

2023 – 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Impact and Accomplishments

Lakeside Community Committee

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Jackie Sharp, CEO



A Message from the Board President

Lakeside Community Committee's mission of enhancing the quality of life for children and families by inspiring hope, empowerment and growth within all whom we serve is just as relevant today as it was at our founding more than 60 years ago. Indeed, given the grave challenges facing communities, families, and youth across the state, our work is perhaps even more critical now.

Thank you to all of our generous donors and supporters. Your gifts help us grow and change the lives of more and more children. I am also grateful for the backing and generosity of our board members, all of whom are deeply committed to our cause and reinforce my optimism for the future.

In addition to the clients served, our board was busy in 2023-24 with efforts to strengthen our organization that included:

- ◆ Review and updating our Strategic Plan
- ◆ Reviewing the mission and the By-laws
- ◆ Review and update of financial reporting

As you can see, we believe in operating our organization as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Again we are ever so grateful to all of you who participated financially or in whatever form or fashion. A huge THANK YOU to all of our staff at Lakeside who make us look good, by continuing inspiring hope, empowerment and growth in the families and youth that you serve.

Not to forget I want to thank our foster parents, consultants, community partners, funders, community leaders and other friends and neighbors. You are definitely an important part of bringing our mission to life.

For Every Child A Helping Hand,

Josephine Glover

Board President





A Message from the CEO

Welcome to Lakeside Community Committee's 2023-2024 Annual Report. Thank you for your interest in our child welfare organization.

This past year 2024 was a memorable one for me as it marked my 25th year with Lakeside and my 13th year as the CEO. I've learned many things, most importantly that the people Of LCC are what make it a very special, and one that touches many lives.

Keep reading to discover highlights and achievements from the past year. For example, we were awarded a Gambling Prevention grant from the Department of Human Services to provide outreach education to the communities about gambling prevention. This is a much needed service because gambling addiction affect all communities, including children as young as 11 years old to the elderly. Research shows that 27% of children between 11-17 spend their own money on gaming through arcade gaming machines. Research also show that young adults aged 18 –24 are more likely to engage in risky gambling behavior.

We were approved by the IDCFS to open an Emergency Shelter for male/female youth between 13 years old to 19 years old. The capacity is 10. The goal is to place them in a permanent placement within 30-90 days.

Our Emergency Shelter, Hope House serve male/female ages 6-12 years old, it is almost at full capacity of 8. These youth are placed in a permanent placement within 30-90 days.

Our traditional foster care program staff continue to help children find permanent homes through adoption and guardianship.

Our Board Treasurer, Tommie Williams out did himself again this year. He had another successful Christmas toy drive where we received an abundant amount of toys. Our community partner Pastor Terrell and Ms. Almatine Cook of St. Mark A.M.E. Church, again donated Easter baskets, school supplies, coats, gift cards for Thanksgiving & Christmas to our youth in the Hope Shelter.

Our new partner, Discovery Community Center donated boxes of children coats and pampers to share with our foster children and others in the community.. They also hosted a Easter and Thanksgiving basket giveaway, and donated boxes of school supplies, blankets , teddy bears and \$20 gift cards.

Lakeside Community Committee developed new collaborations with the following organizations: Black Administrators of Child Welfare (BACW), Illinois Chapter of Black Social Workers (ICBSW), and African American.....(AAA).

We are truly grateful for the generous donations we received in 2023-2024 . You have our commitment that we will be good stewards of the funds, continue our community collaborations, and remain steadfast in providing essential services to our client population in the areas of case management, transitional housing and emergency shelter.

When we come together, focused on caring for others and each other, we can truly impact lives in a special way; and it is amazing what courage, sacrifice, steadfastness, talent, and togetherness can bring. It can inspire hope.

In the Best Interest of Children,

Jackie Sharp, CEO

FINANCIALS

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

For the year ended June 30, 2024 with summarized comparative information for 2023

	2024	2023
Revenue and other support:		
Government contract revenue	\$ 7,091,356	5,509,955
Fundraising events	4,322	-
Contributions	7,995	9,330
Total revenue and other support	7,103,673	5,519,285
Expenses:		
Program services	6,049,885	4,741,419
Supporting services -		
Management and general	1,076,217	963,143
Fundraising	3,585	-
Total Supporting services	1,079,802	963,143
Total Expenses	7,129,687	5,704,562
Decrease in net assets	(26,014)	(185,277)
Net assets as of July 1, 2023 and 2022	213,514	398,791
Net assets as of June 30, 2024 and	\$ 187,500	213,514

FINANCIALS

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2024 with summarized comparative information for 2023

Assets	2024	2023
Current assets:		
Cash(note10)	\$ 383,936	121,000
Cash— restricted (note 3 and 10)	6,744	8,703
Government contract receivables (note 4 and 10)	645,855	627,756
Total current assets	1,036,535	757,459
Noncurrent assets:		
Government contract receivables (note 4 and 10)	47,295	50,294
Building	482,115	482,115
Furniture and fixtures	69,703	46,621
Safety and security equipment	40,584	35,112
Right of use assets (note 7)	503,482	732,745
Less: accumulated depreciation	(298,317)	(271,238)
Total noncurrent assets	844,862	1,275,449
Other assets:		
Prepaid expenses	13,491	26,257
Total assets	\$ 1,894,888	1,859,165
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 184,597	204,572
Accrued payroll and employee benefits (note 4)	814,382	506,557
Accrued interest (note 6)	8,250	8,250
Operating lease liability - current portion (note 7)	199,698	211,231
Funds held for others (note 3)	6,744	8,703
Emancipation funds	7,750	17,131
Total current liabilities	1,221,421	956,444
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Operating lease liabilities –noncurrent portion	343,275	542,972
(note7)	142,692	146,235
Note payable –noncurrent portion (note 6)		
Total noncurrent liabilities	485,967	689,207
Total liabilities	1,707,388	1,645,651
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	187,500	213,514
Total net assets	187,500	213,514
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,894,888	\$ 1,859,165

BELIEF STATEMENT

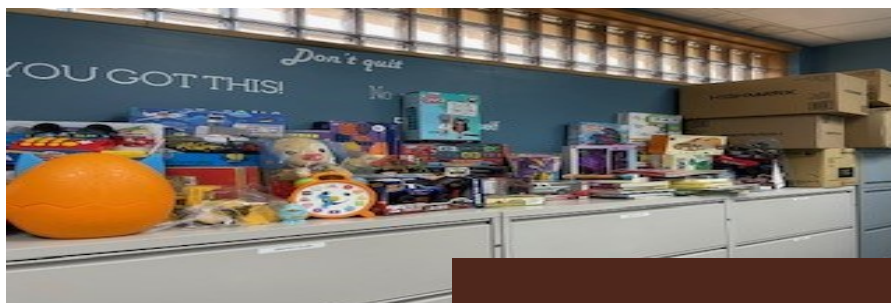
Lakeside Community Committee adheres to the following beliefs:

1. We believe in the highest ethical and professional standards, both for the agency and the employees. In dealing with clients, members of the community, other agencies, Lakeside staff and employees must follow standards which are consistent with the mission and the ethical standards of Lakeside Community Committee.
2. We believe that our clients are entitled to programs and services of the highest possible quality.
3. We believe that our clients are worthwhile individuals with something of value to contribute to our society.
4. We believe in the use of our services to power clients.
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6. We believe staff should be provided with a good work environment.
7. We believe in the development of staff members to their fullest potential.
8. We believe in community input/involvement in the planning and implementation of program services.
9. We believe in professional service for our clients.
10. We believe our programs must be operated with the highest level of fiscal integrity.
11. We believe in strong and productive partnerships with other agencies, our community, our funding sources, and all others involved in the delivery of quality human services.

The above beliefs and attributes are essential to Lakeside Community Committee, and especially in its efforts to establish, implement, and improve a Continuous Quality Improvement Program.. All staff must believe in the agency in order to meet challenges of today and the future.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Tommie Williams & TLW Steppers



HOPE HOUSE (SHELTER)

HOPE House is an emergency shelter that provides housing for Youth in Care in emergency situations. This Shelter houses Youth in Care who disrupt their placement in either their biological home, foster care home, or residential/group homes. This facility's capacity is up to 8 youth ages 6 to 12.

An independent living program to assist adolescent youth who need assistance with developing life skill. The program work toward assisting the youth with accessing post-secondary education/vocation and achieving self-sufficiency on or before their twenty-first birthday.



KYND kits Donated by The Discovery Center



Brief History of Lakeside Community Committee

Lakeside Community Committee is an important social service and economic anchor in the Chicagoland area that has provided its surrounding communities with a broad spectrum of child and family-oriented programs and services since its inception in 1964. Lakeside Community Committee is contracted by the Illinois Department of Children and Family services (the Department) to provide foster care, kinship care, transitional living and independent living services to abused and neglected children and youth who can no longer be safely maintained in their birth parent's home. The age of the clients Lakeside services can range from newborn until the courts determine that wardship should be terminated, never exceeding twenty-one years of age.

Lakeside Community Committee's corporate office is located at 7335 S. Cottage Grove Ave., and program office is located at 7418 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago Illinois. The normal hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Lakeside Community Committee has two transitional living programs (females only) on the south-side of Chicago. These program require staffing 24 hours per day., 365 days a year.

Lakeside Community Committee has an emergency shelter on the south-side of Chicago. This facility provides housing for Youth in Care in emergency situations and has a capacity of 8 youth ages 6 to 12.

Lakeside Community Committee maintains after hours telephone coverage for use during emergency situations. The answering service telephone number is the main number to Lakeside Community Committee, as this ensures that in case of any emergency, all Lakeside Community Committee clients, caregivers, and providers know how to reach the appropriate personnel.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS & RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

A. Transitional Living Program

Pregnant & Parenting Transitional Living Program the purpose of LCC's transitional living programs is to provide a safe and nurturing living environment for pregnant and parenting teens and their child(ren). Program services and supports are geared toward assisting the youth with achieving self-sufficiency on or before their twenty-first birthday. LCC's approach is to engage the youth in every aspect of their treatment and service planning thru life skills, mentoring. Parenting, educational/vocational services, and mental health services.

Non-Pregnant & Parenting Transitional Living Program

The purpose of LCC's independent living program is to assist adolescent youth who need assistance with developing skills. Program services and supports are geared toward assisting the youth with accessing post-secondary education/vocation and achieving self-sufficiency on or before their twenty-first birthday. LCC's approach is to engage the youth in every aspect of their treatment and service planning thru life skills, mentoring parenting, educational/vocational services, and mental health services.



Donation of Overnight Blankets

B. Independent Living Program

The purpose of LCC's independent living program is to assist adolescent females with safe and nurturing living environments for themselves and their child(ren) in the community. Program services and supports are geared toward assisting youths ages 17 ½ - 21, with accessing post-secondary education/vocation and achieving post-secondary education/vocation and achieving self-sufficiency.

FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS

Lakeside Community Committee's Traditional Foster Care Program provides a comprehensive range of individualized services and a foster care living arrangement for children whose physical, mental, or emotional needs will be served in a family setting. The caregivers hold foster home licenses and can meet the cultural, developmental, emotional, and behavioral needs of children in care and their families.

Kinship Care Program provides a comprehensive range of individualized services and kinship living arrangement for children whose physical, mental, or emotional needs will best be served in a family setting. The caregiver is a legal or blood relative to the child(ren), as defined by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Rule 402 Licensing Standards for Foster Family Homes.



EASTER BASKETS

ST. MARK A.M.E. CHURCH



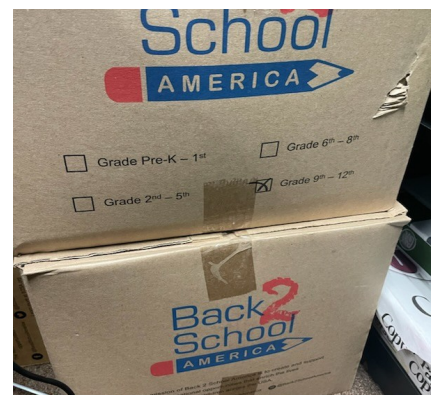
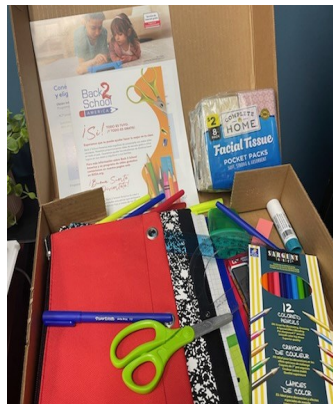
DONATION OF SLEEPING BAGS

INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION

Trauma Informed Services All of our work is done through a trauma lens. We strive to both prevent the experience of trauma in youth & families and support those who have experienced trauma in recovery and growth. We do this work through the **5S's**: providing a physically and emotionally **S**afe environment, **S**upportive adult relationships, **S**trengths based services that teach and model **S**elf-regulation skills, and a dedication to **S**elf-care for all staff.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- A. **Quality Improvement Department's** goal is to monitor agency compliance with all funding and accrediting bodies.
- B. **Finance Administration** responsibilities include funds disbursement for all budgeted programs, accounts payable, and employee payroll.
- C. **Information Technology Department** provides lineage to all agency data files: establishes internet connectivity; sets up and maintains PC workstations and produces brochures, annual report, and various other pertinent documents relative to the agency's needs.



DCFS DONATIONS

Overnight bags, School Supplies (Kindergarten—8th Grade)

GAMBLING PROGRAM

The Gambling Prevention Program provide community outreach and awareness about Gambling Disorder as well as educating Illinois residents about which individuals are at the greatest risk of developing problem gambling habits. According to an Illinois Study, roughly 1 million of the population struggles with problem gambling. This means upwards of 4% of Illinoisans have a gambling issue, with another 7% being at risk of developing them in the future.

The “Are You Really Winnin?” campaign is a statewide effort to raise awareness and give tools for responsible gambling for people who struggle with problem gambling which can include families, senior citizens, and youth. This campaign aims to reach a wide audience of Illinois residents through marketing outreach efforts including community outreach., community engagement, education and sharing resources.

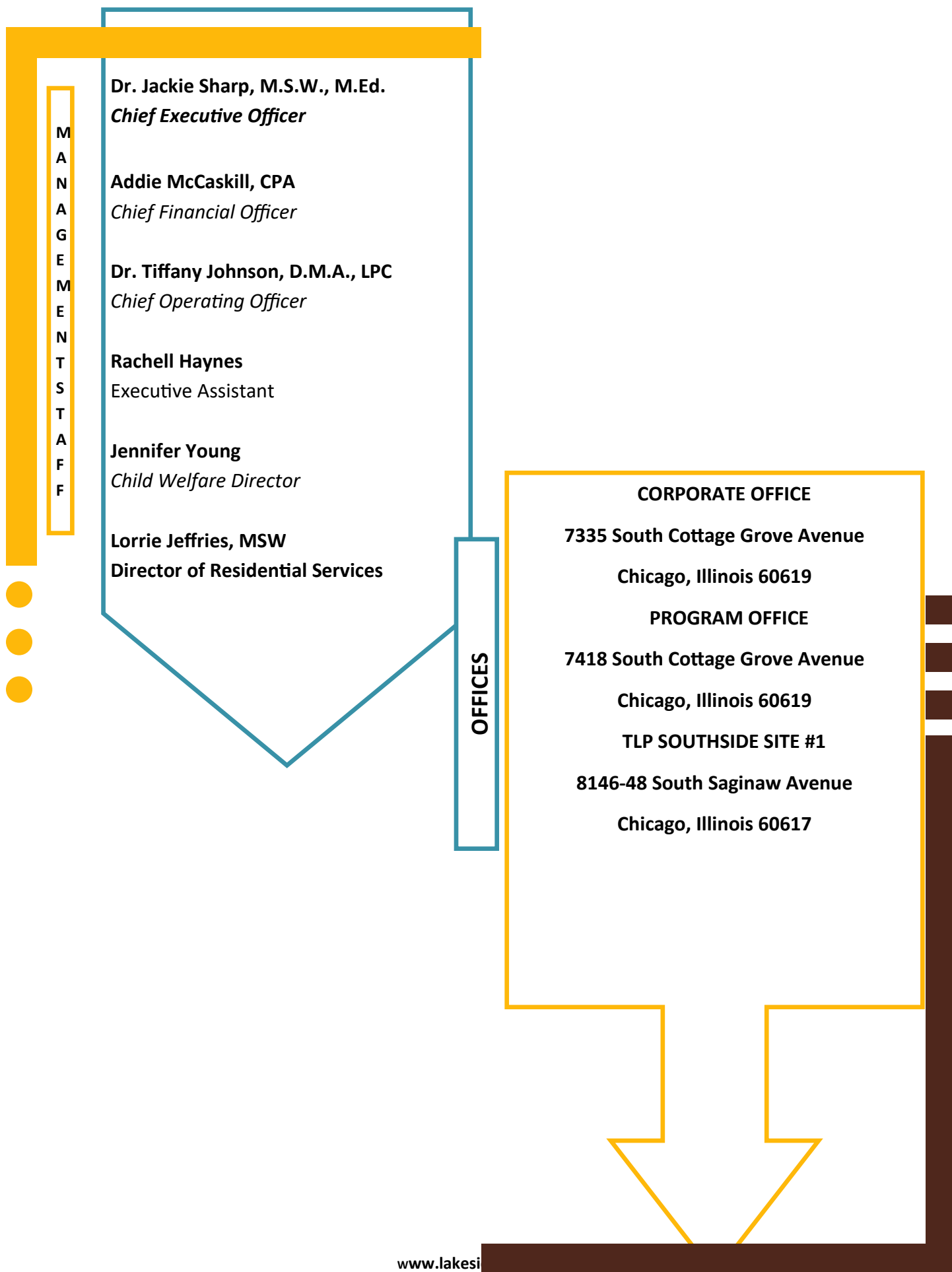
At Lakeside Community Committee our purpose is to lower the risk of problem gambling and gambling disorder through providing knowledge, screenings, and care assistance for those struggling throughout southside Chicagoland communities. Underserved communities as well as minorities are at a higher risk of participating in some form of problem gambling at one point in their lifetime and may partake in the ongoing habit for many years to come.

The Gambling Program’s mission is to assist surrounding communities by providing residents with education highlighting the challenges and disadvantages associated with problem gambling that will promote informed choices and lower the risk of developing gambling addictions. Our prevention services allow individuals and families to limit the possibility of financial hardship and encourage stability within households

We strive to improve the lifestyles, relationships, and unfortunate circumstances of those struggling with problem gambling.

We are committed to delivering exceptional resources and human services to residents of all Chicagoland communities. Providing outstanding outreach opportunities and events enables us to improve the quality of life for Chicagoans citywide as well as all residents within the state of Illinois.





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LAKESIDE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

MISSION



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Vision & VALUES

Our Vision is for Lakeside Community Committee to be an agency that is recognized as a leader in the deliver of high quality human services in the area of child welfare, welfare reform, and youth programming.

Our Values

- ⇒ Total Community client involvement and empowerment
- ⇒ The unification of the family
- ⇒ A consistently high quality of service for clients
- ⇒ The economic strengthening of our community
- ⇒ The fiscal integrity of our agency
- ⇒ A highly qualified and committed staff, and
- ⇒ Collaboration within and beyond our community

OUR COLLABORATORS



Illinois
Collaboration
on Youth



DCFS
Illinois Department of
Children and Family Services



6th Ward Alderman William Hall

PROVIDENCE
BANK & TRUST



**DISCOVERY COMMUNITY
CENTER**



St. Mark A.M.E. Church



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BECOME A FOSTER PARENT



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