony A. Beale Chicago, Il (773) 785-1100
- **South Deering** – 10th Ward – Peter Chico Chicago, Il (773) 768-8138
- **Hegewisch**– 10th Ward – Peter Chico Chicago, Il (773) 768-8138
- **Oak Lawn** - 19th Ward– Matthew O’Shea 10400 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60643 (773) 672-5133.
- **Evergreen Park** – 44th Ward Bennett Lawson 9418 S Kedzie Ave Evergreen Park, Il 60805 (708) 422-1551
- **Robbins II (Southwest)** - The Village of Robbins Governing Body · Contacts Us
Address: 3327 W 137th St. Robbins, IL 60472. Phone: (708) 385-8940
- **Hammond, Indiana** – Mayor Thomas M. McDermott Jr. 5925 Calumet Ave Hammond In 46320 (219) 853-6300

Behavior Health

- **South Suburban Council** – 1909 Cheker Square Hazel Crest, Il 60429 – (708) 647-3333 – Monday – Sunday -24 hours - <https://sscouncil.org>. We offer a full

range of quality & comprehensive services. Services: Basic, & Early Intervention. Services: Outpatient and residential services, male and female recovery homes.

- **Haymarket** – 120 N Sangamon Chicago, Il 60607 – (312) 226-7984 Monday – Sunday – 24 hrs. - <https://haymarketcenter.org>. Monday – Sunday – 24 hrs – We provide the most comprehensive care. Our approach combines substance use disorder treatment with behavioral and primary healthcare. Services: Substance use disorder treatment with behavioral and primary healthcare. Services: Detox, out-patient, residential, male and female recovery homes.
- **Gateway Foundation** – 3828 W Taylor St. Chicago Il – (773) 231-7276 - <https://www.gatewayfoundation.org>. Monday – Sunday – 24 hrs. Gateway draw from science and research-based models, we practice innovative and specialized treatment modalities across a full continuum of care. Our approach to care is evidence-based, but built around patients to adapt to needs such as dual diagnosis, trauma and family services. Services: Detox, out-patient, residential, male and female recovery homes.
- **Clarity Clinic**- 333 Michigan Ave St 1400 Chicago, Il 60601 – (312) 815-9660- <https://www.claritychi.com>. Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Clarity Clinic offers a leading psychiatry and therapy services with locations throughout Chicagoland and Illinois. Clarity takes a holistic approach to mental health treatment. Services: PHP, IOP, Psychiatry, Therapy, Psychological testing, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation and Medication Management.
- **Gro (God.Restoring. Order) Community Center** – 259 E 115th St. Chicago, Il 60628 – Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - (773) 253-8385 - <https://grocommunity.org/about-history-gro-community>. Gro is a mental health service provider that specializes in trauma informed treatment for boys and men ages 5 and up from low social-economic groups and /or black and brown communities. Services: Mental Health, Mentorship, 1:1 Counseling, Social Emotional learning in Schools. Gun Violence Prevention Services, Transitional Housing and Adult Re-entry Clinical Workforce Development. <https://grocommunity.org>.
- **Trilogy** – 2257 E 73rd St. Chicago, Il 60649 – (773) 508-6100 Monday – Friday -8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. - <https://www.trilogyinc.org>. Trilogy envision a society where everyone impacted by mental illness is valued, embraced, and supported holistically, systematically, and culturally. Services: Stability in the community, integrated healthcare, therapy, outpatient, occupational therapy, supported employment, drop in center, residential programs.
- **Healthcare Alternative Systems (HAS)** – 4534 S Western Chicago, Il 60609 – (312) 850-0050- Monday – Sunday -24 hr. - <https://www.hascare.org>. for more than 50 years HAS has been a leader in providing multicultural and bilingual behavioral health care and social services to Chicago -area communities that are often underserved by the health care system. Services: Domestic Violence, Substance Use, Mental Health, Residential Programs, Anger Management and Community Services.
- **HRDI** – 8151 S Western Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 863-1452 - <https://www.hrdi.org>. Monday – Sunday - 24 Hr. Services – HRDI, a subsidiary

of Friend Health (HRDI) is a community behavioral health center that provides a comprehensive array of prevention, intervention and treatment services to address various mental health, substance use, and community health concerns. Services: Community Crisis Services & Supports, treatment planning, screening, assessments, diagnosis & risk assessments, outpatient mental health & substance use services, targeted case management, outpatient primary care screening & monitoring, community based mental health care for veterans, peer, family support & counseling, psychiatric rehabilitation services.

- **Southwood Interventions** – 5701 S Wood St. Chicago, Il 60636 – Monday – Sunday – 24 hrs. - <https://rehab.org/abraxas-southwood-interventions/>. Southwood is a substance addiction and mental health treatment facility in Chicago, Illinois. They have gender-specific programs. Services: Medical detox, residential, and outpatient services.
- **Phalanx Family Services** – 837 W 119th Chicago Il 60643 – (773) 291-1086 – Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - <https://www.phalanxgrpservices.org>. Phalanx help underprivileged children and families achieve their full potential. Services: Wraparound services, job preparation, know your rights, crisis prevention, behavioral health counseling, emergency funds & homeless prevention.
- **The Branch Family Institute** – 11111 S Western Chicago, Il 60643 - (773) 238-1100 – Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5: 00 p.m. - <https://www.thebranchfamilyinstitute.org>. We offer community emancipatory healing to individuals with mental health challenges. Services: supervised visitation & exchange, therapy, public partnerships and training.
- **Solley’s Place** – 4239 95th St Oaklawn, Il 60453 – (708) 529-0188 – Monday – Friday 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. <https://www.solleys.org>. Solley’s Place is committed to assisting individuals in recovering from addiction so they can lead more productive and joy-filled lives. Services – DUI/Alcohol & Drug Treatment, opioid treatment.
- **Family Guidance - Monday** 11952 S Harlem Ave Palos Heights, Il 60463 - (708) 923-0800 - Monday – Sunday – 24 hrs.- <https://www.fgcinc.org>. Family Guidance is a substance use treatment organization offering comprehensive behavioral health programs, including medication-assisted recovery, to individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs) and co-occurring mental health conditions. Services: Substance Use Prevention, mobile services & harm reduction, hospital based detox, stabilization & transitional services, IOP, Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR), minority aids initiative, residential treatment, mental health services, adolescent services, recovery home services.

Harm Reduction

- **New Hope** – 2559 W 79th St Chicago Il 60652 – (773) 737-9555- Monday – Friday 7 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. -<http://www.nhsc.org> New Hope is a MAR (Medication Assistance Program).
- **HRDI** – 8000 S Racine Chicago Ill (773) 966-0255 - Monday – Thursday 11 a.m. 7 p.m. - 33 E 114th St Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 660-4630 – Friday and Saturday 6:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. - Monday – Thursday 6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **REST Inc.** (Mobile) 8731 S State St. Chicago, Il 60619 – (773) 488-9770 - <https://www.hrdi.org>. Dates and times vary.

- **COIP/UIC** (Mobile) 1606 W 63rd St Chicago, Il – (773) 434-9367 – Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - <https://coip.uic.edu/locations/>

Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) – To obtain information about the below ROSC Councils or any Councils in your area please visit

- <https://www.govst.edu/Recovery-Support/Regional-ROSC-Councils/Cook-County-IL-ROSC/BB2L-ROSC-Council/> (Governor’s State Website)
- **Far Southside ROSC Initiative** – 1750 W 103rd Street Chicago, Il 60643 – (224) 406-3798 – www.teechfoundation1.org –
- **Three Cords Strong ROSC Alliance** – 4455 S King Dr. Chicago, Il 60628 (773) 636-4689 –
- **Bounce Back 2 Life ROSC Council** – 11636 S. Halsted Street Chicago, Il 60608 - (708) 932-1904 - <https://www.loztraininginstitute.com>.
- **Southland Recovery Coalition** – 943 E. Lincoln Highway, Ford Heights, Il 60411 (708) 758-2565 - <https://southlandrecovery.org/about>.
- **Family Guidance** - 11952 S Harlem Ave Palos Heights, Il 60463 - (708) 923-0800 - <https://www.fgcinc.org>.

Drug Overdose Prevention Programs (DOPP)

- **Transforming Educating & Empowering Children and Humanity (dba TEECH)**– 1750 W 103rd Chicago, Illinois 60643 Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – www.teechfoundation1.org. TEECH Drug Overdose Prevention Program offer training on the proper use of Naloxone, also known as Narcan. The trainings are available to the community and professional staff (free of charge) – We also provide Narcan at no cost.
- **Southside Opioid Task Force** – 1629 E 87th St. Chicago, Il 60617 - (773) 788-2822 – FSSOTF Drug Overdose Prevention Program offer training on the proper use of Naloxone, also known as Narcan. The trainings are available to the community and professional staff (free of charge). We also provide Narcan at no cost.

Medical

- **Little Company of Mary** – Hospital – 2800 W 95th St 60805 – (708) 422-6200 - <https://www2.osfhealthcare.org/locations/osf-little-company-of-mary-medical-center-evergreen-park-121895>
- **Christian Community Health** – 4440 W 95th Street Oaklawn, Il – (708) 684-800 - <https://cchc-online.org>.
- **Roseland Hospital** – 45 W 111th Street Chicago, Il, 60628 – (773) 995-3000 - <https://www.roselandhospital.org>
- **Advocate Medical Group** – 9831 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 445-3500 - <https://www.advocatehealth.com/amg>.
- **Advocate Christ Medical Center** – 4440 W 95th Street Oaklawn, Il, (708) 684-8000 - <https://www.advocatehealth.com/cmcc>.
- **St. Bernard Hospital** – 326 W 64th Street Chicago, Il 60621 – (773) 962-3900 - <https://www.stbh.org>.
- **Holy Cross Hospital** – 2701 W 68th Street Chicago, Il 60629 – (773) 884-9000 - <https://www.sinaichicago.org/en/find-a-location/results/holy-cross-hospital/>.
- **Access Community Health** – 8234 S Ashland Ave Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 874-

1400 - <https://www.achn.net>.

- **Miles Square Health Cntr** – 7037 S Stony Island Ave Chicago, Il 60649 – (312) 355-5590 - <https://hospital.uillinois.edu/mile-square-health-center>
- **Howard Brown Health** – 1525 E 55th St Chicago, Il 60615 – (773) 388-1600 - <https://howardbrown.org>.
- **Provident Hospital** – Chicago, Il 60615 – (312) 572-2000 - <https://cookcountyhealth.org/locations/provident-hospital-of-cook-county/>.
- **Englewood Health Center** – 641 W 63rd St. Chicago, Il 60621 – (312) 747-0200 - <https://cookcountyhealth.org/locations/englewood-health-center/>.

Peer Recovery Support Service (RSS)

- **TEECH Foundation** – 1750 W 103rd Street Chicago, Il 60643 – (224) 406-3798 Monday – Friday -9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. – www.teechfoundation1.org- Recovery Support Services are a necessary component of the recovery process and the continuum of care. TEECH recovery support classes are peer-run and peer-led by recovery coaches and certified peer recovery specialist. Classes are - Recovery coaching, life skills, spirituality, pastoral support, financial literacy workshops, employment coaching, employment training (environmental services using green products), peer/mentorship, recreational development and referral services. We also provide 7-day Ventra cards and other basic needs to those who engage in the recovery support program. It is a known fact that mental health is one of the primary causes of resuming addiction. Therefore, to ensure each participant is obtaining the appropriate care we also provide the following therapeutic services by credential staff: Addiction Counseling, Substance Use Prevention, Assessments, Cognitive Behavioral Counseling/Education, Trauma Informed Counseling/Education, Mental-Health/Co-occurring Disorders Counseling/Education, Adult Re-Entry Workforce, Gun Violence, Parenting, domestic violence education and support, and Anger Management.
- **N’ The Spirit Transformational Living** – 7225 S. Yale Ave Chicago, Il 60621- (773) 892-3155 – <https://www.nthespirit.org>. N’the Spirit recovery support program is provided to the ladies who are residence of the recovery home. Classes are - Spirituality, recovery coaching, 12 Step Meetings, Aerobics and Life skills.
- **Lights of Zion Training Institute**– 11636 S Halsted St. Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 785-2996 – Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - <https://www.loztraininginstitute.com>. Lights of Zion objective is to provide and connect people to supportive services that will become a mechanism in making their lives better. Classes are - Workforce development, job readiness, recovery support, life skills. Mentoring, Spiritual & Pastoral Support, Referral Services and Transportation Assistance.
- **Kate’s Detective Services** – 7810 S Claremont Ave Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 436-3788 – Monday – Friday <https://www.katessecurityagency.com/general-7> - Not only are we the best at advanced security training, our Kate’s RSS program is designed to aid those in our community with a history of drug & n alcohol use. The trainings are designed to aid them with trades. Classes are - Recovery Support, employment coaching, 20 Hr. baic security training,
- **Reassemble Education & Training Inc.** – 8731 S State St. Chicago, Il 60619 – (773) 488-9770 – Monday - Friday <https://www.retinc.org>.

RETINC are dedicated to providing the highest quality education and training to empower individuals to prevent and overcome addiction. Classes are - Recovery Support,

- Spirituality, Peer Coaching, employment coaching, employment training (forklift driving).
- **Transitional Training Services** – 4455 S Martin Luther King Dr. St. 101B Chicago, Il 60615 – (773) 467-6324 – Monday – Friday - www.transitionalservices.org. TTS aims to equip the disadvantaged with high-quality training and counseling, enabling them to participate, succeed, and prosper in today’s ever-changing society and marketplace. Classes are - Recovery support, employment training (construction, forklift).
- **Cornerstone Community Development Corporation** – 943 E Lincoln Hwy Ford Heights, Il 60411 (708) 758-2565 – Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm & Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Classes are - Recovery Support, employment coaching, employment training, Construction, flagger, construction fork life, environmental abatement, first aid/CPR, home inspection certification, OSHA safety trainings, hospitality & food service certification and armed & unarmed security. Transportation and referrals.
- **Brighter Behavior Choices Inc.**– 6525 S Campbell Ave. Chicago, Il 60629– (773) 434-4770 – Brighter Behavior Choices recovery support program is provided to the ladies who are residence of the recovery home. <https://www.bbchoices.com>. Brighter Behavior Choices recovery support services reduce recidivism, foster long term sobriety, and lift barriers by using forms of holistic, therapeutic and realistic care. Classes are - Recovery coaching, recovery skills, peer coaching, spiritual support, employment coaching, referrals, financial literacy workshops, criminal background awareness, recreational development, domestic violence initiative and support and continuum of care.

Recovery Community Organization – These organizations organize recovery-focused policy advocacy activities, carry out recovery focused community education and outreach programs, and/or provide peer-based recovery support services.

- **Transforming Educating & Empowering Children and Humanity (TEECH)** – www.teechfoundation1.org.
- **United Mental Health Addiction and Recovery Coalition (UMARC)** - <https://www.unitedmarc.org>.

Recovery Café

- **Brighter Behavior Choices Café** -6506 S Western Ave. Chicago, Ill 60636 (773) 434-4770 - <https://www.bbchoices.com>. Brighter, Behavior, Choices Inc., NFP Phase II - is the first RECOVERY CAFE in Chicago, IL of this kind. To recognize potential problems, evaluate alternatives and implement positive solutions regardless of an individual past earlier stages of homelessness, trauma, mental and emotional anguish and addictive behaviors. Our Goals are to provide a Safe, Pleasant and Holistic Alcohol & Drug Free Environment. A community coming together to Rescue, Restore, Rebuild & Recover Souls.

Recovery Housing

- **Elite House of Sober Living** (Men)- 1236 W 72nd Pl. Chicago Il 60636 – (773) 994-8353 - <https://elitehousesofsoberliving.com>.
- It’s About Change Sober Living - <https://sobercentersofamerica.com/rehabs/its-about->

[change-sober-living/](#).

1604 Harbor Ave Calumet City, Il – (708) 360-3205

394 Madison Ave Calumet City Il 60409 - (708) 868-5014

409 Prairie Calumet City, Il – (708) 933-0167

- **Claudia and Eddies Sober Living** (Men and Women)-
<https://www.claudiaandeddie.org>.
17116 S Elm Dr. Hazel Crest, Il 60429 (708) 335-9711
14714 S. Madison Ave Harvey Il 60426 – (708) 566-5081
1436 W 111th St Chicago, Il 60643 (773) 840-3966
- **Yana House Sober Living** (Men) - 7120 S Normal Chicago, Il 60621 – (773) 819-9683 - <https://yanahouse.org>.
- **Prentice Place** (Men) (773) 928-7206 - <https://www.rehab.com/prentice-place-Chicago>
10710 S Wentworth Chicago Il 60628
255 W 112th Place Chicago Il 60628
- **Featherfist** (Men)– Veterans HSG- 2255 E 75th Street Chicago, Il 60649 – (773) 721-7088 - <https://featherfist.org>.
- **House of James** (Men) – 15957 Halsted Street Chicago, Il 60426 – (708) 596-4957 - <https://www.thehouseofjames.org>.
- **N’ The Spirit Recovery Home** (Women)-7225 S Yale - <https://www.nthespirit.org>.
- **Henry’s Sober Living** (Men)– 8032 S Ingleside Ave Chicago, Il 60619 – (773) 752-1300 - <http://www.henryshouse.org>.
- **Hardin House** (Men and Women)-7249 S St. Lawrence Ave Chicago, Il 60619 – (773) 874 – 3774 - <https://hardinhouseinc.org>.
- **Recovery Bound** (Men)– 511 Belle Ct, Phoenix, Il 60426 – (708) 825-9797 - <https://recoveryboundnfp.com>.
- **Southside Center of Hope** (Women)– 10420 S Halsted St. Chicago, Il – (773) 445-5445- <https://www.southsidecenterofhope.org>.
- **Burbank Oxford House** – 7953 S. Latrobe Burbank Il 60459 – (779) 375-8932 - <https://www.oxfordhouse.org>.
- **Zacchaeus House** (Men) – 12242 S Parnell Chicago, Il 60628 – (773)568-7822 - <https://bci.archchicago.org/resources/zacchaeus-house>.
- **Restoration Ministries** (Men and Women) – 253 E 159th St. Harey Il 60426 – (708) 333-3370. <https://restorationministries.net>.
- **Brighter Behavior Choices NFP** (Women)– 6525 S Campbell Ave. Chicago, Il 60629
- **Hammond North LRH for Women** (219) 805-0414 - <https://www.bbchoices.com>.
4411 Baltimore Ave Hammond, In 46327
6912 Calumet Ave, Hammond, In 46327
- **Better Roads Recovery Ministry (Male and Female)** – 519 State ST #1533
Hamond, IN – (219) 228-2860. <https://www.brrm.org..>

Department of Children Services – DCFS

- **Envision Unlimited** – 1814 W 103rd St. Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 241-5700 - <https://www.envisionunlimited.org>.
- **Children’s Home & Aid** – 1701W 63rd St 60621 (773) 476-6998 - <https://loveyourcity.org/organization/childrens-home-aid-mitzi-freidheim->

[englewood-child-family-center/](#).

- **DCFS** – 15115 S Dixie Hwy Harvey il 60426 – (708) 210-2800 - <https://dcfs.illinois.gov>.

Shelter/Emergency Housing

Salvation Army (Englewood) – 845 W 69th St. Chicago, Il 60621 – (773) 382-4600- <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/>.

A Little Bit of Heaven – 11321 S Wentworth Ave Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 264-https://www.bettymills.com/shelter/view/714624-a-little-bit-of-heaven-chicago-il-60628?srsId=AfmBOooU2PPB_ntedEJAPd_-TmH0ZFawrxKE1Rt0Pkfr3AvOJKj2CPXY.

The Ark of St. Sabina – 7800 S Racine Ave Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 483-4333 <https://www.thearkofstsabina.org>.

Better Sister and Brother Growth – 29 W 159th St. Harvey, Il 60426 – (708) 566-<https://www.tbsgnetwork.org>.

- **Certified Recovery Congregations**

Historical Bethany Union Church – 1750 W 103rd Street Chicago, Il 60643 - <https://www.bethanyunion.com>.

Second Mt Vernon Missionary Baptist Church – 7922 S Hoyne Chicago, Il 60620 <https://www.smvmbc.org>.

Affordable Permanent Housing

Far South Com. Development – 9923 S Halsted St Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 941-4833 - <https://farsouthcdc.org>.

Chicago Housing Authority – 9458 S Harvard Ave Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 742-8500 - <https://housing-and-economic-development-services.cmac.ws/chicago-housing-authority/721/>.

Mercy Housing – 901 W 63rd St Chicago, Il 60621 – (773) 966-2565 - <https://www.mercyhousing.org/lakefront/englewood/>.

Legal Justice Services

- **Target Area** – 1542 W 79th St. Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 651-6470 - <https://www.targetarea.org>.
- **TASC (Parole)**– 550 S Paulina St. Chicago, Il 60636 – (773) 778-3590 - <https://dnserrorassist.att.net/search/?q=http%3A//www2.tasc.org/&r=&t=0&srchgdeCid=aaaaaaaa&bc=>.
- **Chicago Police (Englewood)** – 1436 W 63rd St. Chicago, Il 60636 – (312) 747-8220 - <https://www.chicagopolice.org/7th-district-englewood/>.
- **Chicago Police (Auburn Gresham)** 7808 S. Halsted St. Chicago, Il 60620 – (312) 745-3610 - <https://www.chicagopolice.org/6th-district-gresham/>.
- **Chicago Police (Pullman)** – 727 E. 111th St. Chicago, Il. 60628 – (312) 747-8210 <https://www.chicagopolice.org/5th-district-calumet/>.
- **Oaklawn Police** – 9446 Raymond Ave Oaklawn, Il 60453 - (708) 422-8292 - https://www.oaklawn-il.gov/departments/police_department/index.php.
- **Robbins Police** – 3323 W 137th St. Robbins Il. 60472 – (708) 385-4121) - <https://www.robbins-il.com/robbins-police-department>.
- **Hammond Indiana Police** - 509 Douglas St, Hammond In, (219) 852-2900 - <https://www.gohammond.com>.

Educational Institutions

- **Kiddie College Learning Cntr** – 7956 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 912-6599 - <https://kiddiecollegelearningcenter.com>.
- **Kuties Before and Aftercare** – 2423 W 71st Chicago, Il – (773) 304-4003
- **Kellogg Elementary School** - 9241 S Leavitt St. Chicago 60643 – (773) 535-2590 <https://www.kellogg.cps.edu/kellogg>.
- **Beverly Castle Academy**- 10244 S longwood Dr. Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 239-2299 - <https://beverlycastle.com>.
- **Shoop Elementary School** – 11140 S Bishop St. Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 535-2715 - <https://www.shoop.cps.edu>.
- **St. Rita of Casica H.S.** – 7740 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 925-6600 - <https://www.stritahs.com>.
- **Gwendolyn Brooks Col. Prep** -250 E 111th St. Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 535-9930 - <https://www.brookscollegeprep.org>.
- **Southside Occupational Acad.** – 7342 S Gye Ave Chicago, Il 60636 – (773) 535-9100 - <https://www.southsideacademycps.org>.
- **Olive Harvey College** – 10001 S Woodlawn Ave. Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 291-6100 - <https://www.ccc.edu/olive-harvey/home/>.
- **Richard Daley College** – 7500 S Pulaski Rd. Chicago, Il 60652 – (773) 838-7500 <https://www.ccc.edu/daley/home/>.
- **Chicago State university** – 9501 S King Dr. Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 995-2000 - <https://www.csu.edu>.
- **Governors State University** – 1 University Pkwy University Park, Il 60484 – (708) 534-5000 - <https://www.govst.edu>.
- **Larry’s Barber College** – 10456 S Halsted St. Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 779-2100 <https://www.larrysbarbercollege.com>.

16. Youth Services

- **Ucan** – 10046 S Western Chicago, Il 60643- ((773) 429-0300 - <https://ucanchicago.org>.
- **Englewood Restorative Justice Comm Courts** – 845 W. 69th St Chicago, Il 60621- <https://www.cookcountycourt.org/location/englewood-rjcc>.
- **Golden Hope Foundation** – 9942 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 779-664 - <https://www.goldengate-funeralhome.com>.
- **Girls of Grace Youth Center** – 1125 W 95th Street Chicago, Il 60643 – (312) 789-4427 - <https://girlsofgraceyouthcenter.org>.

Senior Living

- **Orchard Place** – 11230 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60643- (773) 436-3788 - <https://www.apartments.com/orchard-place-morgan-park-beverly-chicago-il/4w8qjfk/>.
- **Imani Village** – 901 E 95th St. Chicago, Il. – (312) 977-0200 - <https://www.imanivillage.com>.
- **St Sabina Senior Housing** - 1222 W 79th Street Chicago, Il. 60620 – (773) 994-7850 - <https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-search/Illinois/Chicago/St-Sabina-Elders-Village/10009085>.

Nursing Homes

- **Bria of forest Edge** – 8001 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 436-6600 -

<https://briaahs.com>.

- **Southpoint Nursing and Rehab** – 1010 W 95th St. Chicago, Il 60643 (773) 298-1177 - <http://www.southpointnursing.com>.

HIV/AIDS/ STI - LGBTQIA+

- **Alliance Care 360**- 2929 S Wabash Ave St. 202Chicago, Il 60616 – (312) 808-1055 - <https://www.alliancecare360.org>.
- **Brave Space** -1515 E 52nd 3rd fl Chicago Il 60615 – (872)333-5199 - <https://www.bravespacealliance.org>.
- **Center on Cottage Grove** – 6323 S Cottage Grove Ave 60649 – (773) 472-6469 - <https://www.centeronhalsted.org/center-on-cottage-grove>.
- **Howard Brown Health** – 1525 E 55th St Chicago, Il 60615 – (773) 388-1600 - <https://howardbrown.org>.

Entertainment

- **Beverly Arts Center** – 2407 W 111th St. Chicago, Il 60655 – (773) 445-3838 - <https://thebeverlyartscenter.com>.
- **Beverly Area Planning** – 1987 W 111th Street Chicago, Il 60643 (773) 533-3100 - <https://beverlyareaplanning.app.neoncrm.com/login?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fbeverlyareaplanning.app.neoncrm.com%2Fnp%2Fconstituent%2Fvolunteer%2Fprojects.do%3ForgId%3Dbeverlyareaplanning%26>.
- **95th Beverly Hill Ass** – 2100 W 95th St. Chicago Il 60636 – (773) 4600 - <https://95thstreetba.org>.

Local Organizations

- **CVS** – 1930 W 103rd Street Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 239-8041- <https://www.cvs.com/store-locator/chicago-il-pharmacies/1930-w-103rd-st-chicago-il-60643/storeid=2845>.
- **Family Dollar** – 2019 W 79th Street Chicago, Il 872) 264-3247 - <https://www.familydollar.com/locations/il/chicago/32483/>.
- **Atlas Wash-N-Dry** -2005 W 79th St. Chicago, Il 60620- (773) 417-6958 - <https://firmania.com/chicago/atlas-wash-n-dry-4532518>.
- **Golden Gate Funeral Home** – 2036 W 79th St. Chicago Il 60620 – (773) 846-7900 - <https://www.goldengate-funeralhome.com>.
- **Southwest Memorial Chapel** – 7901 S Komensky Ave Chicago, Il 60652 – (773) 424-3151- <https://southwestfuneralandcremation.com/home/>.
- **Walmart** – 9400 S Western Chicago, Il 60805 – (708) 299-0611 - <https://www.walmart.com/store/5485-evergreen-park-il>.
- **Sam's Club** - 9400 S Western Chicago, Il 60805 – (708) 422-7417 - <https://www.samsclub.com/club/evergreen-park-il-sams-club/6349>.
- **Meijer** – 9200 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60805 – (708) 499-8100 - https://www.meijer.com/?gad_source=1&gbraid=0AAAAADixm5DdyI3BljhBmmnM02_Ietev&gclid=Cj0KCQiAst67BhCEARIsAKKdWOn4rVXZV_OmDDc6_b2XyeEIUDDPU5069w4oSk2odbivaidCkMV9GTMaAsK7EALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds.
- **U.S. Bank** – 1357 W 103rd Street Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 881-2200 - <https://www.usbank.com/locations/illinois/chicago/1357-w-103rd-st-bank-atm/>.
- **Citibank** – 9449 S Western Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 941-7998 -

<https://www.citi.com>.

- **Chase Bank** – 2310 W 95th St. Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 445-1770 - <https://locator.chase.com/il/chicago/2310-w-95th-st>.
- **Beverly Bank and Trust** – 10258 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 239-2265 - <https://www.thebeverlybank.com>.
- **Starbucks** – 1933 W 103rd Street Chicago, Il 60643 – (773) 239-7139 - <https://www.starbucks.com/store-locator?map=41.65127,-87.74508,10z>.
- **Salvation Army Family Store & Donation** – 8732 S Cicero Ave, Oaklawn Il 60453 (800) 728-7825 - <https://satruck.org>.
- **316 Magazine** – 7001 S South Chicago Ave Chicago, Il 60637 – (312) 273-4057 - <https://316magazine.com>.
- **Ceda Cntr for Com Action** – 53 E 154th St #3 Harvey, Il 60426 – (708) 339-3611- <https://www.mapquest.com/us/illinois/ceda-center-for-commnty-action-279372577>.
- **Appearances Hair Salon** – 7105 S Artesian Chicago Il 60629 – (773) 459-4354
- **Bijou Body Spa** – 1935 W 95th St. Chicago, Il 60643 – (708) 515-3223- <https://www.bijoubodyspa.com>.

Food Pantries

- **Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry** – 11030 S Longwood Dr. Chicago, Il – (773) 239-3013 - <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/locations/maple-morgan-park-community-food-pantry/>.
- **Shelton Heights Food Pantry** – 11301 S Halsted St. Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 568-2929 ext 221- <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/locations/sheldon-heights-coc/>.
- **St. Sabina Food Pantry**– 1120 W 79th Street Chicago, Il. 60620 – (773) 846-3018 <https://www.findhelp.org/st.-sabina-social-services-center--chicago-il--food-pantry/4883030954213376?postal=60601>.
- **Fellowship MB Church** – 4543 S Princeton Ave Chicago, Il 60609 – (773) 924-3232 - <https://fellowshipchicago.com>.
- **New Joy Divine** – 7625 S Halsted Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 224-5683 - <https://dnserrorassist.att.net/search/?q=http%3A//www.newjoydivinefgc.com/&r=&t=0&srchgdeCid=aaaaaaaa&bc=>.
- **Third Baptist Church of Chgo** – 1551 W 95th St Chicago, Il – 60643 – (773) 445-8500 - <https://thirdbaptistchicago.org>.
- **Bryn Mawr Comm Church** – 7000 S Jeffery St Chicago, Il 60649 – (773) 324-2403 - <https://brynmawrfaith.org>.
- **New Christian Joy Church** – 11594 S State St Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 468-2129 <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/locations/new-christian-joy-full-gospel-baptist-church/>.

Community Centers

- **Comm. Care Outreach** – 8615 S Ashland Ave #1 Chicago, Il 60620 – (773) 881-9007 - <https://www.auburngreshamportal.org/directory/3693>.
- **Holistic Comm. Outreach** – 11722 S Western Ave Chicago, Il 60643 – (773)429-0296 - <https://www.holisticcommunityads.org>.
- **Community Assistance** – 11717 S Halsted St. Chicago, Il 60628 – (773) 568-1782

<https://capsinc.org/contact-us/>.

- **Metropolitan Family Services** – 3215 W 63rd St. Chicago, IL - (773) 884-2350 - https://www.metrofamily.org/community_center/midway/.
- **Far Southside Coalition** – 837 W 119th St. Chicago, IL 60643 – (773) 627-4829 - <https://www.farsouthcc.org>. <https://sharenetworkchicago.org/resources/detail/catholic-charities-emergency-assistance-department-of-chicago>.
- **Catholic Charities** – 1120 W 79th St. Chicago, IL 60620 – (773) 846-3018 - <https://sharenetworkchicago.org/resources/detail/catholic-charities-emergency-assistance-department-of-chicago>.
- **Phalanx Family Services** – 837 W 19th St. Chicago, IL 60643 – (773) 291-1086 - <https://www.phalanxgrpservices.org>.

Warming Center

- **Englewood Comm Service Cntr** – 1140 W 79th St. Chicago, IL 60620 – (312) 747-200 - https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/fss/supp_info/community_servicecenterlocations.html.
- **Dr. MLK Com Center Service** – 4314 S Cottage Grove 60653 - (312) 747-2300 - https://www.chicago.gov/.../svcs/community_servicecenterlocations.html.

Reentry Programs

- **Teamwork Englewood** – 815 W 63rd St. #2 Chicago, IL 60621 – (773) 488-6600 - <https://teamworkenglewood.org>.
- **TREAD** – 11320 S. Halsted Chicago, IL 60628 - (312) 576-0523 - <https://treadchicago.com>.
- **We Organization** – 11033 S State 60628 - Chicago, IL (773) 739-2504 - <https://weorganization612.org>.
- **Intimate Partner/Domestic Violence**
- **Englewood Comm Service Cntr** – 1140 W 79th St. Chicago, IL 60620 – (312) 747-0200 - https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/fss/supp_info/community_servicecenterlocations.html.
- **Dr. MLK Com Center Service** – 4314 S Cottage Grove 60653 - (312) 747-2300 - https://www.chicago.gov/.../svcs/community_servicecenterlocations.html.
- **Olive Branch Mission** – 6310 S Claremont Chicago, IL 60636 – (773) 476-6200 - <https://www.obmission.org>.

The Far Southside ROSC has made significant strides in educating the community about Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) and Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs). This educational initiative has been well-received, as evidenced by the ongoing and active participation in ROSC council meetings. The community's engagement highlights the importance and effectiveness of these educational efforts.

Strengths: One of the key strengths of the Far Southside ROSC is the robust support from numerous local businesses. These businesses have consistently supported the community, and

this strength has been maintained into the second year. Their involvement has been instrumental in fostering a supportive environment for recovery and communities well-being.

Weaknesses: Initially, there was a notable lack of collaboration among various organizations within the community. This lack of coordination hindered the effectiveness of collective efforts. However, towards the end of the year, there was a positive shift as organizations began to work together more cohesively. This improvement in collaboration is evidenced by the renewed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), which signify a commitment to joint efforts and shared goals.

Year 3

The Far Southside ROSC Council is entering its third year and will be providing detailed information on the gaps identified during the second year. The efforts in the second year yielded several successful outcomes. Notably, the Far Southside ROSC Initiative (FSSRI) became a recognized Drug Overdose Prevention Program, offering Narcan training and medication to the Southside of Chicago. Additionally, the FSSRI played a key role in the formation of the Far Southside Task Force, which was established in the second year of ROSC. Throughout the second year, the Far Southside ROSC collaborated extensively with stakeholders to create employment opportunities for many individuals in recovery and returning citizens. They ensured that housing for Persons with Lived Experience (PLEs) was maintained throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Efforts to address food deserts in Auburn Gresham and Ashburn were successful, and a recovery home was established in Morgan Park. Furthermore, the increased need for resources during the COVID-19 pandemic led to enhanced collaboration with recovery homes, treatment centers, detox facilities, hospitals, and community companies. The FSSRI remained operational throughout this period, supporting these collaborations and underscoring the importance of the ROSC Council on the Far Southside of Chicago. As the ROSC Council enters its third year, the focus has shifted to addressing the economic challenges and inflation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes continuing to support the community through employment opportunities, housing stability, and access to essential resources. The ongoing commitment to these initiatives aims to build a more resilient and supportive community for all its members.

Update: During Year 2, despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, the Far Southside ROSC Initiative (FSSRI) made significant progress in addressing some of the gaps identified in Year 1. By increasing visibility and establishing connections with recovery programs, treatment centers, and homeless shelters, FSSRI was able to provide essential resources for utilities, housing, medications, and other community issues. This proactive approach significantly strengthened community support for the ROSC Council. However, Year 2 also presented significant challenges, including a rise in overdose cases. In response, FSSRI continued its efforts to educate the community and provide Narcan to combat these overdoses. Recognizing the need for further research, FSSRI is committed to addressing ongoing and emerging issues, such as price inflation affecting food, housing, clothing, gas, and medication. To better understand these impacts and seek effective solutions, FSSRI is conducting surveys across the Far Southside of Chicago. Throughout the year, FSSRI has been diligent in meeting community needs by assisting with the opening of recovery homes and grocery stores, and by engaging with politicians and aldermen. Despite these efforts, more work is needed. To identify community issues that create barriers to survival, FSSRI distributed a survey at town hall meetings, CAPS meetings, churches, recovery homes, treatment centers, and hospitals. The survey consisted of 13 questions to avoid overwhelming respondents, with only name and zip code being optional demographic questions. This universal design aimed to address common issues faced by the community.

Exhibit A

Questions:

1. Has the inflation in prices caused financial difficulties? If yes, how:
 - 80% of those who answered this question said that inflation has caused financial difficulties in their lives with the main reason being prices are going up, but wages are not.
2. Have you lost anything because of the inflation in prices (car, housing etc.)? If yes explain:
 - 75% of those who answered this question said they have downsized opposed to losing any of their basic needs.
3. Have you accessed any resources to assist during the price inflations?

- 98% of those who answered this question said they have used resources during the price inflation (CEDA, DHS and PPE loans).
4. What resources are available in your community (treatment programs, housing, food pantry's etc.)?
 - 50% of those who answered this question said they have these resources in their immediate communities. Others informed they must go out of their communities for these services.
 5. Have addiction, overdoses and mental health increased in your communities in the past year?
 - 97% of those who answered this question said overdoses and mental health has increased in their communities their evidence was the increase of gun violence and crime.
 6. Do you have Narcan, and have you shared your knowledge of Narcan with friends, family, and your community? If no why, and if yes what was their response.
 - 75% of those who answered this question said they have Narcan. 60% informed they have shared this information with others, who some are open, and others are where not.
 7. Are you open to recovery-based programs being put in your community (treatment centers, safe houses, recovery home)? I yes why, if not why:
 - 50% of those who answered this question said they are not open to having recovery-based programs in their community (stigmas were identified).
 8. Have law enforcement, Alderman and legislative been sensitive to your community needs.
 - 50% of those who answered this question said the law enforcement, alderman and legislative has been sensitive to their community needs. The other 50% said that law enforcement does not come into their area, and they did not know their alderman or other legislators.
 9. Have crime increased in your communities in the past year?
 - 100% said crime has increased in their area, emphasizing nowhere is safe.
 10. Have homelessness increased in your communities?

- 25% of those who answered this question said homelessness has not increased or not visible. The other 75% said homelessness has increased with the youths in their communities.

11. Have collaboration increased in your communities?

- 50% of those who answered this question said they saw collaboration increase during COVID, but it seems things is going back to how they were. The other 50% were undecided.

12. Do you use community platforms to get your voice heard about your community concerns (block club meetings, town halls etc.?)

- 30% of those who answered this question said they have attended community platforms. The 70% answered no.

13. What are some barriers in your community that you want to be addressed?

- 98% of those who answered this question mostly identified finances and crime as the biggest barriers that need to be addressed.

The survey was meticulously designed to gather critical information for legislators and decision-makers, with the primary goal of securing some reprieve for the people. By identifying and addressing the barriers within the community, the survey aims to bring substantial assistance to individuals struggling with addiction, those in recovery, their families, and the broader community. Addressing these barriers is expected to provide much-needed support and resources, potentially reducing the stigmas associated with substance use, harm reduction, and mental illness. The insights gained from the survey will enable policymakers to make informed decisions that directly benefit the community. By highlighting the specific needs and challenges faced by the community, the survey serves as a powerful tool for advocating for necessary changes and improvements. This proactive approach not only aims to alleviate immediate issues but also fosters a more supportive and understanding environment for individuals affected by addiction and mental health challenges. Furthermore, the survey's findings will help in developing targeted interventions and programs that address the root causes of these issues. By focusing on harm reduction and mental health, the community can work towards creating a more inclusive and compassionate society. The goal is to empower individuals to seek help without fear of judgment, thereby promoting overall well-being and resilience within the community.

Update: In Year 3, we identified significant barriers related to inflation, which appeared to be a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. To address these challenges, the Far Southside ROSC Initiative (FSSRI) supported many businesses by organizing meetings with subsidy housing providers, bankers, and other financial institutions. These meetings facilitated collaboration with individuals to help them maintain or obtain housing. Additionally, we played a crucial role in establishing more food banks on Chicago's Far Southside and hosted food drives with partners to ensure families received adequate nutrition. Prior to Year 3, there was limited demand for treatment or recovery services. However, we have since experienced a notable increase in calls from individuals, families, and friends seeking assistance. In response, Roseland Hospital has designated beds specifically for those with substance use disorders and mental health issues. Persons with Lived Experience (PLEs) have become our first responders, directly engaging with service providers to offer immediate support. While overdose rates continue to rise, we have successfully distributed Narcan to most homes and serve as a central hub for organizations to obtain Narcan in bulk. This proactive approach has been instrumental in addressing community needs. As a result, individuals in recovery, their families, friends, and the community continue to support the ROSC Council. This support is evident in the strong linkages with PLEs, increased involvement of family and friends, and the growing participation of those seeking recovery. Despite addressing some barriers, new challenges emerge annually. Violence and safety concerns have become prominent as crime rates increase throughout the Far Southside of Chicago. To tackle these issues, we remain committed to our mission of fostering a supportive and resilient community. By continuing to collaborate with stakeholders and adapt to emerging challenges, we aim to create a safer and more inclusive environment for all community members.

Year 4

The Far Southside ROSC Council is entering its fourth year and has expanded its reach to include additional communities. We are now serving the following areas to address barriers, foster collaboration, educate, and provide resources: West Englewood, Auburn Gresham, Beverly, Washington Heights, Mount Greenwood, Morgan Park, Roseland North-East, Calumet Heights, Pullman, South Deering, Hegewisch, Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, Robbins, Illinois (Southwest), and Hammond, Indiana.

In Year 4, we identified a significant increase in the demand for employees to return to physical office spaces, which has posed various challenges. One plausible explanation for these challenges is the rise in substance use and mental health issues that emerged during the period of remote work. The increase in substance uses and mental health problems has led to a higher number of overdoses and suicides across Chicago's Far Southside, contributing to an escalation in crime rates and disruptions within the community. To mitigate these issues, it is imperative to continue conducting thorough research and implementing effective strategies to address the barriers affecting individuals dealing with addiction, those in recovery, and the community.

Year 5

In Year 5, we will address the barriers identified by community voices. Our objectives include tackling youth progress stagnation, housing affordability, crime, safety, substance use, and mental health. By doing so, we aim to fill service gaps through increased collaboration and service provision for youth, assisting those priced out of housing to understand their rights, and identifying housing that accepts vouchers or accommodates fixed income individuals.

Regarding crime and safety, we plan to conduct safety training sessions and collaborate with law enforcement and legislators to ensure cameras are available at low or no cost, as well as enhance security for lots, stores, and businesses through additional police presence. Furthermore, we will continue providing Narcan training and supplies, as well as education and collaboration with treatment and other agencies offering substance use and mental health services.

The Family Support Services and Resource Initiative (FSSRI) commenced this year with a roundtable discussion featuring six young adults who have successfully overcome addiction, crime, and managed their mental health. Our goal is to promote this approach throughout the communities we serve to dismantle stigmas and fears among the youth. The questions addressed during these roundtable discussions are as follows:

1. Who are you and what are you doing different?
 - Most of the young adults informed they were here to address the stigmas that youths face. The informed they all got out of gangs, obtained GED's and is currently working summer programs.
2. Did you go through a program and if so, was it a peer-based program.
 - All the young adults informed they went through GRO Community program that is geared towards getting youths back on track.
3. Why did you go to the streets?
 - All the youths informed they went to the streets looking for love. All of gentlemen were in single parents' homes with fathers being absent.
4. Did you using mood-altering substances including marijuana?
 - All the youths said they used mood altering substances that exceeded marijuana. They informed the drugs allowed them to fit in and commit acts that they could not do if sober.
5. Has mental health/trauma been an issue in your life?
 - All the youths informed they dealt with trauma, and they did not know they had been traumatized. All of them stated they did not expect to live because most of their friends were dead.
6. Have you ever been shot?
 - Two of the youths informed they had been shot and started to carry guns as a result. Resulting in being placed in juvenile detention homes once caught with the gun.
7. Have you ever been incarcerated?
 - All the participants answered yes to this question added that going to jail is a rite of passage for their generation.

8. What are you afraid of?

- Each of the participants said they are afraid of dying. They all said they did not expect to live past the age of 18 so they never made plans to do anything with their lives.

9. What can you tell the people to assist with bringing down the fear in the communities?

- One of the participants said the people can give them a chance and stop passing judgment. Another said they can open doors for them to get jobs and help them understand what they need to keep a job. Lastly, a participant said to work with their communities.

10. Do you have any words of encouragement?

The youths discussed the importance of giving young people opportunities for a better life without fear of judgment based on their appearance or past actions. They demonstrated an understanding that the future depends on the youth and acknowledged that their decisions are often influenced by environmental factors, peer pressure, and a lack of structure and discipline.

Furthermore, a 13-question survey was developed to engage the community in identifying and addressing barriers such as inflation, stigma, substance use, mental illness, and crime.

Questions:

1. Have you been impacted by the pricing out of Seniors or Low-Income individuals.? If yes how:

- 40% of those who answered this question said yes, whereas informing there is little low-income apartments out south and they are attempting to take these away. Whereas, giving seniors and those with low income vouchers a very limited time to find somewhere to go on their budget. Therefore, leaving them to fear they will be homeless or must move with a relative. The other 60% said they were property owners and did not have this issue.

2. Have you, family or friends been a victim of crime (carjacking, burglaries, shooting? (If yes, explain).

- 85 % of those who answered this question said yes, either themselves or a family or friend have been shot, carjacked, home's burglarized or robbed at gun point.

The other 15% said they have not had anyone or themselves who have been impacted by crime.

3. Do you think we need to provide more safety classes for your community?
 - 100 % of those who answered this question said yes, followed by this will allow people to at least have some techniques to get out of the situation alive.
4. Do you think substance use and or mental health is a factor in the crime rate on the Far Southside of Chicago? Explain.
 - 90 % of those who answered this question said yes, reasons were lack of resources on the Far southside of Chicago and pride. The other 10% said they believe people just continued to blame everything on those with substance use issues and mental health because it is easier to blame someone for what is happening.
5. Do you think substance misuse and or mental health impacts our youths?
 - 100% of those who answered this question said yes, followed by there is no discipline or structure with youths. Also, now that marijuana has been legalized to some degree it has made things worse for the youths, they smoke day in and day out which leads them to not becoming employed.
6. What are some ways we can reach our youths that seem to be struggling with substance use disorder and mental health issues? Explain
 - 95 % of those who answered this question said discipline needs to be put back in place and, they need to give stricter guidelines to legalized marijuana. The other 10% said they believe this is a parenting issue and their home environment.
7. Do you think Narcan has had a good impact in your communities, if no why and if yes what was their response?
 - 100% of those who answered this question said Narcan has been a great life saver.
8. Have law enforcement, Alderman and legislative been sensitive to your community needs.
 - 70% who answered this question said they believe law enforcement; alderman and the legislative are doing the best they can with all that is going on. The other 30% said they do not believe law enforcement, alderman or the legislative is doing all that is possible for their communities.

9. Have crime increased in your communities in the past year?
- 100% who answered this question said crime has increased in their areas which is mostly because people still do not want to return to work and there is no more free money.
10. Are you using your communities' resources?
- 80% of those answered this question with a yes and the other 20% said they are not using their community resources and did not give a reason why.
11. Have homelessness increased in your communities?
- 97% of those who answered this question said no and the other 3% say yes.
12. Have collaborations increased in your communities?
- 70% said yes to this question and 30% said no.
13. What are some barriers in your community that you want to be addressed?
- The overall answer to this question was safety and more resources in the communities.

Year 6

Conducting a needs assessment yearly is vital for effective community planning and development. It's a strategic approach to understanding and addressing the evolving needs of a community. This regular process helps adapt to social, economic, and environmental changes, ensuring priorities remain relevant. Assessing needs annually helps identify emerging issues early. By gathering feedback from community members, stakeholders can proactively address threats and seize opportunities, improving overall well-being. Regular assessments ensure efficient resource allocation, focusing on the most pressing issues to maximize impact. Involving community members in the assessment process fosters ownership and collaboration, building trust between leaders and residents. Transparency and sharing results openly demonstrate a commitment to addressing concerns and provide a platform for accountability. Continuous improvement is a key benefit. Evaluating past initiatives and identifying areas for enhancement helps refine strategies and achieve better results over time. Adaptability to change ensures strategies remain flexible and responsive to new developments. Yearly needs assessments are crucial for sustainable community growth. They enable understanding of changing needs, ensure effective resource allocation, enhance engagement, and drive continuous improvement, building a resilient foundation for the future.

Update: In Year 5, we tackled the barriers identified through community feedback. We saw some progress in mitigating youth development stagnation through increased funding. However, housing affordability remains a significant issue within Chicago's city limits, seemingly due to gentrification in impoverished areas. Crime continues to significantly affect the communities and merchants. Substance use and mental health challenges remain consistent, likely due to the emergence of new substances. To address these gaps, we have strengthened collaborations with park districts and other youth programs. We supported those impacted by housing costs by providing sufficient time to secure adequate housing and access housing vouchers. Regarding crime and safety, we have installed cameras and requested additional law enforcement presence. We also continue to offer self-protection classes and tools. Furthermore, we have made strides in providing Narcan training and supplies. Schools and nursing homes are beginning to incorporate Narcan on their premises. While the Far Southside of Chicago was initially resistant to having Narcan machines outside their properties, we have introduced mountable Narcan units inside buildings. These units provide step-by-step instructions for administering Narcan, and we have received inquiries about obtaining more units. All these factors contribute to the cycle of substance use disorder and mental health issues on the Far Southside of Chicago, perpetuating overdoses, poverty, and crime. Therefore, ongoing research is essential to address the barriers hindering individuals in active addiction, their recovery, families, friends, and the broader community.

Community Improvements to Date

Community improvements to date hold tremendous significance for fostering a vibrant and resilient society. These enhancements are not merely a response to present challenges but are foundational steps toward a prosperous future. As evidenced by the various initiatives and programs implemented over the past years, the positive impact on our communities has been profound and multifaceted. Firstly, addressing barriers such as safety and resource availability has ensured that residents feel secure and supported. The installation of cameras, the presence of additional law enforcement, and the provision of self-protection classes have significantly contributed to reducing crime rates and enhancing the overall sense of safety within neighborhoods. Furthermore, collaborations with park districts and youth programs have played a pivotal role in mitigating youth development stagnation. Increased funding and supportive measures have provided our youth with opportunities to grow, learn, and thrive in a nurturing

environment. These efforts help prevent the cycle of poverty and crime, fostering a generation of capable and motivated individuals.

The introduction of Narcan training and the distribution of Narcan kits have been lifesaving measures in combating substance use disorders. By making Narcan readily available and providing clear instructions for its use, we have empowered community members to act promptly during overdose situations, thereby saving lives and promoting recovery. Moreover, addressing housing affordability and supporting those affected by rising housing costs through access to housing vouchers and adequate time for securing housing has been crucial. These measures ensure that residents have stable living conditions, which is fundamental for maintaining their well-being and economic stability. The distribution of COVID tests, masks, OraQuick HIV In-Home Self Testing Kits, and the placement of recovery coaches in hospitals highlight our commitment to public health. These initiatives not only protect community members from diseases but also promote a culture of health awareness and proactive care. The community improvements to date are indispensable for building a thriving and cohesive society. They reflect our collective efforts to address immediate challenges while laying the groundwork for sustainable development. Through continued collaboration, innovation, and dedication, we can ensure that our communities remain strong, safe, and resilient as we continue to initiate more improvements

FSSRI/TEECH tackled community issues identified in year 5 through meetings and discussions. Partnering with others, we supported our communities and added Dolton, Illinois as a new area needing FSSRI support. We started Narcan training sessions and distributed Narcan there. Below are the 2024 activities and improvements in the 13 communities we serve.

- Gained 16 new ROSC council members/organizations in 2024
- Hosted or co-hosted 23 community events
- Alumni and PLEs assisting peers with jobs and housing
- Distributed 2,880 Narcan kits and trained 642 individuals on Narcan
- Installed 30 Naloxone (Narcan) boxes in establishments
- Initiated Narcan training and distribution in senior buildings
- Distributed 1,500 COVID tests and 4,500 masks

- From Jan to June 2024, distributed 2,340 OraQuick HIV In-Home Self Testing Kits
- Placed recovery coaches in hospitals

West Englewood

- Affordable housing redevelopment
- Fifth Third Bank Opened
- Community Farm

Auburn Gresham

- Neighborhood Health Hub
- Oxford House (Burbank/Auburn Gresham)
- Fresh Fruit Market (Pete's Grocery) Auburn Gresham
- Trilogy Mental Health Center
- Save-A-Lot reopened
- Holy Cross has opened a 28-day treatment program

Beverly

- CPD reports a drop in crime
- Beyond Healing Counseling Therapeutic Services
- Six Story mixed use 102 apartment units with commercial use

Washington Heights

- Biomedical Research Building
- Affordable housing redevelopment

Mount Greenwood

- In discussion of community enhancement and what that will look like.

Morgan Park

In discussion of transforming an empty grocery store and abandoned property into new apartment buildings, stores, parks and a performing arts center.

Roseland North-East

- 3 families obtained their very first homes through the build back Chicago (Hope Center)
- Roseland Community Recovery Home in the process of opening
- Live wise (Youth Program)

Calumet Heights

- Recovery Bound (Phoenix/Calumet Heights)

Pullman

- South Deering
- Library renovations

Hegewisch

- In discussion of community enhancement and what that will look like.

Oak Lawn

- Mental Health Floor – Hospital (Little Company Mary)

Evergreen Park

- Got cameras in the parking lots of stores and more police security.

Robbins Illinois (Southwest)

- Became more acceptable to harm reduction and allowing Narcan to be placed in facilities.

Hammond Indiana

- Became more acceptable to harm reduction and allowing Narcan to be placed in facilities.

Fy25 Community Survey Findings

Surveys are an essential tool for understanding the various perspectives and needs of a community. They provide a structured method for collecting data directly from individuals, enabling organizations, governments, and businesses to make decisions based on actual sentiments and requirements of their target populations. Conducting surveys and gathering responses is a fundamental practice for understanding and addressing community needs, improving service delivery, fostering engagement, supporting informed decision-making, measuring public opinion, and enhancing communication and transparency. Utilizing surveys helps ensure that actions align with the real needs and desires of the served population, contributing to a more responsive and resilient community.

In November 2024, the FSSRI conducted a survey to evaluate community accomplishments, barriers and gaps, while identifying the necessity for FSSRI's ongoing involvement in these communities. By January 2025, we received 1,348 responses. The survey results, presented graphically, identified significant issues as perceived by those in recovery, their families, friends, and community members. The Far Southside Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) Council plans to address these gaps through education, support, awareness, and resources for individuals in active addiction, recovery, family, friends and the community.

Summary of Survey: Most respondents believe in respecting people who use substances (994 strongly agree, 225 agree) and those with mental illness (997 strongly agree, 306 agree). Many see MAR as effective for substance use disorders (410 strongly agree, 930 agree) but find it hard to access healthcare providers offering MAR (365 strongly agree, 925 agree). Harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe programs are believed to reduce drug use risks (845 strongly agree, 422 agree), though access is difficult (153 strongly agree, 378 agree). There is a significant need for more mental health and substance use treatment services (958 strongly agree, 206 agree), with strong support for increased government funding (1025 strongly agree, 101 agree). Perceptions indicate that not everyone can access mental health or substance use help regardless of circumstances. Decreases in overdoses have been observed since introducing harm

reduction services. Increased collaboration within the community has been noted since the Far Southside ROSC began. There's a strong demand for more youth resources (e.g., after-school programs, activity centers, mentorship) amid rising addiction and mental health issues among youths. Crime and homelessness have both increased over the past year. Opinions on community support for returning citizens and the sensitivity of law enforcement and legislators to community needs are mixed. Many use community platforms to voice concerns about these issues.

Survey responses indicate that the Far Southside ROSC Initiative (FSSRI) has positively impacted local communities through collaborations and partnerships. However, respondents have identified areas for improvement. By addressing these key areas, we aim to create a safer, healthier, and more supportive environment for all community members. Through collective efforts, we can make significant advancements and enhance the quality of life for everyone.

Focus Areas with Adequate Reasoning

Based on the survey conducted by the Far Southside Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care Initiative (FSSRI), several key areas have been identified that require focused efforts to bring about meaningful changes within the community. Here are the nine crucial focus areas along with the reasoning behind their importance:

1. Increase the Number of MAR Providers

Expanding the availability of Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR) providers is crucial to ensure that individuals struggling with substance use disorders have access to necessary treatments and support. The survey highlights the difficulty many faces in accessing healthcare providers offering MAR, signaling a significant gap that needs to be addressed to enhance recovery outcomes.

2. Enhance Harm Reduction Services

Boosting harm reduction services is essential to minimize the negative consequences associated with substance use. Services like providing clean needles, safe consumption spaces, and overdose prevention education have proven effective in reducing drug use risks, as seen in the survey's findings. However, access to these services remains challenging for many, emphasizing the need for increased availability and awareness.

3. Expand Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Services

The growing demand for mental health and substance use treatment services necessitates an increase in their availability. Counseling, therapy, and support groups are vital for addressing the mental health and substance use needs of the community. The survey results indicate a significant need for more services, underscoring the importance of expanding these resources.

4. Strengthen Community Support for Substance Use Issues

Providing comprehensive community support and services for individuals with substance use disorders, regardless of their circumstances, is necessary to foster a supportive environment for recovery. The survey reveals strong support for respecting people who use substances, highlighting the community's readiness to back initiatives aimed at substance use recovery.

5. Enhance Community Support for Mental Health

Increasing community support for mental health is crucial under all conditions. This includes raising awareness, reducing stigma, and providing accessible mental health resources. The survey indicates a strong belief in respecting those with mental illness, which can be leveraged to enhance mental health support within the community.

6. Boost Recovery Support and Mental Health Awareness

Increasing recovery support and mental health awareness is essential to help individuals in their journey towards recovery and to promote overall well-being. The survey results show a need for more support and awareness initiatives, which can significantly impact the recovery process and mental health outcomes.

7. Enhance Youth Resources

Providing more resources and support for the youth is necessary to address the rising incidence of addiction and mental health issues among them. The survey points to a strong demand for youth resources such as after-school programs, activity centers, and mentorship, highlighting the urgent need to invest in the younger generation's well-being.

8. Address Rising Crime Rates

The increase in crime rates within the community needs to be addressed through collaborative efforts with law enforcement and community programs aimed at crime prevention and safety. The survey indicates mixed opinions on community support and law enforcement sensitivity, emphasizing the need for improved collaboration and effective crime reduction strategies.

9. Tackle Homelessness

The rising incidence of homelessness requires immediate attention. Providing housing support, job training, and other essential services can help mitigate this issue. The survey highlights the community's awareness of the homelessness problem, underscoring the need for comprehensive solutions to address this pressing concern.

By addressing these focus areas with targeted efforts and community collaboration, the Far Southside ROSC Initiative (FSSRI) aims to create a safer, healthier, and more supportive environment for all community members. Through collective efforts, significant advancements can be made to enhance the quality of life for everyone.

Survey Results

Survey results are the data collected from a group of respondents through a structured questionnaire. These results provide valuable insights into the opinions, behaviors, and attitudes of the surveyed population. They are essential for identifying trends, measuring satisfaction, and making informed decisions based on the collective feedback. In the case of the Far Southside ROSC Initiative (FSSRI), the survey results help in understanding the community's stance on critical issues like substance use and mental health, revealing areas that need more support and resources.

The results obtained from the survey conducted by FSSRI bear significant importance in understanding the community's stance on various critical issues. These results offer a comprehensive snapshot of the community's perceptions, attitudes, and readiness to support initiatives aimed at addressing substance use and mental health issues and their associated challenges. First and foremost, the survey underscores the necessity of increasing the number of Medication-Assisted Recovery (MAR) providers. This expansion is essential to ensure that individuals battling substance use disorders have access to the treatments and support they need. Additionally, the enhancement of harm reduction services is highlighted as a key area, emphasizing the importance of minimizing the negative connotations associated with substance

use through clean needles, safe consumption spaces, and overdose prevention education. The survey results crucially spotlight the need to expand mental health and substance use treatment services. It is vital to address the growing needs of communities by offering counseling, therapy, and support groups. Strengthening community support for both substance use, and mental health issues is another critical focus, fostering a supportive environment that encourages recovery and well-being. Moreover, the data reveals a pressing need to boost recovery support and mental health awareness. By promoting these areas, individuals can find the assistance they require on their journey to recovery. Enhancing resources for the youth is also essential, as these demographic faces rising incidence of addiction and mental health issues. The survey also addresses the urgent need to tackle rising crime rates and homelessness within communities. Through collaborative efforts with law enforcement and the provision of housing support, job training, and essential services, these issues can be effectively mitigated. In summary, the survey results serve as a vital tool for identifying and prioritizing the community’s needs. They offer invaluable insights into the collective mindset and readiness to support and respect individuals facing substance use and mental health issues. By understanding these results, stakeholders can direct their efforts towards creating meaningful and impactful changes within the community.

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
People who use drugs deserve respect.	994	225	107	15	7
People with mental illness deserve respect.	997	306	32	13	0
Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) is an effective treatment for substance use disorders.	410	930	5	3	0
It is difficult to find healthcare providers who offer Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) in my community.	365	925	53	3	2
Harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs reduce the risks of drug use.	845	422	56	20	5
It is difficult to find harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs in my community.	153	378	783	30	4
It is difficult to find mental health and substance use treatment services in my community.	7	12	406	901	22

We should increase government funding on treatment options for mental health and substance use disorders.	1025	101	222	0	0
Everyone in my community can get help for mental health regardless of their circumstances.	24	98	346	848	32
Everyone in my community can get help for substance use regardless of their circumstances.	10	20	366	869	83
I have seen a decrease in overdoses since Harm Reduction and Narcan have been put in my community.	838	234	256	18	2
I have seen an increase of collaboration with organizations and community members in my communities since the Far Southside ROSC began.	759	467	107	12	3
There is a need for more recovery support and mental health awareness/services in my community.	958	206	111	71	2
We need more resources for youths (e.g., after school programs, activity centers, mentorship).	1003	305	40	0	0
I have seen addiction/mental health amongst youths increase in my community within the past year.	1006	267	74	0	1
I have seen crime increase in my community within the past year.	1301	047	0	0	0
I have seen an increase of unhoused (Homeless) in my community within the past year.	927	251	165	3	2
My community is welcoming to returning citizens, with open access to employment and residential housing.	307	333	209	198	301
Law enforcement, alderman and legislative have been sensitive to my community needs.	220	269	302	302	251
I use community platforms to get my voice heard about my community concerns.	1030	209	100	7	2

Question 21 -Survey Response with potential solutions.

Surveys are vital for collecting information, opinions, and insights. While multiple-choice and rating scale questions offer structured responses, Question 21 allowed respondents to express their thoughts in their own words. This open-ended question captured nuanced perspectives and unanticipated insights that might be missed in closed-ended questions. It aimed to make

respondents feel heard, thus enhancing engagement and participation. Question 21 encouraged detailed responses, revealed new insights, provided contextual understanding, and offered flexibility.

Key Areas - Possible Solutions

Identifying key areas and proposing solutions is crucial. It helps prioritize the issues that need immediate attention and resources, highlighting the most pressing community concerns that affect the community, such as stigma and cultural competence, lack of specialized services, health equity, and language barriers. Proposing possible solutions alongside these key areas provides a clear roadmap for addressing the identified issues. It offers practical steps that can be taken to mitigate problems and improve outcomes. For instance, community education and training programs can help tackle stigma and enhance cultural competence, while specialized programs and support groups can address the specific needs of women of color in substance misuse and mental health services. Furthermore, highlighting key areas and solutions fosters a sense of accountability and commitment among stakeholders. It encourages collaboration and engagement from various sectors, including policymakers, community leaders, and service providers, to work together towards common goals. By advocating for policies and funding to address disparities, and creating safe and supportive housing options, communities can move towards achieving health equity and better support for marginalized groups. Identifying key areas and proposing solutions not only helps to systematically address community concerns but also empowers individuals and organizations to take informed actions that lead to meaningful and lasting change.

Key Areas

Possible Solutions

Stigma and cultural competence	Community education and training programs
Lack of substance abuse and mental health services specifically for women of color	Establish specialized programs and culturally sensitive support groups
Health equity	Advocate for policies and funding to address disparities
Need for LGBTQ Recovery housing for young people of color	Create safe and supportive housing options
Services for other language barriers (Spanish)	Provide translation services and bilingual staff
Housing	Increase availability of affordable housing

Information about programs that can assist the community with accessing the available resources	Improve outreach and communication strategies
Turning abandoned homes into housing	Explore community development initiatives
Housing, case management	Expand supportive housing programs
Resources for seniors	Develop senior-specific programs and services
Grocery stores	Attract and support grocery stores in underserved areas
Low housing	Invest in affordable housing development
Meeting the housing needs of the homeless and working homeless, including safe, affordable housing	Increase funding for homeless shelters and affordable housing programs
Collaborative efforts with the faith community to encourage comprehensive engagement to create a healthier community	Build partnerships with faith-based organizations

Survey Questions and Responses

1. People who use drugs deserve respect.
 - 1-Strongly Disagree
 - 2-Disagree
 - 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
 - 4-Agree
 - 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Respect for People Who Use Drugs: A significant majority of respondents believe that people who use drugs deserve respect, with 994 strongly agreeing and 225 agreeing

2. People with a mental illness deserve respect.
 - 1-Strongly Disagree
 - 2-Disagree
 - 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
 - 4-Agree
 - 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Respect for People with Mental Illness: Similarly, there is strong support for respecting people with mental illness, with 997 strongly agreeing and 306 agreeing

3. Medication Assisted Recovery-MAR (which is the use of medications to treat substance use disorders e.g., methadone or buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder) is an effective treatment for substance use disorders.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral

- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Effectiveness of Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR): Many respondents believe that MAR is an effective treatment for substance use disorders, with 410 strongly agreeing and 930 agreeing.

4. It is difficult to find healthcare providers who offer Medication Assisted Recovery-MAR (which is the use of medications to treat substance use disorders e.g., methadone or buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder) in my community.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Availability of MAR Providers: There is a perception that it is difficult to find healthcare providers offering MAR in the community, with 365 strongly agreeing and 925 agreeing.

5. Harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs reduce the risks of drug use.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Harm Reduction Services: Many respondents believe that harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs reduce the risks of drug use, with 845 strongly agreeing and 422 agreeing.

6. It is difficult to find harm reduction services like Narcan and syringe service programs in my community.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Availability of Harm Reduction Services: Many respondents find it difficult to access harm reduction services in their community, with 153 strongly agreeing and 378 agreeing.

7. It is difficult to find mental health and substance use treatment services in my community.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Services: There is a significant need for more mental health and substance use treatment services in the community, with 958 strongly agreeing and 206 agreeing.

8. We should increase government funding on treatment options for mental health and substance use disorders.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Government Funding for Treatment Options: A large number of respondents support increasing government funding for mental health and substance use disorder treatment options, with 1025 strongly agreeing and 101 agreeing

9. Everyone in my community can get help for mental health regardless of income level, insurance status, race, ethnicity, primary language, disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, or citizenship status.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Community Support for Mental Health and Substance Use: There is a perception that not everyone in the community can get help for mental health and substance use regardless of their circumstances.

10. Everyone in my community can get help for substance use regardless of income level, insurance status, race, ethnicity, primary language, disabilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, or citizenship status.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Community Support for Mental Health and Substance Use: There is a perception that not everyone in the community can get help for mental health and substance use regardless of their circumstances.

11. I have seen a decrease in overdoses since Harm Reduction and Narcan have been put in my community.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Impact of Harm Reduction and Narcan: Many respondents have observed a decrease in overdoses since the introduction of harm reduction and Narcan in their community.

12. I have seen an increase of collaboration with organizations, community members in my communities since the Far Southside ROSC began.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Collaboration in the Community: Respondents have seen an increase in collaboration with organizations and community members since the Far Southside ROSC began.

13. There is a need for more recovery support and mental health awareness/services in my community.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Need Recovery Support and Mental Health Awareness: Respondents see a strong need for more recovery support and mental health awareness/services in their community.

14. We need more resources for youths ex., after school programs, activity centers, mentorship.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Survey Response: Need for Youth Resources: There is a strong demand for more resources for youths, such as after-school programs, activity centers, and mentorship

15. I have seen addiction/mental health amongst youths increase in my community within the past year.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Increase in Addiction/Mental Health Issues Among Youths: Many respondents have observed an increase in addiction and mental health issues among youths in the community over the past year.

16. I have seen crime increase in my community within the past year.

- 1-Strongly Disagree

- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Increase in Crime: There has been an observed increase in crime and homelessness in the community over the past year

17. I have seen an increase of unhoused (Homeless) in my community within the past year.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Increase in Homelessness: There has been an observed increase in crime and homelessness in the community over the past year.

18. My community is welcoming to returning citizens, whereas open to providing employment and residential housing.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Community Support for Returning Citizens: There is a mixed perception about the community's support for returning citizens, with some respondents agreeing that there is open access to employment and residential housing.

19. Law enforcement, alderman and legislative have been sensitive to my community needs.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Sensitivity of Law Enforcement and Legislators: Respondents have mixed opinions on whether law enforcement, aldermen, and legislators have been sensitive to community needs.

20. I use community platforms to get my voice heard about my community concerns ex., ROSC meetings, block clubs' meetings, CAPS, townhall meetings.

- 1-Strongly Disagree
- 2-Disagree
- 3-Neither agree nor Disagree/Neutral
- 4-Agree
- 5-Strongly Agree

Survey Response: Use of Community Platforms: Many respondents use community platforms to voice their concerns about community issues.

21. What are some additional barriers/gaps you would like to be addressed in your community?

Survey Data Analysis Questions 1-19

Data analysis helps make informed decisions and understand influencing factors. The section below details the qualitative analysis of survey responses, highlighting recurrent themes and key statements. It aimed to amplify the voices of those affected by addiction and mental health issues, working with individuals in recovery, their families, friends, and stakeholders to address barriers. The main goal is to simplify complex data, making it interpretable and meaningful.

Survey Feedback Analysis

Survey feedback analysis is particularly crucial when addressing community concerns and improving services. By examining survey responses, we can make informed decisions that genuinely reflect the needs and priorities of the community. This approach is especially vital for tackling addiction and mental health issues, where it is essential to amplify the voices of those affected. Survey feedback help identify barriers and gaps within the community. For instance, they may reveal significant obstacles to accessing harm reduction services and mental health treatment, which policymakers and healthcare providers can subsequently address. Effective survey feedback analysis fosters collaboration among community members, healthcare providers, and policymakers. By comprehending the community's needs and priorities, stakeholders can collaborate to create a more inclusive and supportive environment. Survey results can also guide the allocation of funding and resources. If a survey indicates robust support for harm reduction services and increased mental health funding, this can lead to enhanced financial backing for these areas. Analyzing survey feedback illustrates that the community's voice is heard and valued, which can boost community engagement and participation in future initiatives, fostering a sense of ownership and commitment to collective goals. Survey feedback analysis is an indispensable tool for understanding and addressing community needs. It

empowers stakeholders to make data-driven decisions, identify and overcome barriers, foster collaboration, allocate resources effectively, and enhance community engagement. By adhering to these practices, we can build a more inclusive and supportive society for everyone.



Respect for People

Survey Feedback Analysis

Survey Feedback

Strong Agreement

The majority of respondents strongly agreed that people with mental illness and substance use disorder deserve respect.

Agreement on Respect

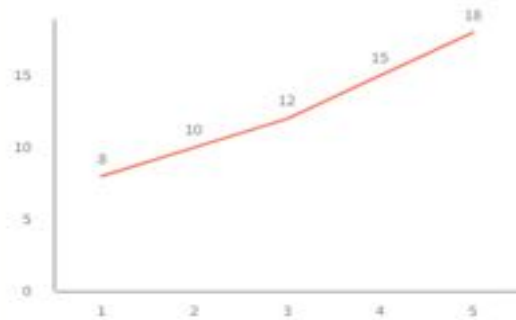


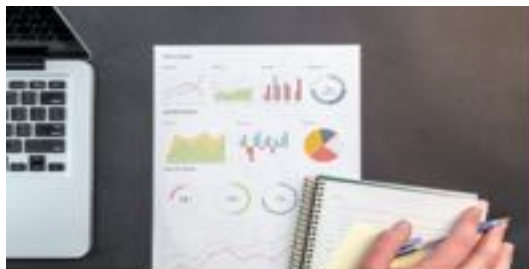
Strongly Agree (34%) Agree (24%) Neutral (20%) Disagree (10%) Strongly Disagree (8%)



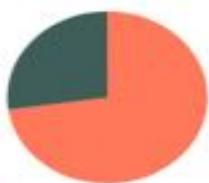
Access to Services

Respondents expressed concerns regarding access to healthcare providers and harm reduction services.





Response Patterns



Strongly Agree (72.73%)
Strongly Disagree (27.27%)

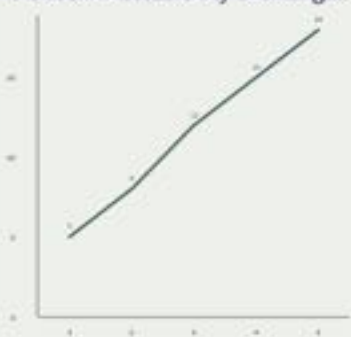
Strong Opinions

Respondents tended to have strong opinions on the topics of respect and access to services, with a clear majority either strongly agreeing or strongly disagreeing.

Access Challenges

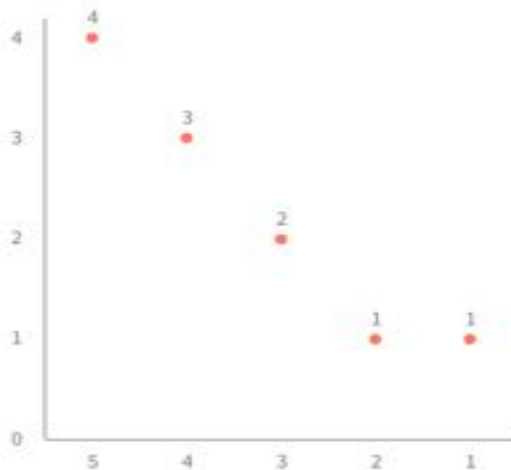
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Trends in Accessibility Challenges



Varied Opinions

While there was strong agreement on the importance of respect, the opinions on access to services varied. This suggests a need for tailored interventions to address specific challenges.



Survey Results

The survey indicated strong support for respect for individuals with mental illness and substance use disorder, suggesting a positive shift in societal attitudes.

However, respondents highlighted significant challenges in accessing essential healthcare providers and harm reduction services, indicating a need for improved resource availability and awareness.

The survey data provides valuable insights into the current landscape of mental health and substance use services, guiding future efforts to address critical access and support needs.



It is evident that while there is strong support for harm reduction services and increased government funding for mental health and substance use treatment, significant barriers to access remain. The community's call for more youth resources and the mixed opinions on support for returning citizens highlight the complexity of these issues. Addressing these challenges requires continued collaboration and commitment from all stakeholders to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for everyone. To address these challenges, it is crucial for community members, healthcare providers, and policymakers to work together. We urge stakeholders to increase funding for mental health and substance use treatment services, expand harm reduction programs, and improve access to healthcare providers offering MAR. Additionally, investing in youth resources and supporting returning citizens can help create a safer and more inclusive community. Let us all commit to making these changes for the betterment of our society.

Continuing the FSSRI Is Essential

Continuing the Far Southside ROSC Initiative is essential for several reasons. Over the past years, the initiative has played a pivotal role in addressing critical issues such as addiction, mental health challenges, and homelessness within the community. By conducting comprehensive needs assessments, the initiative has identified key areas for improvement and implemented strategic interventions that have led to beneficial changes. The Far Southside ROSC Initiative has fostered education, support, and collaboration, which are crucial for reducing stigma and facilitating recovery. The involvement of stakeholders and community members has been instrumental in building resilient communities, and ongoing initiatives will continue to focus on the care and support of residents in Chicago's Far Southside. The initiative's efforts have built trust and momentum, signaling continued growth and the potential for even greater impact in the future. Therefore, it is imperative to continue the Far Southside ROSC Initiative to ensure that the community's needs are met effectively and sustainably. Our efforts will continue to focus on creating safe and productive environments on the Far Southside of Chicago.

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