

# Illinois Shelter Alliance

The Illinois Shelter Alliance, formed in 2022, is a coalition of more than 50 emergency shelter and transitional housing agencies, as well as their allies, who are dedicated to saving lives in every corner of the state. We believe housing and shelter are human rights. There should be sufficient public resources to make sure our society meets this basic human need for everyone.

Currently, up to 4,000 people are unsheltered in Illinois every night. This includes women fleeing domestic violence, families with young children, veterans, and people who are medically vulnerable. Their lives are at constant risk and many are hospitalized due to frostbite, flu and other preventable illnesses.

We advocate for the creation of a more dignified, supportive and effective crisis housing system that guarantees shelter for everyone in need.

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## **55 Members (as of 2/10/23)**

- 360 Youth Services
- A Safe Place, Zion
- Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, Hillside
- Anew: Building Beyond Violence and Abuse, Homewood
- BEDS Plus Care, LaGrange
- Bethel Family Resource Center, Chicago Heights
- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago
- CDBG Operations Corporation, East St. Louis
- Center of Concern, Des Plaines
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
- Connections for the Homeless, Evanston
- Contact Ministries, Springfield
- Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Tinley Park
- C-U at Home, Champaign
- Deborah's Place, Chicago
- DeLaCerde House, Inc., Rock Island
- DuPage PADS, Wheaton
- Empowerment Opportunity Center, Decatur
- Fifth Street Renaissance, Springfield
- Franciscan Outreach, Chicago

- Grundy Area PADS, Morris
- Heartland Alliance Health, Chicago
- Helping Hands of Springfield
- Hesed House, Aurora
- Home of the Sparrow, McHenry
- Housing Action Illinois, Chicago
- Housing Forward, Maywood
- Interfaith Action, Evanston
- Journeys The Road Home, Palatine
- Kendall County Health Department, Yorkville
- La Casa Norte, Chicago
- Lazarus House, St. Charles
- Mercy Communities, Springfield
- Mid Central Community Action, Bloomington
- Morningstar Mission, Joliet
- PADS Lake County, Waukegan
- PADS of Elgin, Elgin
- Pioneer Center for Human Service, McHenry
- Project Now, Rock Island
- Respond Now, Chicago Heights
- Sertoma Centre, Inc., Matteson
- Social Services Organization, Naperville
- South Suburban PADS, Chicago Heights
- Stopping Woman Abuse Now, Inc., Olney
- Supportive Housing Providers Association, Springfield
- The Boulevard, Chicago
- The Inner Voice, Inc., Chicago
- The Salvation Army, Bloomington
- The Salvation Army, Decatur
- The Salvation Army, Quincy and Hannibal
- The Salvation Army Lincoln 360 Life Center, Lincoln
- United Way of Will County, Joliet
- Waukegan Township Eddie Washington Center, Waukegan
- Waukegan Township Staben House, Waukegan