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Winnebago County  
Community Mental  
Health Board

**ANNUAL REPORT  
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2022**

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Dear Winnebago County Residents,

Over the past two years, it has been my pleasure to serve as Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) President. In the 2020 primary election, the half-cent sales tax was approved. The WCCMHB uses these funds for programs that offer mental health and substance use programs. In our second program year, we renewed all 15 previously funded programs and added 15 new ones, meaning we now have 30 programs in total. Funding for all 30 programs totaled more than \$14.6 million dollars for Program Year 2022-2023.

We are immensely proud of everything accomplished by our funded programs within the first program year and are excited to see what can and will be achieved by WCCMHB funded organizations within our second program year. We are continuing to prioritize our target populations: Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Serious Emotional Disturbances, Serious Mental Illness, and Substance Use Disorders.

The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the need for increased, high-quality, affordable mental health and substance use services throughout our community. The need has never been greater, and as we begin to return to pre-pandemic activities, our community needs to invest in these services. While we know there is still much work to be done, we are excited for the incredible impact this work will have on our community, and most importantly, the individuals who live with mental illness and substance use disorders and their families.

The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) operates pursuant to the Illinois Community Mental Health Act 405 ILCS 20/0.1, et seq. As part of that responsibility, we are tasked with creating an annual report outlining major activities, accomplishments, revenue, and expenses for our fiscal year. In an effort to be as transparent as possible, we take pride in providing the community with this information. We appreciate the ongoing support from the community and are looking forward to what the next year will bring.

Sincerely,

**Mary Ann Abate**  
Winnebago County  
Community Mental  
Health Board President



LETTER  
FROM OUR  
PRESIDENT



ABOUT  
WCCMHB

BOARDS  
MEMBERS

## About WCCMHB

The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) was established by the Winnebago County Resolution 19-128. Seven inaugural Board Members were unanimously approved on February 27, 2020, and two at-large appointments were approved on March 12, 2020.

WCCMHB exists to improve community mental health and substance use services in Winnebago County through planning, grantmaking, community engagement, coordination, and evaluation. Through an intergovernmental agreement, Region 1 Planning Council provides administrative and technical support for our work.

WCCMHB meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 PM CST. Information about the Board Meetings is on our website's meetings page.

## WCCMHB Board Members

### President

Mary Ann Abate

### Vice President

Richard Kunnert

### Secretary

Dr. Bill Gorski

### Treasurer

Wendy Larson-Bennett

Dr. Reverend K. Edward Copeland

Dr. Terry Giardini

Timothy Nabors

Linda Sandquist

Region 1 Planning Council provides staff support for WCCMHB operations through an Intergovernmental Agreement; the Director of Community Impact serves as Director for WCCMHB.



WCCMHB  
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## VISION

### *Our hope for the community*

We see a community where residents are knowledgeable about mental health and have access to high-quality mental health and substance abuse services when and where they need them.

## MISSION

### *What we are doing about it*

We are an appointed group of community leaders who are passionate about improving mental health and substance abuse services in Winnebago County and coordinate them through planning, funding, evaluation, and communication.



## VALUES

### *Why we do what we do*

**Wellness** – We support the Community Support System framework because it focuses on providing an array of services that bring people from illness to health.

**Awareness** – We believe mental illness and substance abuse disorders can occur at any age and can affect individuals across all domains including race, ethnicity, income, geography, religion, gender identity, language, sexual orientation, and disability, so we strive to educate all members of our community about mental health and substance use to increase mental health literacy and prevent mental illness and substance abuse disorders.

**Collaboration** – We believe that relationships are foundational to coordination, so we practice teamwork and breaking down silos.

**Transparency** – We believe the best way to gain trust is to be truthful, so we practice open and consistent communication about our work.

**Diversity** – We believe complex problems require perspectives from all areas of the community, so we practice listening and cultural humility.

**Client-Centered** – We believe that people with mental illness and substance abuse disorders are important members of our community, so we promote services that support them with compassion and unconditional positive regard.

**Intersectional** – We believe that mental health is interconnected with other parts of community life and personal identity, so we promote solutions that address a combination of factors.

**Trauma-Informed** – We believe that no one who has experienced trauma should ever be re-traumatized during the process of seeking out or receiving mental health or substance abuse services, so we promote trauma-informed care in all areas of service delivery.

**Accessibility** – We believe mental health and substance abuse services should be accessible for all people irrespective of race, ethnicity, income, geography, religion, gender identity, language, sexual orientation, and disability, so we promote ADA compliance, language access, and effective communication in all areas of service delivery.

## PRINCIPLES

### *How we operate*

**Evidence-Based** – Our decisions are driven by the best available empirical evidence and data.

**Process-Oriented** – We use best-practice processes to guide planning, funding, evaluation, and communications.

**Outcomes-Informed** – We evaluate the results of our efforts by collecting and analyzing data in order to continuously improve and maximize impact.

**Equity** – We fund and measure results with equity in mind, analyzing needs and outcomes by race, ethnicity, income, geography, religion, gender identity, language, sexual orientation, and disability or other demographic breakdowns.

**Urgent** – We operate with a sense of urgency knowing that gaps in care affect real people.

**Emergent** – We stay flexible in order to identify and address new issues in the service delivery system as they are developing.

**Network-Driven** – We work diligently to establish a broad and diverse coalition of community stakeholders dedicated to improving the mental wellbeing of our community.





## Community Support System Framework

One of the foundations of all the work we do is the Community Support System framework, which guides our strategic planning. The Community Support System (CSS) framework is rooted in the Community Support Program research that dates back to 1977, linked with the community mental health and deinstitutionalization movement. The CSS framework provides a framework for municipalities to use in comprehensive, community-based mental health systems planning.

The components of CSS represent the *array of services and opportunities that an adequate service system should include* for the target population, all to be provided in the community.

As such, this model was adopted by WCCMHB and was used as a map to guide the planning process, from the environmental scan and public participation survey to the data synthesis, framing strategic issues, the establishment of priorities, and development of goals and intended outcomes. For each priority area, represented in the visual as a “spoke” in the wheel, there are corresponding service areas.

For example, the “Treatment” priority area includes the service areas of Diagnostic Evaluation, Supportive Counseling, Medication Management, and Substance Abuse Treatment.

The priority areas and their included service areas are shown with the corresponding color based on the framework.

### Client Identification and Outreach

- Client Identification
- Outreach
- Transportation Assistance

### Mental Health Treatment

- Diagnostic Evaluation
- Supportive Counseling
- Medication Management
- Substance Abuse Services

### Crisis Response Services

- Crisis Telephone Services
- Walk-In Crisis Services
- Crisis Outreach Services
- Crisis Residential Services

### Health and Dental Services

#### Housing

- Supportive Housing
- Residential Assistance for Homeless Mentally Ill Persons

### Income Support

#### Peer Support

- Self-Help
- Consumer-Operated Services

### Family and Community Support

- Assistance to Families
- Education for the Community

### Rehabilitation Services

- Social Rehabilitation
- Vocational Rehabilitation

### Protection and Advocacy

### Case Management



Community Support System Framework





## Fiscal Year 2022 Activities

WCCMHB's Fiscal Year 2022 began October 1, 2021, and ended September 30, 2022. Each year, the Board develops a work plan that guides their activities for the ensuing year. This work plan also accompanies the annual budget submitted to the Winnebago County Board for approval. Our approved work plan and budget can be found on our website under disclosures. Grant program years overlap multiple fiscal years. Fiscal year 2022 includes portions of two grant program years.

- Fiscal year 2021-2022 (FY22): October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022
- Grant Program Year 2021-2022 (PY22): June 1, 2021 - May 30, 2022
- Grant Program Year 2022-2023 (PY23): June 1, 2022 - May 30, 2023

## Highlights and Accomplishments from the Fiscal Year 2022

### October 2021

- WCCMHB Communication Plan approved
- Intergovernmental Agreement between Region 1 Planning Council

### November 2021

- "Three-Year Strategic Plan" updated and published
- "Notice of Funding Opportunity" for PY23 approved and published
- Hosted the third "Learning Network Collaborative" meeting for PY22 funded programs
- "Convening Organizations to Collaborate Hosted by WCCMHB" for organizations interested in collaborating for PY23 applications

### December 2021

- Board Member and Secretary Danielle Angileri resigned
- Secretary Elections to fill vacancy - Dr. Bill Gorski
- PY23 Grant Application approved and published
- Grant portal opened, and Grant Seekers video posted on YouTube
- Attended the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI) Winter Meetings
- Q&A sessions for PY23 grant seekers

### January 2022

- Answered questions and provided applicants with technical support
- 34 applications submitted for PY23

### February 2022

- PY22 Mid-Year Outcomes Report published
- Board Member review process started for PY22 grants

### March 2022

- Approved updated "By-Laws"
- Hosted the final "Learning Network Collaborative" meeting for PY22 funded programs
- Published Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021

### April 2022

- PY23 renewal application awards
- Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI) Spring Meetings

### May 2022

- Adopted "Policies and Procedures" - remote attendance, anti-retaliation, and advisors
- PY23 new program application awards
- Presented and hosted a booth at Mental Health Expo hosted by One Body Collaboratives

### June 2022

- Election of Officers
  - President: Mary Ann Abate
  - Vice President: Richard Kunnert
  - Secretary: Dr. Bill Gorski
  - Treasurer: Wendy Larson-Bennett
- Start of PY23
- Completed follow-up meetings for organizations for the PY23 funding cycle

### July 2022

- Mental Health Board approved Fiscal Year 2023 Budget - submitted to the Winnebago County Board for approval
- Hosted the first "Learning Network Collaborative" meeting for PY23 funded programs
- Fully executed 20 work plans and funding agreements

### August 2022

- Approved "Systems Coordination Plan"
- Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois (ACMHAI) Fall Meetings
- Presentation to County Finance Committee

### September 2022

- Budget approved by Winnebago County Board
- Communications Working Group established to promote awareness of funded programs





## Fiscal Year 2022 Financials

The collection of the Winnebago County half-cent sales tax for mental health began in July 2020. While collected tax revenues are not received in the same month they are collected, they are still reflected in the budget for the month they were collected. In Program Year 2022-2023, more than \$14.6 million in funding was allocated for grant awards. The budget below reflects only the portion of grant awards given in Fiscal Year 2022; additional funding will be allocated in Fiscal Year 2023 and will be included in the 2023 budget. In the tables below, the associated county object number is listed in parenthesis next to each budget line item.

### Fiscal Year 2022 Revenue

Mental Health Sales Tax Accrual (32229)	\$18,640,451.91
Interest (39210)	\$76,620.29
State of IL Admin Fee (32228)	-\$279,606.80
<b>Total Fiscal Year 2022 Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,437,465.40</b>

### Fiscal Year 2022 Expenses

Legal (431040)	\$12,080.00
Contractual Staff (43155)	\$298,328.71
Grant Funded Programs (43190)	\$8,583,943.39
Dedicated Technology (43198)	\$8,741.06
Travel (43310)	\$2,520.04
Communication Engagement (43420)	\$3,400.03
Liability Insurance (43510)	\$15,743.00
Membership Dues (43941)	\$500.00
Training and Education Costs (43944)	\$3,931.18
<b>Total Fiscal Year 2022 Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,929,187.41</b>

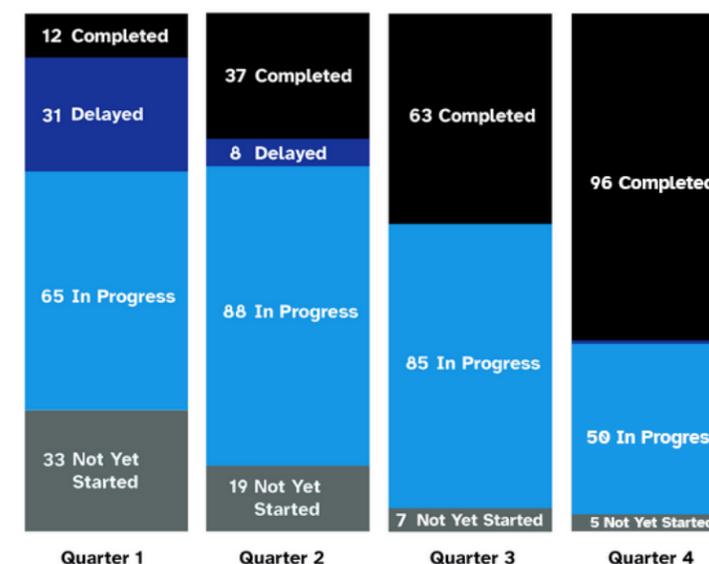
### Fund Balance

FY 2021 Year End Balance	\$19,111,847.85
FY 2022 Revenue Less Expenses	\$9,508,277.99
<b>FY 2022 Year End Balance</b>	<b>\$28,620,125.84</b>

## Program Year 2021-2022 Funded Programs Outcomes

In its first grant cycle, Program Year 2021-2022, WCCMHB funded fifteen mental health programs that serve the residents of Winnebago County. Each program began with a set of goals to guide their work, resulting in 96 completed, 50 in progress, and only five not yet started. Most program delays were due to hiring issues, a function of workforce shortages in the behavioral health field both nationally and locally. As the Mental Health Board continues to build the capacity of our local providers to expand mental and substance use programs, workforce development has become one of our systems coordination strategies.

### Outcomes Progress - Program Year 2021-2022



### Money Awarded & Money Spent

The green segment of this donut chart represents \$6 million of funding that has been given and spent, while the gray segment represents \$2.8 of funding that has yet to be given and spent, which will be reallocated in a future award year.



■ \$6 million Given & Spent  
■ \$2.8 million Yet to be Given/Spent

### New Position Created & Number Filled

The green segment of this donut chart represents 60.54 FTEs (full-time equivalent) that have been created and filled, while the gray segment represents 20 FTEs that have been created but are not currently filled.



■ 60.54 FTE (full-time equivalent) Hired  
■ 20 FTE Yet to Be Hired



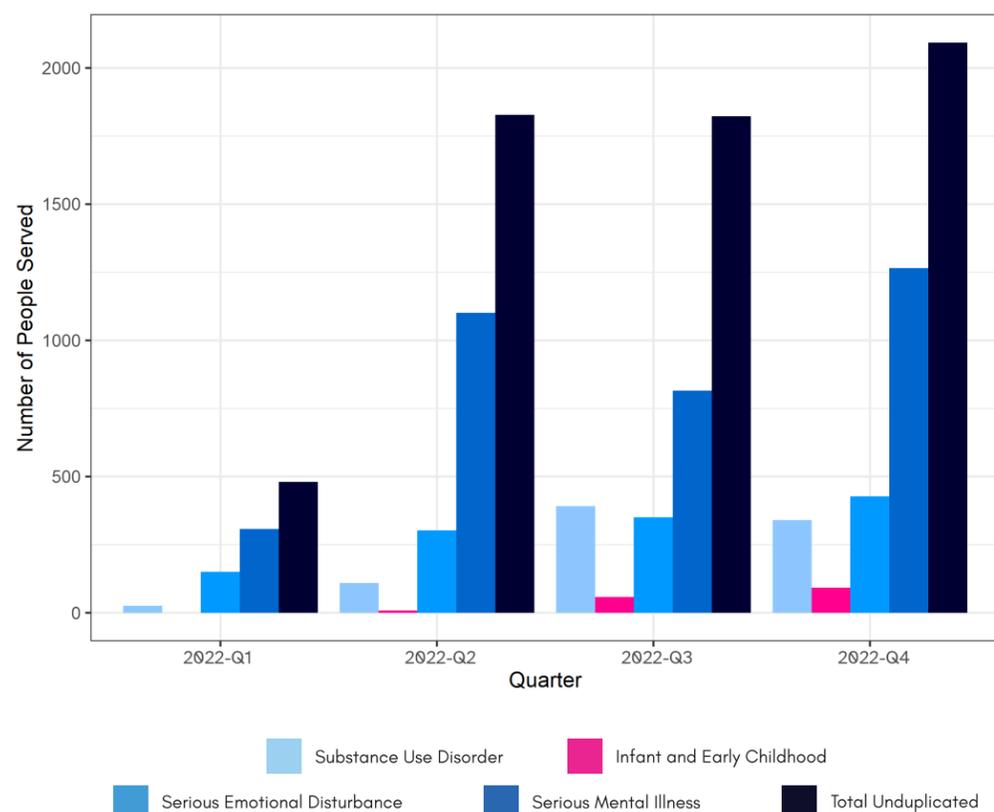


## Number of People Served by Target Population

Below is a chart showing the total number of Winnebago County residents served by our programs for the first year. The numbers are also broken down by target populations which include Substance Use Disorders (all ages), Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (0-5 yrs.), Serious Emotional Disturbances (3-21 yrs.), and Serious Mental Illness (18+ yrs.).

The numbers served for each quarter indicate unique individuals only within that quarter. If someone was served in quarter 1 and quarter 2, they are counted in both quarters separately. Individuals may fall into numerous categories, and thus the sum of each target population will be more than the total unduplicated served.

People Served by Quarter - PY 2022

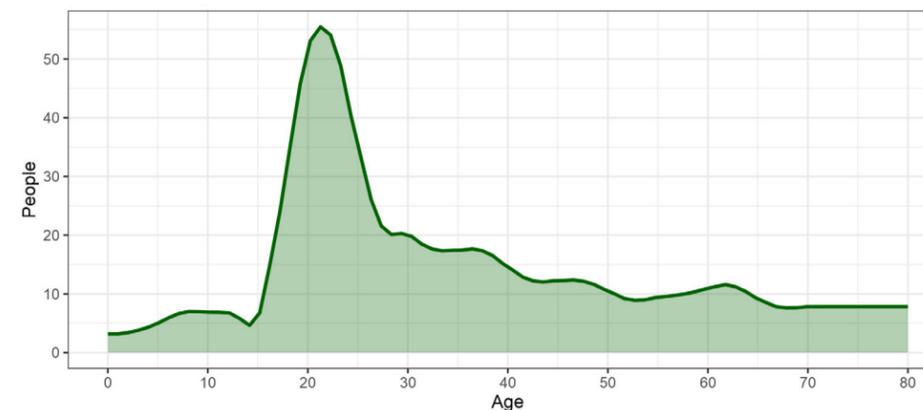


The following are the total number of clients served by the WCCMHB programs by target population:

- Substance Use Disorder: 866 clients
- Infant and Early Childhood: 198 clients
- Serious Emotional Disturbance: 1,331 clients
- Serious Mental Illness: 3,385 clients
- Total: 6,196 clients

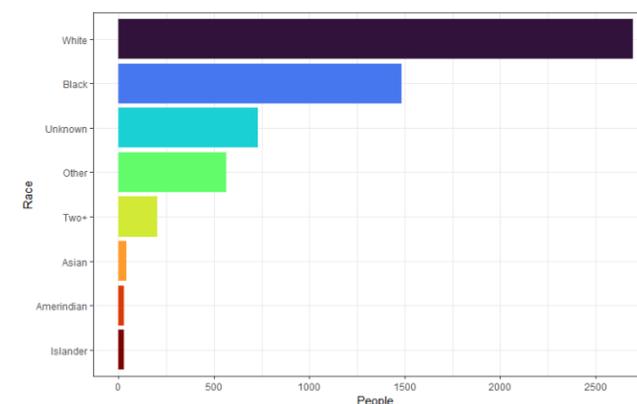
## Number of People Served by Age

When it comes to age, the largest peak in this chart is around the early twenties. This peak starts in the middle of the teenage years, peaks in the early twenties and then begins to taper off around the late twenties. There are two small peaks in the thirties, and one in the early sixties, but ultimately, the highest proportion of individuals served by the WCCMHB programs are in their twenties.



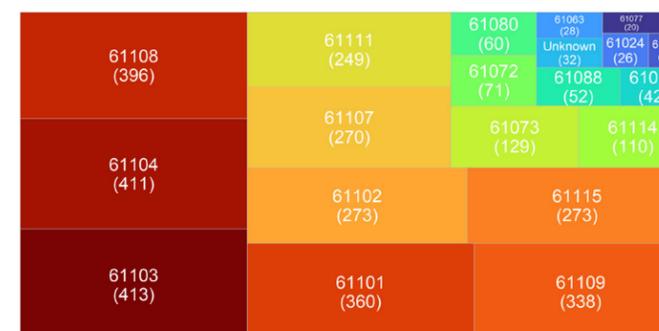
## Number of People Served by Race

Of the individuals served by the WCCMHB programs, the largest four racial categories were white (2,698 individuals), black (1,481 individuals), race unknown (735 individuals), and two or more races (212 individuals).



## Number of People Served by Zip Code

Of individuals served by the WCCMHB programs, the highest proportion resided in the following zip codes: 61103 (413 individuals), 61104 (411 individuals), 61108 (396 individuals), 61101 (360 individuals), and 61109 (338 individuals).

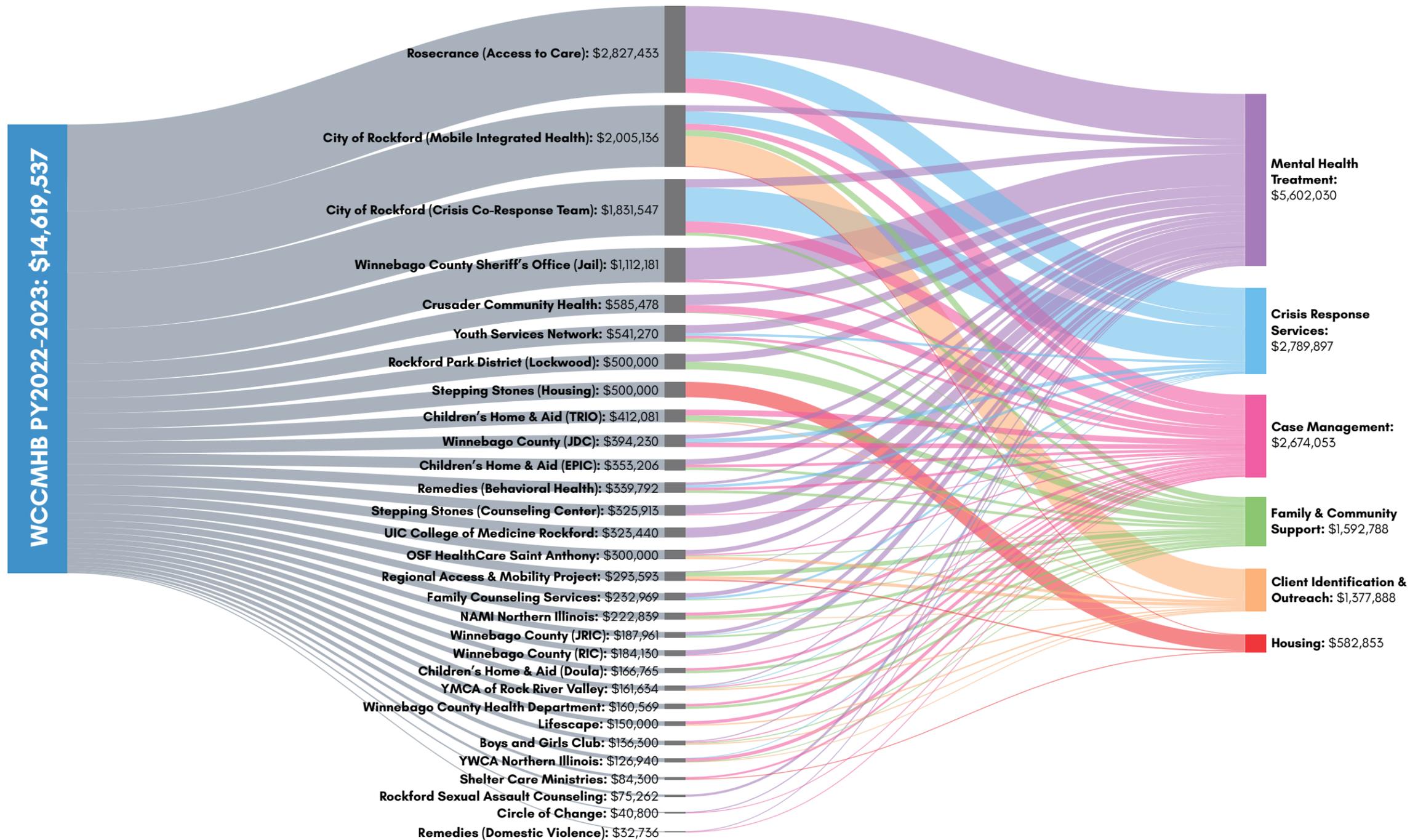




## Program Year 2022-2023 Funded Programs

Funding totaling more than \$14.6 Million dollars was awarded to 15 new programs and 15 renewal programs. The programs address the needs of the Target Populations of Serious Mental Illness (18+ yrs.), Serious Emotional Disturbances (3-21 yrs.), Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (0-5 yrs.), and Substance Use Disorders (all ages). The Priority Areas include Mental Health Treatment, Case Management, Crisis Response Services, Family & Community Support, Client Identification & Outreach, and Housing. Client Identification & Outreach, and Housing are new priorities established for this funding cycle.

The visualization below shows the amount awarded to the priority areas and programs. On the right of the image are the funding amounts by priority area. The amount of funding allocated to each priority area was estimated by each organization in their grant applications. The "lead" agency for each award is in the middle with the award amount. In many cases, the actual program is a collaboration of multiple organizations. Additional participating organizations' logos can be found with the Funded Program descriptions starting on page 20. Amounts awarded are funding commitments and do not reflect actual amounts distributed in Fiscal Year 2022 since the program year extends beyond FY22.





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## Program Year 2022-2023 Funded Programs



Renewal Programs from  
Program Year 2021 - 2022

### Boys & Girls Club



#### Youth Self-Regulation Program

Rockford Boys and Girls Club in collaboration with Rockford Barbell is proposing the creation of a Self-Regulation program that will target youth who have experienced trauma and focus on the first two key elements for trauma treatment: building a therapeutic rapport and self-regulation. This program, run by an experienced trauma therapist, will deliver group counseling three days a week to youth who have experienced trauma. The therapist will collaborate with family and community members to provide wraparound services for each child as part of an individualized treatment plan. The therapist will also work with a program lead to implement an outreach and education plan to provide content and trainings for families and community members to help youth maintain a trauma-informed environment. This program is aiming to serve 180 children and adolescents with diagnosed severe emotional disturbances, utilizing CBT and DBT therapies.

### Circle of Change



#### Circle of Change

Circle of Change offers individuals [Veterans, First Responders and Youth (Ages 9-20)] suffering with a mental health diagnosis, primarily PTSD, a path towards wellness through free dog training/handling classes. Participants with a variety of mental health challenges, primarily PTSD, come to weekly dog training sessions, where they are either paired with a dog with behavioral issues or work with their own personal dog. Through a promising practice model, Circle of Change will aim to serve 240 clients.

## Children's Home & Aid



children's home & aid

### Winnebago County Doula Program



The Doula Program through Children's Home and Aid proposes adding two additional doulas, or trained professionals who provide continuous physical, emotional and informational support to a mother before, during, and shortly after childbirth to assist new, young mothers with attachment, regulation and other common issues that arise during the perinatal period. Children's Home and Aid will work closely with Crusader Community Health facility to receive referrals of eligible pregnant mothers to the Doula Program. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Doula Program is looking to expand their virtual services and aims to serve 40 clients total.

### Winnebago County EPIC Program



Children's Home and Aid's Early Prevention in the Community (EPIC) Program will provide trauma-informed individual and group counseling for students in Winnebago County, and in partnership with Harlem Unit School District 122, to reduce symptoms of trauma and allow students to fully engage in both school and community. All therapists at Children's Home and Aid are trained in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI), Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP), and Theraplay. This program will aim to serve 120 individuals with diagnosed serious emotional disturbances within the school.

### Winnebago County TRIO Program

Children's Home and Aid is proposing The Therapeutic Response with Intervention and Outreach (TRIO) Program. This program will pair family case management with mentoring to meet the needs of children with severe emotional disturbances and their families. Case managers will work with the family to meet mental health needs, improve family interactions, and help family members connect to community resources. Mentors will work directly with children and youth to provide one-on-one social-emotional support, skill-building including social skills and life skills, and small groups. 60 children, adolescents, and their families will be served annually.



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## City of Rockford



### Crisis Co-Response Team

The Crisis Co-Response Team (CCRT) program seeks to respond to 911 police calls for service in which the caller indicates someone may be experiencing a mental health crisis, as well as provide follow-up care to those individuals. The CCRT responds to police calls fielded by the City of Rockford and County 911 centers where mental health or substance abuse may be an issue. The CCRT hopes to reduce prosecution for those suffering from mental health or substance abuse issues. The City and co-applicants recognize that oftentimes criminal acts are merely symptoms of an underlying issue. The goal of the CCRT is to improve law enforcement's current response to behavioral health crisis to promote safe encounters by partnering with behavioral health specialists. This program will aim to serve 1,800 Winnebago County residents and utilize the evidence based screening tool Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale.



### Mobile Integrated Health - Mental Health Program

The Rockford Fire Department and UW Health Swedish American are collaboratively seeking funding to expand the Mobile Integrated Health-Mental Health Program (MIH-MHP). The goal is to identify those in need of mental health crisis services and immediately intervene on scene. The MIH-MHP is a proven, evidence-based program that follows current best practices when assisting those with mental health concerns. The MIH-MHP focuses on treating individuals who have utilized 911 emergency services for non-police related calls or who have been hospitalized repeatedly due to mental health issues. By creating a more appropriate level of response, and a strategic way of dispatching assistance for those suffering from mental illness, there will be a decrease in 911 call volume and unnecessary Emergency Department transports. This program aims to serve 1,000 additional Winnebago County residents.



## Crusader Community Health



### Crusader Behavioral Health Services Expansion - Combined (PY23)



Through the Crusader Behavioral Health Services Expansion-Continued (PY23) grant, three full-time Behavioral Health Providers/Consultants provide increased behavioral health services for children, adolescents, adults, and families with behavioral health needs. Telepsychiatry provides diagnostic evaluation, medication management, in-service trainings, and consultation services for adult patients. A Behavioral Health case manager (who is also a Certified Medical Assistant) provides patient care, case management, and support for psychiatry and behavioral health staff, and another Behavioral Health case manager provides case management for patients with a substance use disorder and receiving Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) services as well as providing coordination, collaboration, advocacy, and support for patients and families with behavioral health needs. Evidenced-based treatment interventions will be utilized to serve 1,400 patients.

The New Crusader Behavioral Health Services Expansion (PY23) grant will add two additional Behavioral Health case managers to increase the in-clinic presence and provide case management services to additional patients and their families by physically placing Case Managers at additional clinic locations in Winnebago County.

### NAMI Northern Illinois



### Support, Education, and Mental Health Advocacy

With WCCMHB funding, NAMI Northern Illinois will provide advocacy-driven, case management services for those impacted by mental illness aimed at eliminating barriers, reducing confusion, and increasing linkage with appropriate direct service, as well as individual, family, community support, and educational programming to improve the response to mental illness for all. This program aims to serve 200 Winnebago County residents using various evidence-based practices.



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## Family Counseling Services of Northern IL



### Service Expansion 2.0

Family Counseling Services is seeking WCCMHB funding to continue the expansion of increased therapists in a newly renovated space, and on-going training/professional development for staff. This includes therapists who see children, utilization of play therapy, the addition of an art therapist, as well as additional therapists treating adults in addition to crisis counseling for both children and adults. Family Counseling Services is looking to expand services and space to employ additional therapists, in order to meet the ever-increasing demand for mental health counseling. This program will also provide therapy at various sites for people who cannot easily get to the facility, group therapy options both on and off site, along with education on mental health topics to the public. Plus, this program would grow and further develop the internship program to help train future mental health therapists for FCS and Winnebago County residents who need these services, regardless of their ability to pay.

## Lifescape Community Services, Inc.



### Senior Mental Health Program

Lifescape Community Services, Inc. will launch the Senior Mental Health Program to conduct outreach and identify older adults with depression and provide them case management services. The Senior Mental Health Program will implement the Healthy IDEAS evidence-based program which is proven to diminish depression and reduce suicide risk in underserved older adults within Winnebago County. Older adults will be connected to community mental health services providers for diagnosis and treatment and participate in behavioral activation activities. Older adults will also receive wrap around services, including but not limited to transportation, information & referral, family caregiver support, nutritional services like meals on wheels, and be connected with the retired senior volunteer program to reduce suicide risk factors and strengthen protective factors. The Senior Mental Health Program aims to serve 500 residents of Winnebago County.

## OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center



### OSF HealthCare STRIVE Trauma Recovery Center

Through the STRIVE Trauma Recovery Center, OSF is aiming to hire additional therapists, case managers, a project evaluator, and an outreach coordinator to keep clients engaged and decrease wait times within the Trauma Recovery Center (TRC). The TRC serves survivors, age 14 and older, of violent crime who are experiencing post-traumatic symptoms but not receiving other mental health care. This includes people struggling with symptoms of anxiety, depression, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), or Complex PTSD after a traumatic experience such as gun violence, assaults, bullying, domestic violence, armed violence, or robbery in which they are the victim or witness. This proposed expansion will aim to serve 30 additional clients using evidence-based practices such as TI-CBT and DBT.

## Rockford Park District Foundation



### Hope and Healing with Horses at Lockwood Indoor Equine Center

The Rockford Park district is being funded to develop an Indoor Equine Center at Lockwood Park to be utilized, in collaboration with Mental Health Professionals and qualified Equine Specialists, to provide Equine Assisted Activities and Psychotherapy program. Equine Assisted Activities and Psychotherapy (EAAT) focuses on the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of individuals. Participants observe and interact with horses at ground level through hands-on sessions with goals that focus on life skills such as: cooperation, leadership, coping skills, confidence, self-advocacy, self-esteem, patience, communication, self-regulation, anger management, resiliency, and empowerment.



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## Remedies Renewing Lives



### Domestic Violence Therapy & Advocacy Project



The Therapy and Advocacy Project of Remedies Renewing Lives Domestic Violence Program includes a full-time therapist and advocate to provide immediate and on-going therapeutic and advocacy-based crisis support with survivors accessing the agency's 24-hour emergency shelter and/or non-residential programming. Services will also address case management needs, linkage with area resources and safety planning. All services are confidential, free of charge, and will be provided in a manner that supports autonomy. It is projected that 100 adult survivors will be supported by funding in-part from the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board. The Domestic Violence and Advocacy Project aims to serve 100 total clients using advocacy-based approaches for domestic violence survivors.

### Remedies Renewing Lives Behavioral Health Clinician Project



The Behavioral Health Clinicians Project of Remedies Renewing Lives aims to expand and enhance the agency's mental health and substance use disorder programming through increased therapeutic support, case management, and community intervention with the individuals and families we serve. The Behavioral Health Clinicians Project will utilize evidence-based practices such as cognitive-behavioral therapies, Illness Management and Recovery (IMR), the Matrix Model, and Najavits' Integrated Treatment to treat 700 clients.

## Regional Access & Mobilization Project, Inc.



### Mental Health Services and Training



The Mental Health Services and Training program through the Regional Access and Mobilization Project, or RAMP, will partner with multiple community organizations to provide mental health training, services, and advocacy to support and assist families and the community. RAMP will also provides marketing and outreach to identify at-risk and underserved individuals and educate the community about mental health. The Mental Health Services and Training will aim to serve 400 clients total across all four WCCMHB target populations utilizing the Community Support System Framework.

## Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling



### Outreach Therapists



Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling will provide outreach therapy to area schools to ensure that child and adolescent sexual abuse/assault survivors can receive free quality therapy services. Sexual abuse and assault cause severe emotional disturbances which can be helped by having trained professionals providing therapy. Since many children and adolescents have transportation issues, providing therapy in school allows survivors a safe, convenient, and consistent place for appointments. This program will serve 80 students and utilize trauma-informed play therapy.

## Rosecrance, Inc.



### Rosecrance Access to Care



Rosecrance Access to Care serves target population(s): Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) children 3+, Serious Mental Illness (SMI) 18+ and Substance Use Disorders (SUD) of all ages. Access to Care offers rapid access to treatment, including "on demand" availability of interpreter services, expansion of evening service hours, reduction in wait times for psychiatric diagnostic evaluation and treatment coordination for individuals ages 3 to adult who are experiencing mental health and/or substance use needs. Rosecrance has added case managers that serve as care navigators to expedite access and meet individuals where they are at in their recovery to eliminate barriers and coordinate assessments with our community based access clinicians. Access to Care has increased medical providers for both adult/child psychiatry, nursing staff and medical assistants to significantly reduce wait times between initial and follow up appointments. Rosecrance specifically has increased the number of providers especially for SED children/youth to ensure access to medication, consultation between appointments and care coordination upon discharge. The expansion of services at the Rosecrance Mulberry Center will expand crisis response services to ensure adults experiencing a behavioral health crisis have access to crisis stabilization services 24/7/365 as alternative to psychiatric hospitalization and to reduce risk of justice involvement. The overall goal is to increase number of individuals/families served and improve outcomes of symptom reduction, education, employment, criminal justice involvement and housing stability.



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## Stepping Stones of Rockford, Inc.



### Stepping Stones Counseling Center



The Stepping Stones Counseling Center provides options for individuals ages 6 and older in need of Mental Health counseling and case management services, with a focus on serving those receiving Medicaid or who do not have insurance coverage. The Stepping Stones Counseling Center provides compassionate, trauma-informed, value-based community mental health services to individuals and families facing mental and behavioral health barriers in Winnebago County. Mental Health Treatment Services and Case Management offered at the Center expands and enhances mental health recovery options in Winnebago County. Our goal is to provide Winnebago County children, adolescents, and adults with serious mental illness and serious emotional disturbances with Mental Health Treatment including Diagnostic Evaluation, Supportive Counseling, Psychiatric Services, Medication Management, and Case Management services in an individual, group, or family setting.

### Expansion of Supervised Housing for Adults with SMI (Serious Mental Illness)

Stepping Stones of Rockford will expand supervised housing for adults with serious mental illness. By purchasing and remodeling a new residential facility, Stepping Stones will immediately increase access to eight or more individuals waiting for residential behavioral health service in the supervised setting. As consumers progress through mental health treatment, they are able to move to a less restrictive level of care. This, in turn, allows for more clients to move through the treatment continuum, starting with the agency's residential services. The Expansion of Supervised Housing with Adults project will serve a total of 12 clients and utilize evidence-based practices such as CBT, DBT, and MRT.

## Shelter Care Ministries



### Jubilee Community Outreach and Housing Stability Program



The Jubilee Care Coordination program is designed to help individuals that are housed and those working on housing maintain and stabilize their mental health in all aspects of life by driving people to appointments, helping with basic skills around their home, and assist with applying for a variety of programs and benefits, all with the goal of stabilizing housing and mental health. This program aims to serve 50 additional clients through case management and housing services.

## University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford



### The CARE Program - Compassionate Appreciation for Recovery in Everyone



The UI Health Mile square Health Center (MSHC) - L.P. Johnson Rockford's CARE program will continue to provide transition to care services for formerly incarcerated people who receive mental health and substance use disorder treatment to the clinic upon returning to the community. This program will utilize the evidence-based Smart Recovery Program and will aim to serve 720 individuals residing in Winnebago County.



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### Juvenile Detention Center - Reducing Isolation through Expanded Behavioral Health

With the support of the mental health sales tax, the Winnebago County Juvenile Detention Center seeks to reduce youth/adolescent isolation by addressing the behavioral health needs of detained youth through assessment, crisis intervention, therapeutic intervention, and coordination of services. This program will aim to serve 240 youth.

### Juvenile Resource Intervention Center - Behavioral Health Implementation

Increasingly, youth exhibiting significant mental health and behavioral problems have encountered the juvenile justice systems. Among with cognitive-behavioral approaches, dialectic behavior therapy (DBT) has shown particular promise for application to corrections populations. As such, the Juvenile Resource Intervention Center seeks to intervene using the Dialectic Behavior Therapy (DBT) therapeutic model and individual and group therapy with highest risk youth. By expanding this program, DBT will be available to 100 additional youth.

### Resource Intervention Center (RIC) - Behavioral Health Expansion

Winnebago County will expand The Resource Intervention Center (RIC), which is a multiagency, multidisciplinary center where public and private agencies assign staff members to be co-located to deliver evidence-based, coordinated services to individuals on probation or pre-trial supervision in Winnebago County. Research indicates that focusing on high-risk individuals is the path to reducing recidivism. As such, RIC services are only available to those deemed moderate to high-risk based on an actuarial risk assessment results. Research also indicates to not mix high and low risk individuals in a treatment setting. Bringing service providers in-house supports both research findings and is the RIC strategy for delivering all services. This proposal seeks to expand evening programming and increase RIC service offerings to include dialectic behavior therapy (DBT) with individual sessions, and Seeking Safety, a therapeutic model for highest risk offenders suffering from trauma, substance abuse, and/or posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This program will serve an additional 120 residents.

## Winnebago County Sheriff's Office



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### Winnebago County Jail - Behavioral Health Program



The Winnebago County Jail Behavioral Health Program through the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office expands the number of mental health and substance use services within the County Jail, providing assessment and treatment services for incarcerated individuals. Additionally, the newly hired Behavioral Health Specialists help to connect individuals with community support and service providers upon discharge. The Winnebago County Jail will be a Gold Standard facility that other correctional facilities can model. The Winnebago County Jail will be participating in the Step Program and are also a part of the Illinois Supreme Court Task Force on Improving the Court and Community Response to Mental Health and Co-Occurring disorders workshops. This program will aim to serve 2,000 Winnebago County residents by utilizing SAMHSA's evidence-based framework.

## Winnebago County Health Department



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### Trauma Informed Community Care Coordination

With WCCMHB funding, Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) will build a Trauma-Informed Community and expand the impact of the Trauma-Informed Workgroups by working with the Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY) to complete a Trauma-Informed Capacity Building Tool with input from partner agencies to help assess Winnebago County's current level of trauma informed services. Informed by the assessment, a Trauma 101 train-the-trainer program will be offered to 30 organizations that will commit to offering a minimum of two Trauma 101 trainings in the community during the first year. While awareness and education efforts will continue, WCHD will focus on intervention and case management to improve the mental health and resilience of families and the community as a whole. This program is aiming to educate 19,833 residents while utilizing trauma informed practices.



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## YMCA of Rock River Valley



### Protecting Youth Mental Wellness

It has been proven that mental wellness is necessary for success in school, for staying out of the criminal justice system, and for living a stable and fulfilling life, the YMCA, along with Rosecrance, intends to offer early intervention, support, and treatment services to youth in YMCA programs. These services will normalize seeking help to process and recover from situations that are traumatic and threaten psychological wellness. By embedding a mental health counselor in the day-to-day activities at the middle school after-school program, youth will have access to both education and supportive therapy, and the opportunity to overcome the stigma of and lack of access to receiving mental health care. Further, the staff members who work with youth on a regular basis are also traumatized by the situations in which the youth in their care are living and in their own lack of training and education to help. Staff members will receive support in dealing with their work and personal situations that affect their mental health. This initiative will aim to serve 70 children and adolescents within Winnebago County.

## Youth Services Network Inc.



### Youth Trauma Clinic



Youth Services Network will continue to utilize the WCCMHB funds for the Youth Trauma Clinic. The clinic has provided trauma treatment through evidence-based therapies which include but are not limited to: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Play Therapy and Motivational Interviewing. Wrap around services are also provided to the youth and their family. The Youth Trauma Clinic assists families with Case Management services, crisis on-call services and transportation as needed. Funding will help to provide additional therapists and case managers. The need for crisis treatment has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and this program will help to provide care for youth in and out of the school through multiple evidence-based practices. The Youth Trauma Clinic aims to serve an additional 120 clients in the infant and early childhood mental health and serious emotional disturbance target populations.

## YWCA Northwestern Illinois



### Mental Health Crisis Case Manager

YWCA Northwestern Illinois (YWCA) provides family and community support, crisis response services, and case management to more than 12,000 individuals, from a variety of cultural backgrounds and ethnicities, each year. One of the most fundamental roles is to remove barriers and assist people in achieving an improved quality of life and family structure. The creation of a Mental Health Crisis Case Manager at YWCA fills an existing gap that connects clients with mental health services. Cultural and language barriers are common in the agency's diverse client base, even more so in mental health where stigma and ethnic beliefs may make seeking help more complicated. The case manager will work with clients on connections to mental health or substance abuse services, follow up, and ensure obstacles are removed, including transportation. This program will serve 100 clients.



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