

Survey Results: The State Budget Impasse Is Causing Homelessness in Illinois Advocates Call for a Responsible Budget with Adequate Revenue

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Has 187 units of housing with supportive services. Had to lay off 3 out of 4 social workers that provided support services to formerly homeless people to keep them stable in housing

Evan Cauble-Johnson

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Has 137 units of housing with supportive services. Had to lay off 3 staff. Case loads greatly increased. Some people will no longer receive services. Has stories from residents.

Dr. Sanja Stinson

Executive Director

Matthew House, Chicago

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Laid off 2.5 staff from supportive housing program. Cut transportation and mental health services.

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Had to close computer labs, which aid in job searching, resume building, skill development. Case management personnel have been reduced and if the impasse continues, case management services will be further impacted.

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One of their adolescent substance abuse treatment programs has been closed, impacting 90 youth. If the budget impasse is not resolved in September, they will have to eliminate their host home and shelter services for runaway and homeless youth.

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Staff is sacrificing with more work and less pay to keep budget impasse from impacting people agency services.

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Unable to pay utility bills at many of their rental properties for homeless families.

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Family Counseling Center just recently acquired additional services due to the forced closure of another mental health agency, Delta Center, Inc. within our service area. As a result, 65% of the Delta Center workforce was lost and several programs/sites were shut down including a HUD-sponsored housing program for the homeless.

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Only has cash on hand to make one more payroll in September.

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Proposed cut in state funding does not cover required match for federal funding.

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If the budget impasse continues disabled veterans and adults will lose their housing and will either be sent to nursing homes or be homeless

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Number of calls to crisis line for domestic violence victims has increased by 45% due to reduction of services at other agencies and own resources to serve victims have also been reduced.

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If does not see state grant funds by mid-September will be forced to cut hours and programs.

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They have a client with severe mental health issues who has lived independently with a state funded rental subsidy for several years. Her landlord recently received a letter from the subsidy administrator that because there is no state budget and funds are frozen, her rent payments will be delayed. The client is continuing to pay her portion of the rent, but if the state doesn't pay their share the tenant may very well be evicted.