

United Way of Central Illinois

2017-2020 Financial Stability Investments

Providing individuals and families the education, skills and supports needed to lead financially stable lives



Total Financial Stability Investments: \$217,605

Helping Hands of Springfield, Inc.

Stable S.M.I.L.E.

A life stabilizing budgeting and money management program which serves at-risk individuals who are sanctioned to have a payee by the Social Security Administration or by self enrollment. This program provides the necessary case management and advocacy support by trained staff to the chronically homeless and/or disabled by ensuring housing, bill paying, and stabilization occurs through the payee program. Stability is the ultimate outcome of the Stable S.M.I.L.E. (S.M.I.L.E.=Stabilizing Money Improves Life for Everyone) program and seeks to reduce stays in hospitals and shelters, reduce jail occurrences, by locating and maintaining housing options for individuals to live in their own dwelling while receiving and becoming open to services.

M.E.R.C.Y. Communities, Inc.

Permanent Supportive Housing

The Permanent Supportive Housing program offers safe, furnished and affordable housing for families, while mothers work on increasing their self sufficiency through supportive services and a professional support system. To enroll in this program a mother or child in the family must have a documented disability to qualify. To maintain enrollment the mother must enroll in an educational or job training program and/or be employed. They are expected to participate in life skills classes and mental health groups. The goal for the client is to maintain a home, enhance life skills and become self-sufficient.

Transitional Living Program

This program serves single women over 18 and their dependent children, who are homeless and without the resources or a support system to independently sustain their permanency in housing. The program works to enhance the family's living skills by helping mothers, as the head of the household, to complete their education and gain the job and life skills needed for self-sufficiency in their own permanent housing. All participants must be enrolled in educational programming or working a minimum of 20 hours per week. Graduates who fully achieve all of the objectives on their long-range service plan and realize independence in homes of their own, are eligible for up to five years of aftercare services to sustain the gains made during the transitional living program. On average, clients graduate after 15 months of the program.

Memorial Behavioral Health

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness

PATH is a federal program that is administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services. MHCCI operates the PATH program within its Community Support Services Department. The goal of the PATH Program is to help individuals find safe housing, meet daily living needs, and access psychiatric care and social services that can improve their daily lives so that they can become financially self-sufficient. To accomplish this, PATH provides a wide range of services including, but not limited to, outreach, screening and diagnostic treatment, recovery-focused rehabilitation, vocational referrals, psychiatric and counseling services, alcohol/drug referral, money management, and other essential skills to achieve and maintain independence and wellness.

Senior Services of Central Illinois, Inc.

Comprehensive Elder Assistance Services Program

The primary objective for this program is to provide comprehensive case management to assist seniors age 60 and older in maintaining quality, independent living with safety, comfort, and dignity. Clients receive wrap-around support by receiving assistance with applications of supportive services that include Medicaid/SNAP benefits, housing applications and re-determinations; well-being checks; and working with providers to assist senior clients with one-time assistance for disconnect notices, utility bills, rental assistance, food and emergency funds when needed.

Springfield Urban League, Inc.

Urban Youth Empowerment Program Rise

UYEP Rise provides education, job training and job readiness skills to youth ages 18-24 with United Way support. UYEP engages and prepares at-risk and adjudicated youth for entry into the workforce through a comprehensive set of services, including: Case management, Service Learning Projects, Education, Mentoring, Internships and On-the-job training as well as nine months of follow-up activities. In addition, the program offers wraparound services for participants including housing assistance, legal advice and tax services. The Urban Youth Empowerment Program (UYEP) RISE addresses the employment barriers of court-involved youth and young adults who have been detained and are being (or have been) released back to the community.

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln

F.I.T. Program

Serving at-risk adults that may have a disability, be homeless, low income, and/or be susceptible to abuse, neglect or exploitation because they are not able to access necessary services. The FIT Program uses a 5-Stage Supported Employment model which helps develop high intensity Individual Service Plans for each client to help them learn and maintain a job that supports self-sufficiency. This program also leverages and provides support services and training for financial literacy in the areas of financial planning and money management, financial institutions, taxes and insurance, saving and investing, and understanding and managing credit.