



Our mission: VOA Illinois supports individuals, families, and communities who need it most, when they need it most. Since 1896, VOA Illinois has been there to make an immediate, tangible impact for the people we serve in our communities.

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HOUSING IS RECOVERY

Partnering with individuals to build strong futures through housing and essential skill building



PROGRAM

At VOA Illinois, we believe that a safe, supportive, housing placement is integral to mental health and substance use disorder recovery. In our Housing is Recovery program, we will provide individuals at the highest risk of homelessness and institutionalization with the supports they need in order to lead independent, fulfilling, healthy lives. By providing housing subsidies, financial assistance, holistic case management, and behavioral healthcare to those who need it most, we will help to create more equitable outcomes for individuals and communities we serve in Elgin and Kane County, IL.



SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- Immediate Access to temporary housing
- Permanent Housing Navigation, search, placement
- Rental Subsidy
- Security deposit, application fee, and landlord incentive assistance
- Utility assistance
- Sustenance Allowance
- Transition Assistance
- Holistic Case Management
 - Financial Literacy
 - Employment Assistance
 - Benefits assistance
 - SOAR access
 - Life skills building
 - Connection to local resources
 - Assistance building support network
 - Placement on State Wide Referral Network and Section 811 waitlists
- Mental Health Counseling
- Substance Use Counseling

ELIGIBILITY

Serving individuals who are at high risk of institutionalization who are experiencing homelessness and:

- Had 3 more psychiatric inpatient hospital admissions within the past 12 months
- Had 3+ stays in a State or county correctional facility in Illinois within the past 12 months
- Been incarcerated in a State or county correctional facility in Illinois for the most recent 12 consecutive months; or
- A disability determination due to a serious mental illness and has been incarcerated at least once in a State or county correctional facility in IL within past 12 months.

Individual at high risk of overdose: a person with a substance use disorder who is homeless and who has:

- Had 3+ hospital inpatient or inpatient withdrawal management or community-based withdrawal management stays for a SUD within the past 12 months.
- Had 3+ stays in a State or county correctional facility in IL within the past 12 months.
- Been incarcerated in a State or county correctional facility in IL for the most recent 12 consecutive months; or
- Had 1+ overdoses in the last 12 months.

*Only single-person households are eligible.