

Illinois Executive Order to Fight Homelessness in Illinois

Overview of Executive Order 2021-21

DuPage County CoC All Member Meeting
November 19, 2021
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Today's Discussion

- Introduction – Path to State Homelessness Office
- What is an Interagency Council On Homelessness?
 - National Example: US Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Governor Pritzker's Executive Order on Homelessness
- Creating our State Plan

US Interagency Council On Homelessness

- USICH is a Federal Agency
- 19-member Agency board: e.g. Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, Education, Labor, Veterans Affairs, Justice, Transportation
- Primary Roles
 - “USICH works across federal, state, and local governments, as well as the private sector, to help communities create partnerships, use resources in the most efficient and effective ways, and employ evidence-based best practices.” www.usich.gov/about-usich/
 - Developed Federal Plan to End Homelessness
- Urban Institute analysis of USICH
 - “Brought government partners to the table
 - Coordinated interagency response to complex problem
 - Pushed leaders to follow the evidence on what works and what doesn’t
 - Defined ending homelessness, setting unified goal
 - Enlisted billions in mainstream federal funding”
 - <https://www.urban.org/research/publication/how-would-terminating-usich-affect-efforts-end-homelessness-findings-interviews-federal-agencies-national-advocacy-organizations-and-state-and-local-stakeholders>

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State Plan to End Homelessness

- Vision and goals outlined by March 30,2022 with implementation plan to follow
- State plan goals identified in Executive Order
 - Address homelessness
 - Address unnecessary institutionalization
 - Achieve functional zero homelessness
 - Improve health and human services outcomes for people experiencing homelessness
 - Strengthening safety nets that contribute to housing stability
- Promote collaboration and coordination with other statewide committees
 - IL Youth Homelessness Prevention Subcommittee
 - IL Commission on the Elimination of Poverty
 - IL Commission to End Hunger

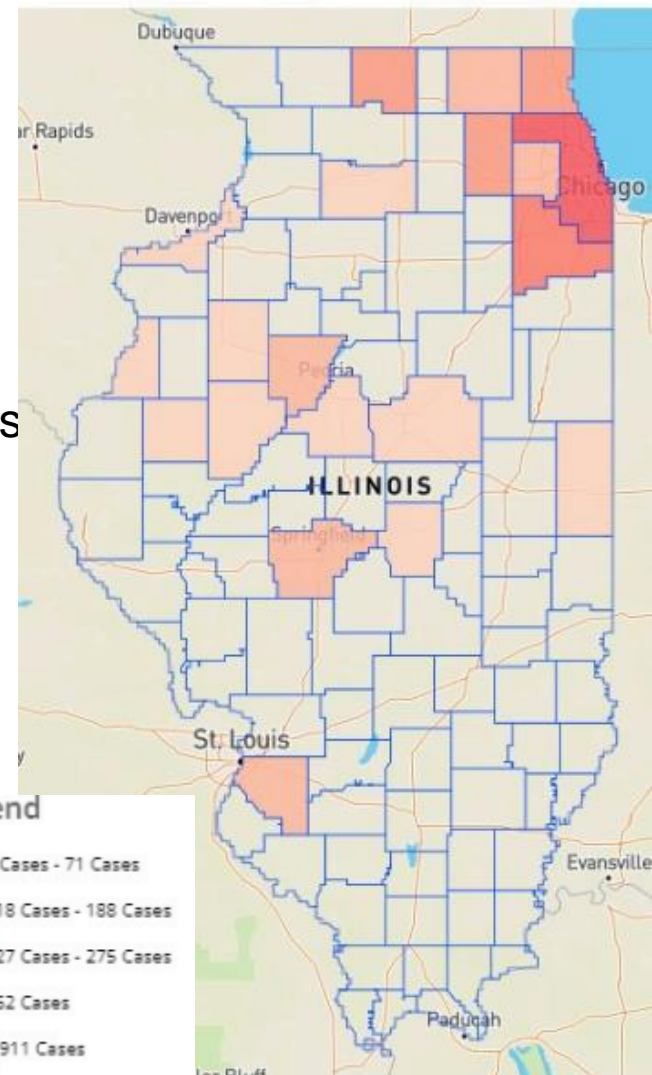
Data: Persons Experiencing Homelessness or at Risk of Homelessness in Illinois

- Estimated 10,000 persons experience literal homelessness according to IL Continuum of Cares' point-in-time counts (January 2019)
- Estimated 52,978 IL public school students experienced homelessness (2017-2018 school year)
 - 467 unsheltered
 - 5,140 in shelters
 - 2,037 in hotels/motels
 - 44,875 doubled up
- Estimated 414,000 low-income renter households with at least one household member working in industry impacted by COVID-19 (University of IL, Chicago & Southern IL University)
- Estimated 60,000 evictions expected in 2021 due to COVID-19 (The Eviction Lab, Princeton University)

STATUS OF EVICTIONS

From August 1, 2021 – October 24, 2021

- 5,055 evictions cases have been filed statewide
- The circuits with the most cases are:
 - Cook County, Chicago : 1,858 cases
 - Cook County – Suburban areas: 983 cases
 - Will County : 370 cases
 - Lake County: 275 cases
 - Kane County: 270 cases
 - Winnebago County: 227 cases
 - Sangamon County: 166 cases
 - Peoria County: 188 cases
 - DuPage County: 138



IDHA IL Rental Payment Program

- Built on 2020 CARES funds (\$231 million in emergency rent relief to 46,000 Illinois households with past-due rent)
- **Round 1 of ILRPP:**
 - 111,356 applications received requesting over \$1 billion in assistance
 - 57,013 of 89,122 valid applications approved (64% approval rate)
 - Over \$517M disbursed
- **Round 2 of ILRPP:**
 - \$250 million in funding from ARPA
 - Application portal will be opening again soon
 - www.illinoisrentalassistance.org



**ILLINOIS RENTAL
PAYMENT PROGRAM**

Interagency Task Force Membership

IL Housing
Development
Authority

IL Dept. of
Human
Services

IL Dept. of
Healthcare &
Family Services

IL State Board
of Education

IL Board of
Higher
Education

IL Community
College Board

IL Dept. of
Corrections

IL Dept. of
Veterans'
Affairs

IL Dept. of
Children &
Family Services

IL Dept. of
Public Health

IL Dept. on
Aging

IL Dept. of
Juvenile Justice

Commerce and
Economic
Opportunity

IL Dept. of
Economic
Security

IL State Police

State
Homelessness
Chief (Chair)

Community Advisory Council Membership

Persons with Lived
Experience of
Homelessness (3)

Person Living with a
Disability

Philanthropy (2)

Statewide
Behavioral Health
Advocacy
Organization

Statewide Housing
Advocacy
Organization

Continuums of Care
(2)

Local Units of
Government (3)

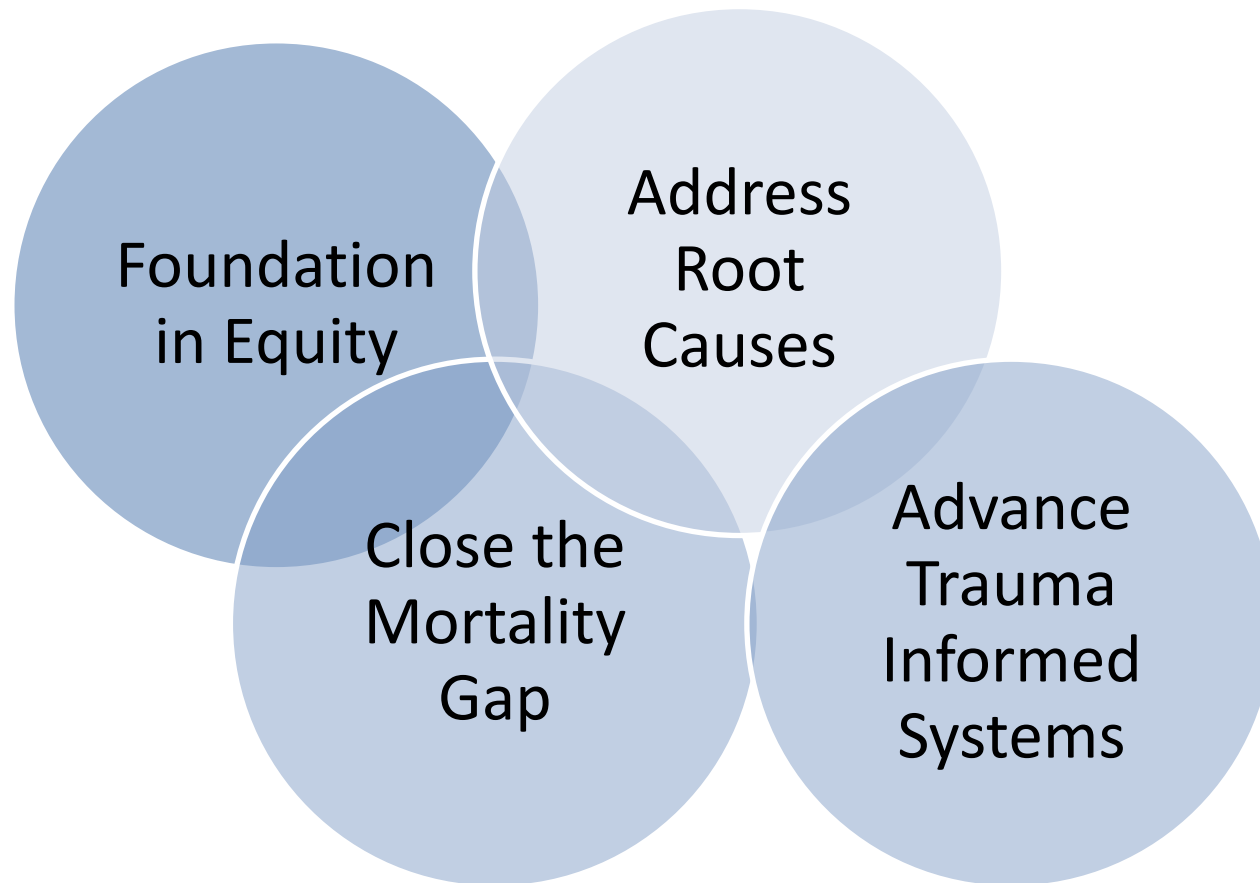
At-large (2)

State Homelessness
Chief (Co-chair)

King County, WA – Determinants of Equity



Developing the Plan: Values



Plan Development: Next Steps

Community
Feedback
Sessions

Meetings with
CoCs

Community
Advisory
Council
Appointments

Task Force
Appointments

Community Advisory Council Appointments

- Nominations for persons seeking appointment to the Community Advisory Council are accessed via this website:
 - Appointments.il.gov