



Health and Human Services FY27 Budget Presentation

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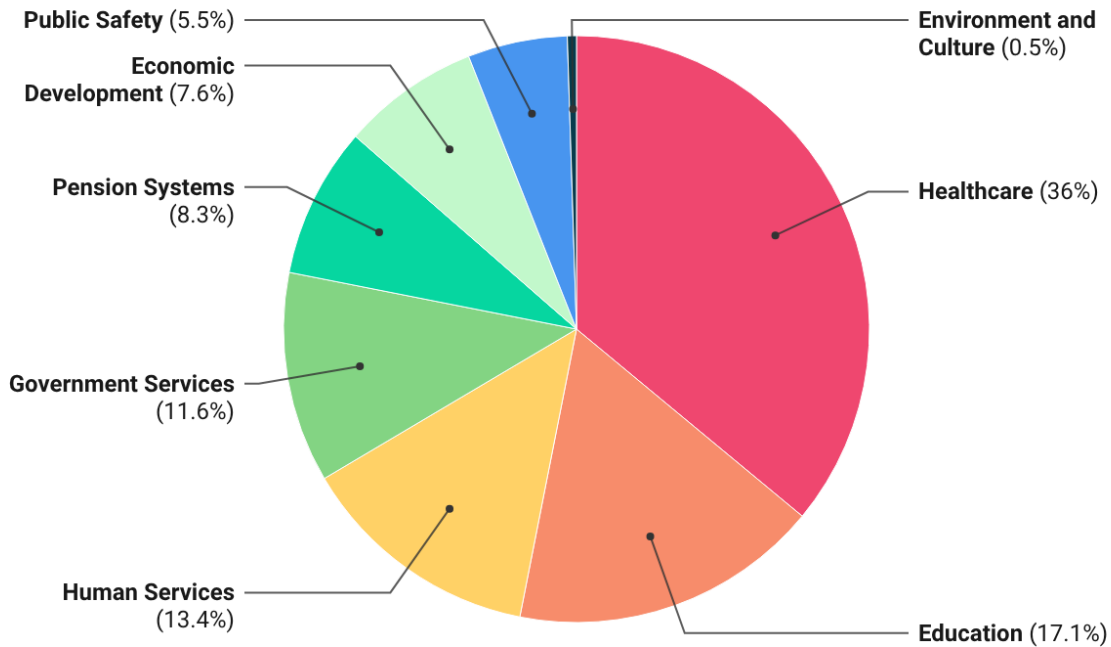
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FY27 Proposed Operating Budget

- Maintains the Governor's commitment to fiscal responsibility while growing Illinois into an economic powerhouse.
- Provides record funding for human services and Illinois' social safety network.
- Ensures healthcare and food access to raise families out of poverty.
- Continues **core investments** in early childhood education and child care, K-12 education, higher education, economic development and efforts to fight poverty.
- Continues record level of K-12 funding.
- Maintains SMART START ILLINOIS to move forward toward the new comprehensive approach to early learning via a consolidated agency.
- Builds on previous higher education investments.
- Further invests in Illinois' economic infrastructure to support private sector job creation and make Illinois more competitive on the national stage.

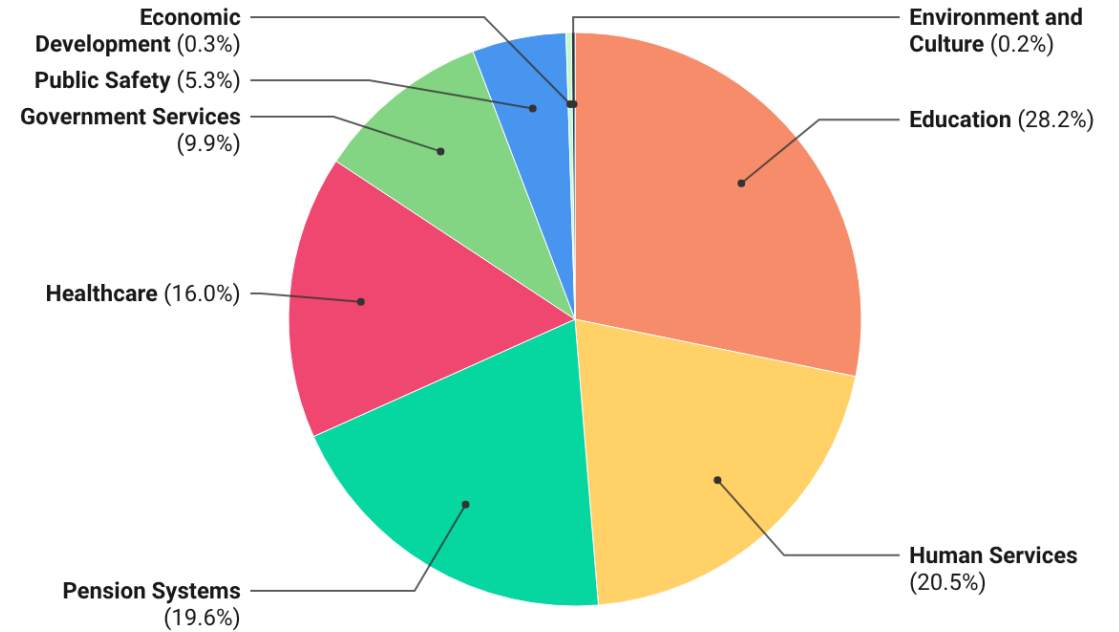
Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget:

General Funds \$54.8 Billion



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All Funds \$131.8 Billion



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Governor Pritzker's FY27 HHS Investments

Health and Human Services remains a priority in FY27

Total HHS* FY27 Budget:

▶ **\$65.08 Billion**

- \$20.0 Billion GRF
- \$40.88 Billion OSF (includes Medicaid)
- \$4.18 Billion Federal Funding (non-Medicaid)

Total FY27 Budget for 6 Biggest Agencies
IDHS, HFS, IDPH, DCFS, IDoA, IDVA:

▶ **\$64.39 Billion**

*HHS includes: IDHS, HFS, DCFS, IDPH, IDVA, IDHR, IDoA, IDHS, DJJ, Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, & Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities

FY27 Budget Pressures



H.R. 1 Implementation



Consent Decrees



Federal Grant Cancellations



ARPA Sunsetting

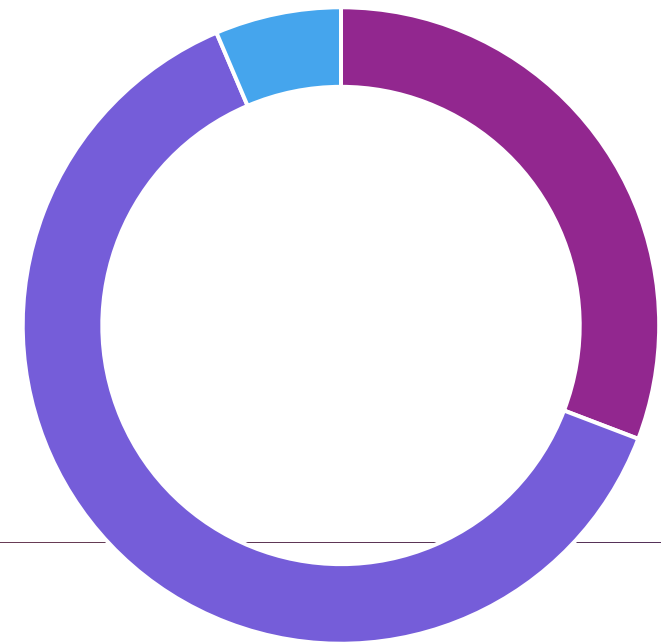
FY27 HHS Federal Funding

The HHS FY27 budget includes **\$25.68 Billion** in federal funding

- **39%** of the HHS budget
- **\$4.18 Billion** of which is for non-Medicaid spending
- Non-Medicaid federal funding decreased by \$2.2B from FY26

Federal funding is critical for essential services to Illinoisians

HHS FY27 Budget



- GRF - 30.8%
- OSF (includes Medicaid) - 62.8%
- Federal (Non-Medicaid) - 6.4%

Governor Pritzker's FY27 HHS Priorities

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Reigniting Housing Production in Illinois



Mitigating the Harm to Illinoisians of SNAP and Medicaid Cuts from H.R. 1



Transforming Healthcare



Streamlining Operations of State Agencies



Bolstering Protections and Services for Our Immigrant Neighbors



Modernizing State-run Care Facilities

Cross HHS Agency Efforts



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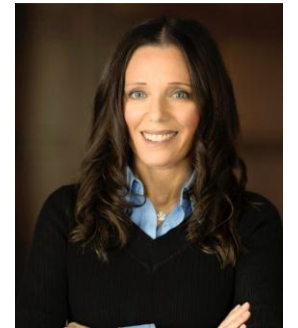
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Housing Solutions

- Driving positive change and transformation across the health and human services continuum.
- Breaking down barriers and creating alignment for more efficient and quality access for Illinois residents.

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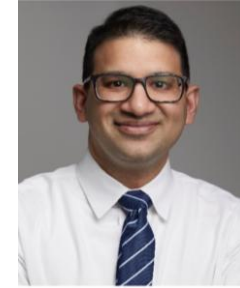
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FY26 Accomplishments

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Protected food access during the federal shutdown by directing emergency funding to food banks, ensuring communities across Illinois had access to food when SNAP benefits were disrupted.



Piloted the Mental Health Response to Mass Firearm Violence Plan, providing coordinated mental health support following mass shootings and responding to 18 incidents in Chicago.

Partnered with CBOs to create the Illinois Immigration Information Hub, including a Know Your Rights toolkit, overview of immigration legal services, and a 24/7 hotline



Bolstered community supports and stabilization for individuals in crisis, including de-escalation training given to 118 providers serving individuals with high behavioral support needs.

Led the nation in helping people with disabilities move into competitive, integrated employment, achieving the highest number of placements under the federal SWTCIE grant.



MAR NOW, a treatment access hotline, helped 1,943 people start medication for opioid use disorder

Mitigation Strategies Due to Budget Pressures

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Budget Pressures

- HR1 implementation
- Uncertainty of federal funding freezes and changes including TANF, Social Services Block Grant and HUDs COC NOFO
- Consent Decree Compliance

Mitigation Strategies

- FY26 reserve \$119M
 - \$59M in grant programs,
 - \$40M CCAP
 - \$20M operations
- Additional \$50+M in FY27 program funding reductions
 - \$15M less for VTTC
 - 10% reduction in named grantees

IDHS FY27 Budget Snapshot

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| Funding Source | FY26 Estimated Spending \$s in thousands | Proposed FY27 \$s in thousands | Change from FY26 \$s in thousands | Change from FY26 (%) |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| GRF | \$6,550,201.4 | \$6,938,335.1 | \$388,133.7 | 5.9% |
| Other State | \$1,494,792.7 | \$1,658,445.3 | \$163,652.6 | 10.9% |
| Federal | \$2,019,664.1 | \$2,012,020.8 | (\$7,643.3) | (0.4%) |
| TOTAL | \$10,064,658.1 | \$10,608,801.2 | \$544,143.1 | 5.4% |
| DHS HC | 15,160 | 15,872 | 712 | 4.7% |

* Numbers are rounded.

* Parentheses indicate a negative change.

* Numbers excludes divisions and programs shifting to other State Agencies

IDHS FY27 Priorities

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➤ **Continued Commitment to Olmstead**

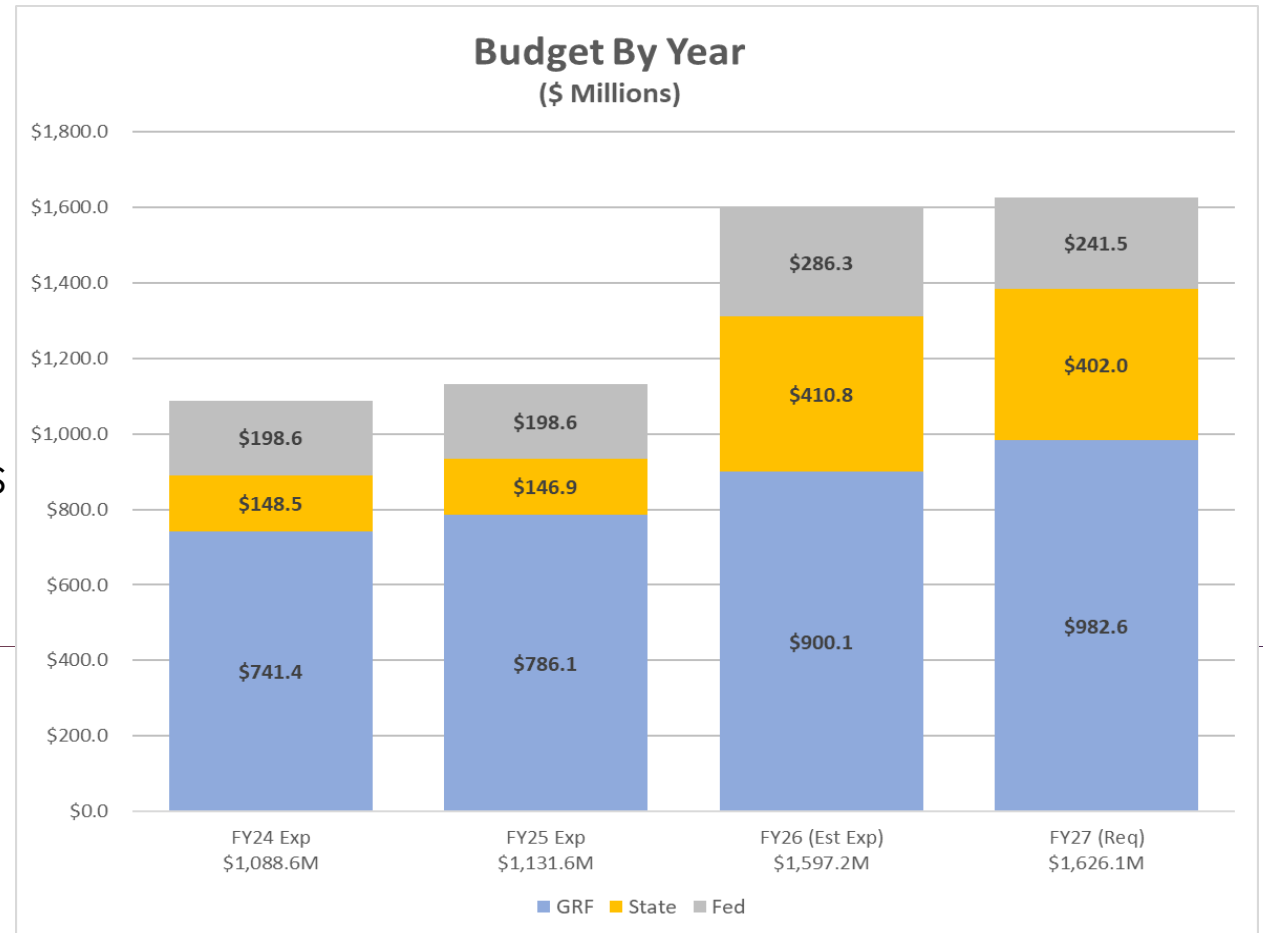
- **\$148.8M** for Ligas Placements and annualizations of FY26 placements, \$0.60 per hour DSP wage increase effective 1/1/27, and implementation of the Guidehouse Zero Hour staffing model
- **\$17.8M** increase for Williams & Colbert budget to provide ongoing resources for transitions and continued investment in Transition Services, Housing and Front Door Diversion programs
- **\$109.4M** to support increased Home Services Program enrollment and service needs, and contractual wage increases

➤ **H.R. 1 and SNAP**

- **\$40M** to maintain federal SNAP funding and minimize benefit loss, including:
 - 450 new Caseworkers across the State of Illinois
 - Investments in IT infrastructure to reduce caseworker errors as well as automated checks of income eligibility

FY27 Budget Proposed Highlights

- The Proposed Budget invest **\$34.5M** to support Forensic bed capacity at the State Operated Mental Health Facilities
- The Proposed Budget supports the continued funding for community transitions related to Williams and Colbert Consent Decree.

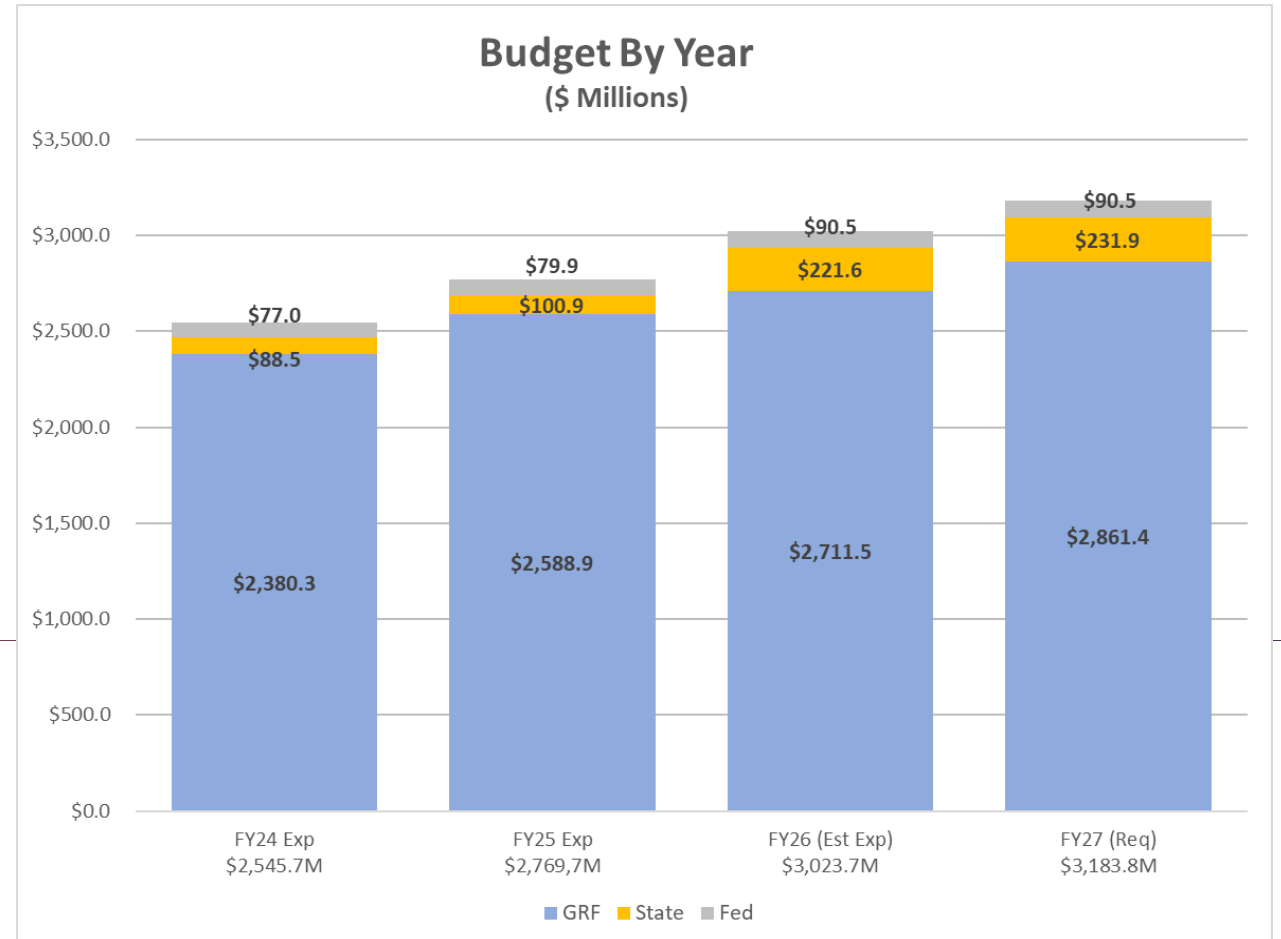


Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

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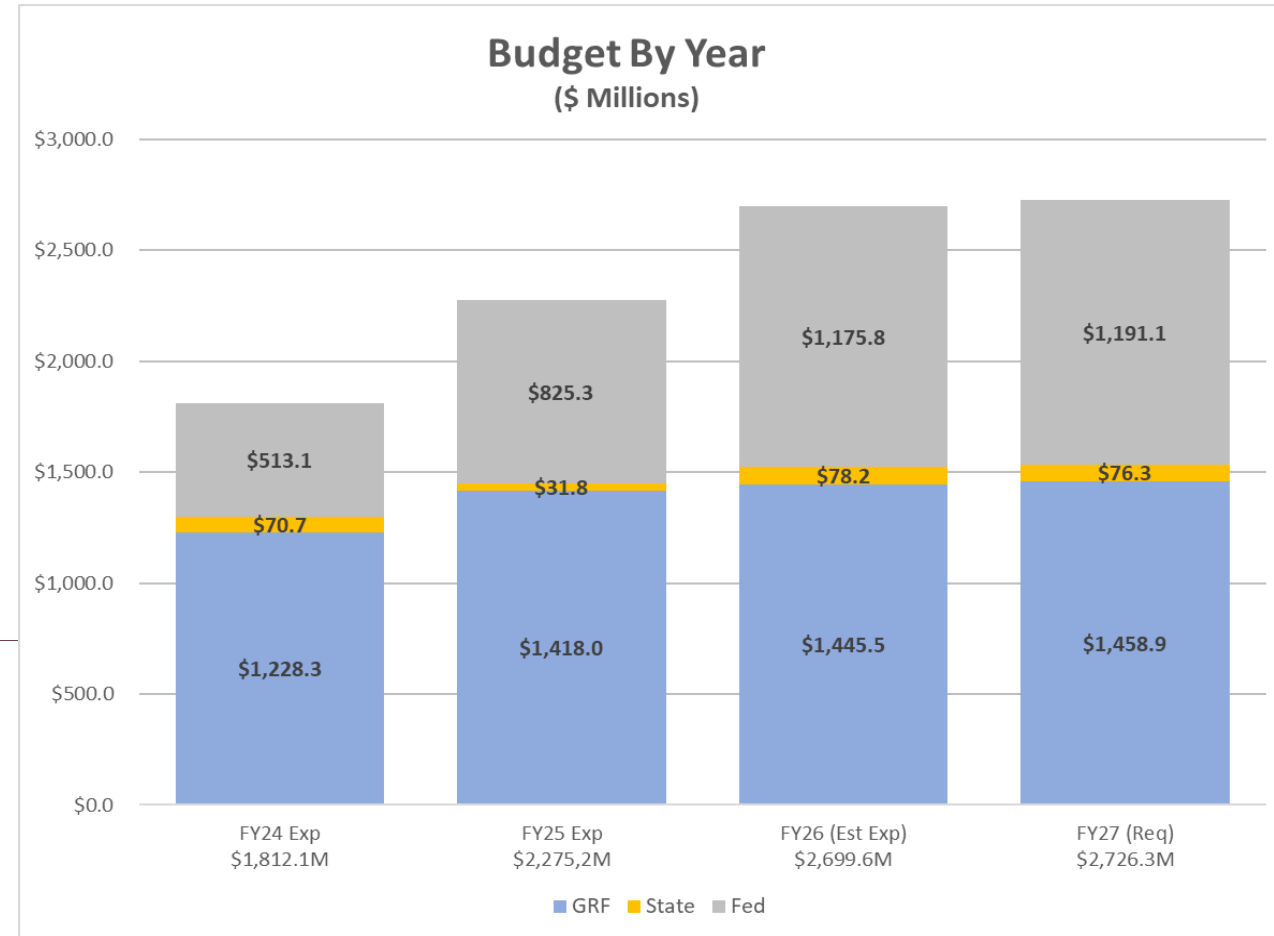
FY27 Proposed Budget Highlights

- **\$33.9M** for 630 new adult PUNS placements in FY26 and 630 more placements in FY27
- **\$13.3M** proposed investment for Home Based Program including 2.5% increase related to SSI
- **\$24.0M** DD Guidehouse \$0.60/hour DSP rate increase effective 1/1/27
- **\$37.5M** DD Guidehouse Zero Hour Staffing Model effective 1/1/27.



FY27 Proposed Budget Highlights

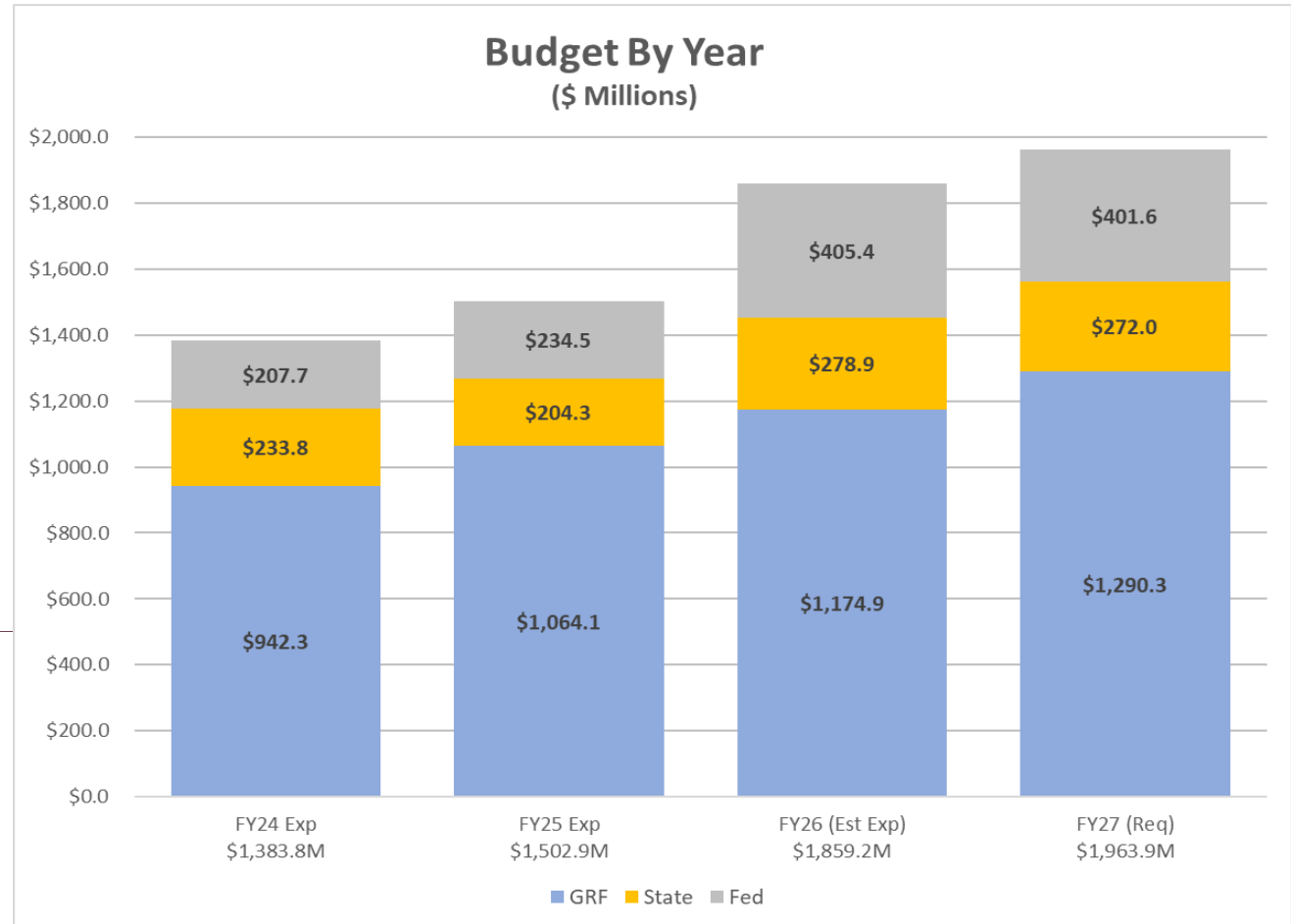
- **\$253.7M** Maintain FY26 Spending levels of Home Illinois
- Maintain FY26 commitments for Reimagine Public Safety
- **\$40M** to support IT and 450 caseworker staff to improve SNAP payment error rates and address HR1 Medicaid changes.



Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

FY26 Proposed Budget Highlights

- **\$109.4M** new investment for anticipated Home Services Program caseload growth of 1,320 net new customers and collective bargaining costs



Meet Jessica

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- Jessica is a mother to 3 daughters. She enrolled in a Joliet-based Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Program in April 2024
- Before enrolling, Jessica and her children resided in an emergency shelter for one month following an eviction.
- With support from shelter case managers and a housing navigator, Jessica secured safe, stable, housing.
- Once housed, she could pay debts, strengthen financial independence, and focus on her longtime goal of opening a massage therapy practice – which she has achieved!
- Beginning in January, Jessica has been able to pay 100% of her rent without program assistance. Her daughters are thriving and Jessica is preparing to successfully exit RRH.



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FY26 Accomplishments

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- **Medical Debt Relief:** The Illinois Medical Debt Relief Program has alleviated **\$1.1 billion** in medical debt for more than 500,000 beneficiaries across the state, including every county in Illinois.
- **Rural Healthcare Transformation (RHT) Program:** HFS was awarded **\$193.4 million** for CY2026 through the new federal RHT program to support healthcare in rural communities.
- **State Based Marketplace (SBM):** HFS worked with Get Covered Illinois to launch a SBM that will allow for more integration between Medicaid and the marketplace, ensuring that Illinoisans are more easily connected with the coverage that best fits their needs, quicker eligibility determinations and a better customer experience.
- **Maximizing Federal Funding Opportunities:** HFS leveraged federal funding to advance key initiatives including the Illinois hospital assessment, Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) access model, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs), and expanded coverage for non-traditional providers such as doulas and lactation consultants.
- **Focused Improvements in Managed Care:**
 - HFS successfully launched the new fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (FIDE-SNP)
 - HFS released a procurement for HealthChoice Illinois (HCI), which provides coverage to approximately 2.5 million Illinoisans.



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HFS FY27 Budget Snapshot

ALL FUNDS* (\$ MILLIONS)

| TOTAL BY PROGRAM | FY 2026 APPROPRIATION W/SUPPLEMENTAL | FY 2027 REQUEST | \$ CHANGE | % Change |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Medical Assistance | \$45,738.8 | \$46,603.5 | \$864.7 | 1.9% |
| Child Support Services | \$318.8 | \$316.7 | -\$2.1 | -0.6% |
| Administration | \$411.7 | \$457.1 | \$45.4 | 11.0% |
| Cost Recoveries | \$32.9 | \$33.4 | \$0.5 | 1.6% |
| Inspector General | \$36.5 | \$37.8 | \$1.3 | 3.6% |
| TOTAL | \$46,538.7 | \$47,448.5 | \$909.9 | 2.0% |

GENERAL (\$ MILLIONS)

| TOTAL BY PROGRAM | FY 2026 APPROPRIATION W/SUPPLEMENTAL | FY 2027 REQUEST | \$ CHANGE | % Change |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Medical Assistance | \$9,132.6 | \$8,626.4 | -\$506.2 | -5.5% |
| Child Support Services | \$71.8 | \$61.8 | -\$10.0 | -13.9% |
| Administration | \$88.9 | \$85.9 | -\$3.0 | -3.4% |
| Inspector General | \$7.2 | \$7.2 | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Total | \$9,300.6 | \$8,781.4 | -\$519.2 | -5.6% |

* HFS All Funds appropriations increase by approximately 2.0% in FY27, and its General Funds appropriations decline by about 5.6%. Numbers may not appear to add due to rounding.

Headcount

- ▶ **2,144** - 38 additional headcount are allocated to HFS for medical programs, medical eligibility, grants management and federal compliance.



FY26 Supplemental Requests

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- **Hospital Provider Fund - \$600 million**
 - Due to delayed CMS approval of the new hospital assessment program and increased available resources for hospital claims.
- **County Provider Trust Fund - \$600 million**
 - Increased revenue streams into this fund that garner federal match, facilitated by a higher effective federal match rate, which together enable the Fund to cover additional County Care expenditures.
- **Rural Healthcare Transformation Fund - \$100 million**
 - The supplemental request enables FY26 draw down of federal Rural Health Transformation Program funding awarded under HR1.



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Medical Assistance Enrollment

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| | Seniors | Disabled Adults | Children | Non-Disabled Adults | ACA | Total | % Change |
|------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| FY 25 Actuals | 283,175 | 227,054 | 1,466,451 | 544,073 | 750,532 | 3,271,285 | -10.8% |
| FY 26 Estimated | 281,437 | 221,507 | 1,435,261 | 490,300 | 710,951 | 3,139,456 | 0 |
| FY 27 Projected | 287,098 | 211,304 | 1,451,193 | 444,710 | 697,205 | 3,091,510 | 0 |



Program Investments

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- **HR1 Infrastructure and Investments** - \$36.8 million (IT and consumer outreach); \$2 million (headcount); and \$193.4 million (rural healthcare transformation)
- **Tailored Care Management Program (TCMP)** - \$39 million
 - Effective January 1, 2027, TCMP is intended to replace the DHS Comprehensive Class Member Transition Program and the Community Transition Initiative operated by HFS MCOs
- **Community Health Workers (CHWs)** - \$6.5 million
 - Includes the implementation of CHWs as Medicaid covered providers.
- **Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) component of the 1115 waiver** - \$14.5 million
 - HFS will begin infrastructure investments and services to address housing barriers for Medicaid members.
- **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)** - \$110.7 million
 - Currently, 19 providers are estimated to be active by the end of FY26, with another nine expected to begin operations by the end of FY27.
- **Gold Card** – \$6.1 million
 - Effective January 1, 2027, implementation of a gold card certification to medical providers serving in a hospital inpatient and/or outpatient setting that will exempt them from undergoing prior authorization requirements.



Delayed Program Investments Due to Budget Pressures

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Budget Pressures examples

- HR1 implementation
- Higher acuity customers post Public Health Emergency (PHE)
- Increased utilization of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy
- Implementation of the Fully Integrated Dually Eligible Special Needs Program (FIDE-SNP)

Proposed Delays

- 72-hour Rule to begin July 1, 2027
- Coverage of Music Therapy to begin July 1, 2027
- Implementation of 1115 Reentry waiver begins in FY28
- In-state Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) begin January 1, 2028



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- Implement the new federal Medicaid requirements contained in **HR 1** with the goal of mitigating harm to customers, providers and the Medicaid program.
 - Implementation includes rollout of the **Rural Healthcare Transformation program**, aimed at improving access to quality care in underserved rural communities through regional care transformation, technological innovation, enhanced mobile health infrastructure, and investment in health worker training and retention.
- Award new **HealthChoice Illinois** MCO contracts serving approximately 2.5 million customers effective January 1, 2027, to improve the quality of and access to care. Re-procure MCO contract serving DCFS youth in care and former youth in care.
- Continue to implement programs aimed at **supporting non-traditional care** by initiating subset of housing services under the **1115 Health-Related Social Needs waiver**, launching Medicaid coverage for **Community Health Workers**, and continuing to **expand maternal health provider types**.



Meet Christopher

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Challenge:

A minor facing multiple mental health crises, Christopher had run away and was refusing to return home.

HFS intervention:

With a court order to provide him support, a case was opened for Christopher in the BEACON portal. His application was expedited to quickly offer him residential care through the HFS Family Support Program (FSP).

A better life:

With FSP funding, Christopher was accepted into a leading treatment center for struggling children and teens.



* Name and image changed for privacy. *Stock photo.



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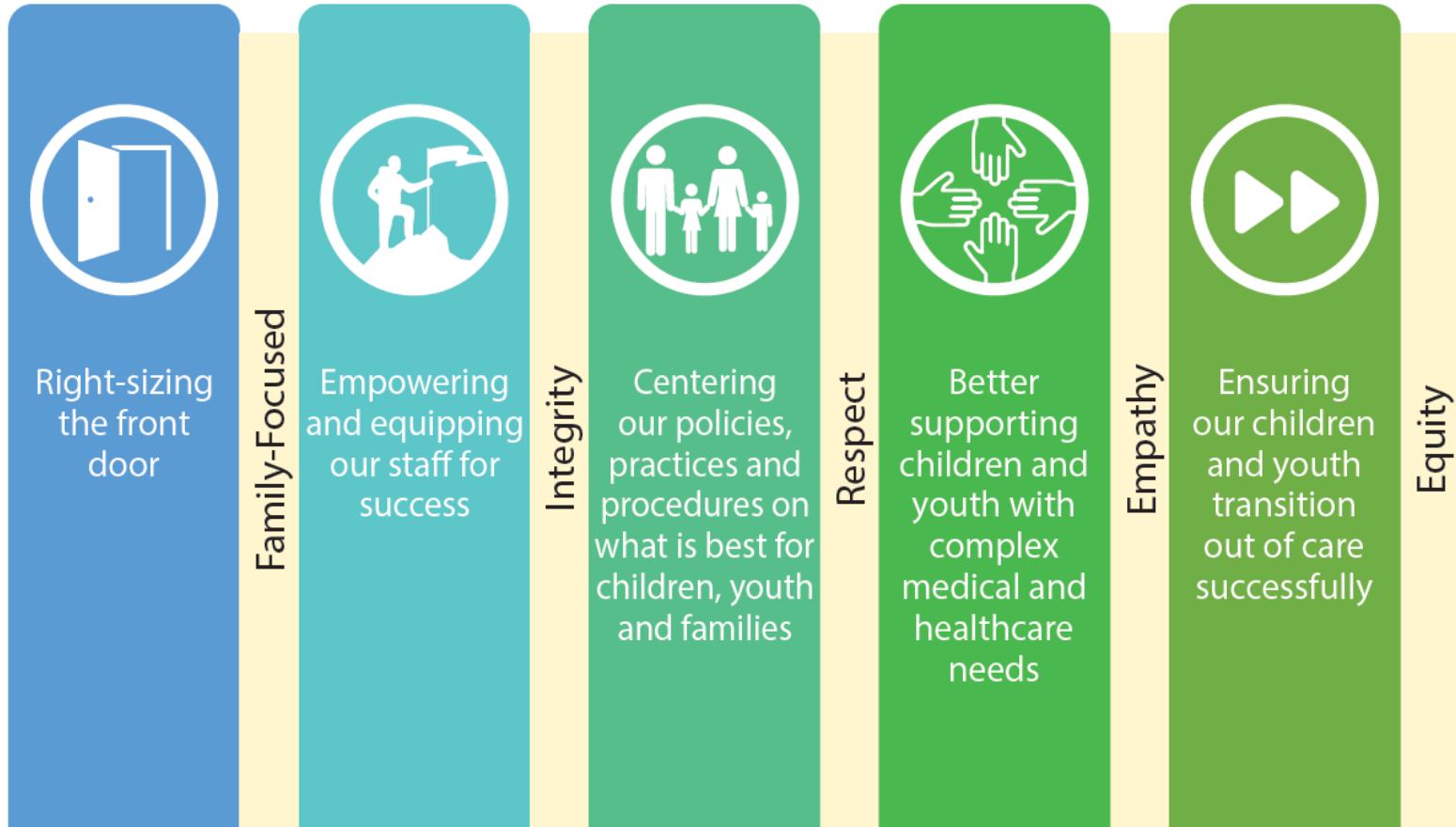
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DCFS Mission
The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) promotes the safety and well-being of children, youth, and families by responding to reports of potential abuse and neglect and, when needed, providing family-centered care



FY26 Accomplishments DCFS

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FY26 Key Accomplishments flow from DCFS's 5 Strategic Pillars:

- **Right Size** – Established a **prevention division** focused on supporting families to help prevent DCFS entry and keep families safely together; expanded **Family Advocacy Centers** and increased intact family services, **increasing family support services by 85%**.
- **Center Children and Families** – Completed record numbers of adoptions and guardianships, achieving the **highest permanency rate** in more than a decade and **exceeding BH Consent Decree requirements**. Launched the **Family Preservation Legal Advocacy Program** in partnership with Legal Aid Chicago.
- **Equip and Empower Staff** – Added **398 new employees**, resulting the highest staffing levels in more than two decades, an **all-time low vacancy rate of 2.6%**, and reduced caseloads. This brought DCFS into **compliance with a provision of the BH consent decree** which has been in place since 1994.
- **Better Care for Youth with Complex Needs** – Added **109 specialized residential program placements**, including 5 Hope Houses and specialized treatment for youth on the autism spectrum in partnership with Lurie Children's Hospital.
- **Support Youth Transitioning Out of Care** – Partnered with DCFS Youth Advisory Board to pass the **STAR bill** and enhance support for youth transitioning to independence; provided **347 scholarships** to eligible youth in care and alumni.

DCFS FY27 Budget Snapshot

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| Fund Summary (\$ in thousands) | FY25 Expenditures | FY26 Approp | FY27 Request | FY26-27 | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | | | \$ Change | % Change |
| All Funds - Total | 1,921,956.6 | 2,456,493.5 | 2,490,821.6 | 34,328.1 | 1.4% |
| State Funds Subtotal | 1,912,140.3 | 2,440,676.9 | 2,475,005.0 | 34,328.1 | 1.4% |
| General Revenue (GRF) | 1,411,137.9 | 1,594,108.0 | 1,668,497.4 | 74,389.4 | 4.7% |
| DCFS Children's Services (CSF) | 491,146.8 | 713,774.4 | 693,713.1 | (20,061.3) | -2.8% |
| DCFS Special Purpose Trust (SPT) | 9,855.6 | 32,794.5 | 32,794.5 | - | 0.0% |
| Build Illinois Bond Fund (BIB) | - | 100,000.0 | 80,000.0 | (20,000.0) | -20.0% |
| Federal Funds Subtotal | 9,816.2 | 15,816.6 | 15,816.6 | - | 0.0% |
| DCFS Federal Projects (FPF) | 9,816.2 | 15,816.6 | 15,816.6 | - | 0.0% |
| FUNDED HEADCOUNT* | 4,000 | 4,100 | 3,915 | (185) | -4.5% |

* FY27 Headcount change is related to transfer of Day Care Licensing (to IDEC) and CCBYS (from DHS)

Goals for FY27 flow from DCFS's **5 Strategic Pillars:**

- Deepen our focus on **family reunification** through family preservation and relative caregivers.
- Increase access to **high-quality community-based and preventative services** (e.g., Family Advocacy Centers, Legal Advocacy)
- **Expand specialized services** (e.g., victims of human trafficking, high needs medical) to key demographics throughout the state.
- Strengthen the **support** we provide to our workforce, including reimagined learning and staff wellness.
- Continue to promote programs and **enhance programs for our children and youth transitioning out of care.**

Yvonne's* Path to Hope and Healing

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Yvonne* came to DCFS after being on the run for months while being trafficked. She had not attended school from grades 7 – 10. Our case manager spent time with her and could see she was sad, hurt and scared. Patches of her hair were missing, and she had bruises and scars on her body.

Over time, Yvonne began to trust the case manager who worked tirelessly to get her the care she needed including a group home that helps victims of human trafficking.

Today, Yvonne is 18 and is on course to graduate high school. She has slowly learned to rebuild trust, gain confidence and advocates for the "system" that helped her and believed in her.

**Name has been changed to protect the identity of this youth.*



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FY26 Accomplishments IDPH

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FY26 brought new and continued investments that prepare for future emergencies, address health inequities, invest in communities, modernize public health systems, and enhance communication efforts.

Initiatives include:

- Joined WHO's **Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network** to maintain the state's connection to timely global alerts, expert public health networks, and international response capabilities.
- Launched the **IL Vaccine Access Program**, supporting local health departments provide vaccines at no cost to Illinoisians.
- **Expanded lead testing to 180 new zip codes**, representing parts of 47 Illinois counties. IDPH's lead testing program now covers more than 1,350 high-risk zip codes across the state.
- Released the **Illinois Birth Equity Blueprint** to help improve birth outcomes in Illinois.

- **A Unified Vision for Health** – Strategize with healthcare and public health partners to co-create a robust and resilient public health system.
- **Preparing for Future Emergencies** – Continue investments in emergency preparedness positions, training exercises, and partnerships to better prepare the State of Illinois for current and future health emergencies.
- **Modernizing Public Health** – Continue investments to enhance public health capacity AND in critical technology that modernizes IDPH's ability to collect and analyze information.
- **Investing in Communities** – Partner with community-based organizations to better leverage IDPH programs and policies to address health disparities.
- **Enhancing Credible Science-Based Communication** – Continue investments in communications tools to promote the agency's programs and initiatives, share accurate and credible science-based information, and combat erroneous information.

IDPH FY27 Budget Snapshot

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| Funding Source | FY2026 Budget | FY2027 Proposed | Change | |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | \$ | % |
| General Revenue (GRF) | \$322.5 | \$286.3 | (\$36.2) | (11.2%) |
| Non-GRF State Funds | \$379.2 | \$343.1 | (\$36.1) | (9.5%) |
| Federal | \$1,116.1 | \$728.9 | (\$387.2) | (34.7%) |
| Total | \$1,817.8 | \$1,359.0 | (\$459.5) | (25.3%) |

| Headcount | |
|-------------|---------------|
| FY26 | 1608.5 |
| Additional | 83.0 |
| FY27 | 1691.5 |

*Numbers are in millions.

*Numbers are rounded.

*Parentheses indicate a negative change.

IDPH FY27 Investments

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- IDPH is investing **\$61 million** in communities by proposing continued investments in HIV/AIDS (\$35M), improving reproductive health access (\$18M), the birth equity initiative (\$4M), cancer screening grants (\$2M), and pediatric mental health (\$2M).
- IDPH is continuing to invest **\$30 million** (federal Public Health Infrastructure Grant) in improving the public health workforce infrastructure and implementing department-wide quality improvement measures to prepare for the next Public Health Emergency.
- IDPH is investing an additional **\$14 million** in the expansion of the Office of Health Care Regulation to further protect the health and wellness of Illinois's older and more vulnerable residents.
- IDPH is proposing an investment of an additional **\$12 million** in a major upgrade to modernize public health data systems to better prevent disease outbreaks and protect our most vulnerable residents.
- IDPH is continuing to invest **\$8.5 million** in responding to Emerging Public Health Threats through prevention, early detection, rapid response, and containment to minimize the spread, severity and overall impact of the threat to Illinoisans.
- IDPH is continuing to invest **\$3.5 million** to enhance public health communications in effort to build trust and provide the public with credible, accurate information.

Localizing Health: Clinton County

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In FY 25, Clinton County received just over **\$127,000**, with funding supporting a variety of health initiatives, including:

- Lead poisoning prevention and response. Their team tests more than **200 children** annually for lead exposure.
- Opioid Overdose Prevention. The department provides test strips to schools and first responders and distributes naloxone.
- Vector/Tick Surveillance. The department test mosquitoes collected from six sites around the county for West Nile virus. They also collect ticks from various areas to test for tickborne diseases.

Clinton County Health Administrator Chris Leidel said grant funding is "essential because it covers a lot of the core functions of what a health department is supposed to do." He said the **37,000** residents of the county are safer and healthier as a result.



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FY26 Accomplishments IDOA

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- Developed ***Engaging Illinois: A Comprehensive Plan for Living Well***, a 10-year, cross-sector blueprint to support healthy aging in Illinois communities.
- Served **70,000 older adults** through the **Community Care Program** saving the State \$271M per month.
- Assisted nearly half a million older adults, served more than **12 million meals** and provided close to **350,000 rides** through Older Americans Act programs.
- Conducted extensive outreach and education including **92,000 SHIP one-on-one benefits counseling sessions**, assisted **135,000 Senior Help Line callers**, and processed **107,245 Benefit Access Applications** for license plate discounts and free rides on fixed route transit systems.
- Responded to **24,000 cases** of alleged abuse, neglect, self-neglect and exploitation including financial exploitation.

IDoA FY27 Budget Snapshot

| Funding Source | FY2026 Budget | FY2027 Proposed | Change \$ | Change % |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| General Funds (GRF and CHSF) | \$1,824.6 | \$1,999.0 | \$174.4 | 9.6% |
| Non-GF State Funds | \$13.4 | \$13.7 | \$0.3 | 2.2% |
| Federal** | \$212.8 | \$213.1 | \$316.8 | 0.15% |
| Total | \$2,050.7 | \$2,225.8 | \$175.1 | 8.5% |

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 *Numbers are rounded.
 **Federal funding is in thousands.

IDoA Headcount:
 FY26 = 198
 Proposed FY27 = 202

Proposed budget **maintains** programs with notable increases including:

- **CCP increase of \$166.8 million** from FY26 enacted budget
 - Includes Jan. 1, 2026, rate annualization
 - Utilization and caseload increases
- **APS increase of \$3.3 million** from FY26 enacted budget
 - Accounts for caseload increases and quality improvement
- **EngAging Illinois: A Comprehensive Plan for Living Well**
 - Year 1 implementation of the Multi-Sector Plan for Aging

- Implement new, **3-year State Plan on Aging** focused on increasing visibility of aging services; continuous quality assurance and improvement activities; and public awareness of caregiver needs and availability of services
- Complete **Rate Study** for CCP providers, Care Coordination Units and Adult Protective Services providers and submit renewal of the **Persons Who are Elderly 1915(c) Medicaid Waiver** to federal CMS for approval
- Evaluate and explore options for a new **comprehensive assessment tool**
- Strengthen protections to **prevent financial exploitation** of older adults

Meet MaryJo, Combatting Financial Exploitation

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MaryJo, an 89-year-old woman was financially exploited by a contractor offering home improvement services. The perpetrator convinced MaryJo to appoint him as her POA, drained her bank accounts and persuaded MaryJo to cash out her life insurance policy.

An APS provider responded to the case and **assisted in the referral for criminal prosecution** of the perpetrator. Due to the efforts of the APS provider, local law enforcement and the FBI, the perpetrator pled guilty to wire fraud, mail fraud and unlawful monetary transactions. **He was sentenced to 12 years in prison and ordered to pay over \$400k in restitution** to MaryJo.





**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

JB Pritzker, Governor
Terry Prince, Director



FY26 Accomplishments

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Quincy Welcomes residents to brand new state-of-the-art facility

In October 2025, the Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy celebrated the opening of the spectacular \$300 million long-term care building which features 210 private resident rooms, gathering spaces, courtyards, a movie theater, and even a pub for social activities.



Long-term Nursing Home and Domiciliary Care for Veterans

During FY25, IDVA provided skilled nursing and memory care for 932 residents, along with domiciliary (independent living) for 53 residents. Of those residents, 316 were new admissions in the last year. IDVA brought in \$47M in federal per diem funds in FY25 to offset the costs of care in our five veterans' homes. We are seeing early increases in FY26 as well.



Field Services/Veteran Service Officers

Conducted 21,623 in-person and 44K telephonic interviews with veterans in FY25. IDVA is responsible for 293,904 awards of federal benefits for veterans, dependents, and survivors in FY25. Those veterans received more than \$617M in overall VA disability compensation and pension in FY25, up by 9% from FY24. We are on pace for increases in FY26.

IDVA FY27 Budget Snapshot

| Funding Source | FY2026 Budget | FY2027 Proposed | Change \$ | Change % |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| General Revenue (GRF) | \$142.9 | \$123.8 | (\$19.1) | (13.4%) |
| Non-GRF State Funds | \$94.9 | \$131.3 | \$36.4 | 38.3% |
| Federal | \$2.7 | \$2.7 | \$0 | 0% |
| Total | \$240.6 | \$257.8 | \$17.3 | 7.2% |

IDVA FY27 Headcount: 1795

- * Numbers are in Millions.
- * Numbers are rounded.
- * Parentheses indicate a negative change.

IDVA FY27 Priorities

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- Increase Staffing, Including the Addition of Key Personnel
 - Improve veterans' experience with IDVA quality assurance director and medical director
 - Additional staffing to allow increased census at the homes

- Ensure Continuation of Quality Services to the Veteran Home Population
 - Facility Maintenance, food, medical supplies, and energy costs are increasing

- Join USDVA Nursing Retention Program
 - Promote Hiring and Retention of Nurses at State Veterans Homes
 - Increase IDVA clinical and education programs for CNAs

- Exploring Expansion of Care for Veterans
 - Veterans needing long-term care is expected to grow substantially in the next 5-10 years
 - Looking at possible new sites for veteran home
 - Expansion of alternatives to skilled care such as adult day programs and assisted living

Meet James

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Success Story: Field Services

On Tuesdays and every other Thursday, Veteran Service Officer Brandon Jagers sets up shop at the Evanston Vet Center, where he meets with veterans to discuss their earned benefits and services. In July 2025, Brandon met World War II U.S. Army Veteran and Purple Heart recipient James Alvarez, who shared that in the Battle of Magdeburg, Germany, in 1945, he was wounded by shrapnel from a tank explosion. When Brandon informed James and his niece Doreen Johnson that he was entitled to benefits, he immediately filed Joseph's **first** military -service-connected disability claim, yielding a 100 percent service-connected rating.

The day after meeting James and filing his claim, Brandon invited James and Doreen to view the Veterans' Home at Chicago, which is Brandon's home base. He assisted James with the Home's application process. James now calls the Veterans' Home at Chicago Home, at no cost to him and his family.

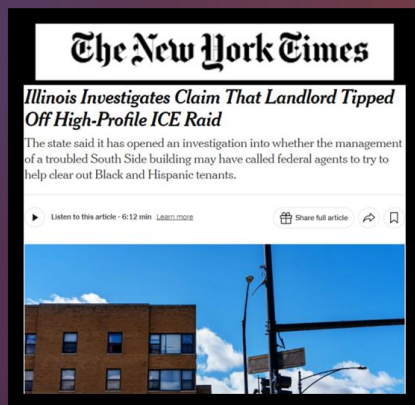


HUMAN ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF **RIGHTS**

JB Pritzker, Governor
James L. Bennett, Director

Human Rights FY 26 Accomplishments

- Increased Core Investigative Work
- Filed Two Department Initiated Charges
- Stood up the Illinois Accountability Commission



Mediation:

- 163 mediations held; \$1,982,000 secured

Fair Housing:

- Received 842 intake filings; 15% increase from FY25
- FY26 to date recovered \$159,853; 140% increase from FY25

Employment:

- Received 7,739 intake filings; 32.7% increase from FY25
- FY26 to date recovered \$2,079,889; 17.5% increase from FY25

IDHR FY27 Priorities

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Passing Disparate Impact SB3777 / HB 5386

- This bill ensures that disparate impact discrimination protections, a key legal theory under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, will remain the law in Illinois, even as federal agencies are deprioritizing and rolling back disparate impact enforcement nationwide.

Case Management System

- IDHR successfully migrated 31,000 cases from a legacy platform deployed in the 1990s to a modern and more secure Microsoft platform. This is the first iteration of the Department's new investigation case management system, which will be custom built, in-house, and will result in an estimated cost savings of over \$1M annually.

Enhanced Strategic Enforcement

- Taking strategic steps toward improving the investigative process to address the changes to civil rights happening at the federal level including proactively assessing cases at the initial stage, managing cases that fall into Department enforcement priorities, and identifying other opportunities for Department initiated charges.

IDHR-HRC Merger

- This proposal would consolidate the administrative support functions of the Illinois Department of Human Rights and the Illinois Human Rights Commission—including IT, finance, human resources, communications, and procurement—while preserving their distinct statutory roles in investigating and adjudicating discrimination charges under the Illinois Human Rights Act.

IDHR FY27 Budget Snapshot

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| Funding Source | FY26 Estimated Spending \$s in thousands | Proposed FY27 \$s in thousands | Change from FY26 \$s in thousands | Change from FY26 (%) |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| GRF | \$20,147.9 | \$16,707.7 | (\$3,440.2) | (17.1%) |
| Other State | \$5,600 | \$7,002.6 | \$1,402.6 | 25% |
| Federal | \$4,794.8 | \$4,794.8 | \$0 | 0% |
| TOTAL | \$30,542.7 | \$28,505.1 | (\$2,037.6) | (6.7%) |
| IDHR HC | 168 | 200 | 32 | 19% |

Appreciation of IDHR Mediation

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Quality

- Experienced, trusted mediators respected by both sides

Process

- Careful, thoughtful engagement leading to fair outcomes

Impact

- Meaningful, timely resolutions that allow parties to move forward



Over the past several years, we have usually considered mediation through the Department because of the **QUALITY** of the mediators we have been assigned.

With continued engagement from both parties, the mediator developed a well-balanced Mediator's Proposal designed to achieve a FAIR and final resolution. The proposal reflected a **THOUGHTFUL** compromise that addressed the complainant's need for timely financial redress while recognizing the respondent's operational needs.

We should continue to encourage mediation of claims filed with the Department. It allows the parties one-on-one time with the mediator, to hear their stories and their concerns, even those that do not fall within the clear ambit of the charge. The parties get to be heard in a way that is far different from a Fact-Finding Conference. As an attorney, I am glad that the Department provides this option.



-Grateful Respondent Attorney



**ILLINOIS HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

JB Pritzker, Governor
Karen Davis, Deputy Executive
Director

CY25 Accomplishments

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Multifamily Financing

37 developments funded to create or preserve **1,958 affordable rental units**.



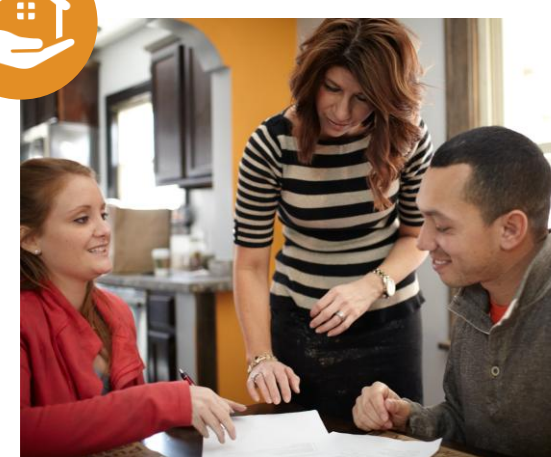
Affordable Homeownership

5,024 homebuyers purchased homes with **\$54.2 million** in IHDA down payment assistance (4% of all IL home sales).



Community Revitalization

1,080 single-family homes modified, repaired, or maintained with **\$30.7 million** in IHDA revitalization grants.



Emergency Housing Support

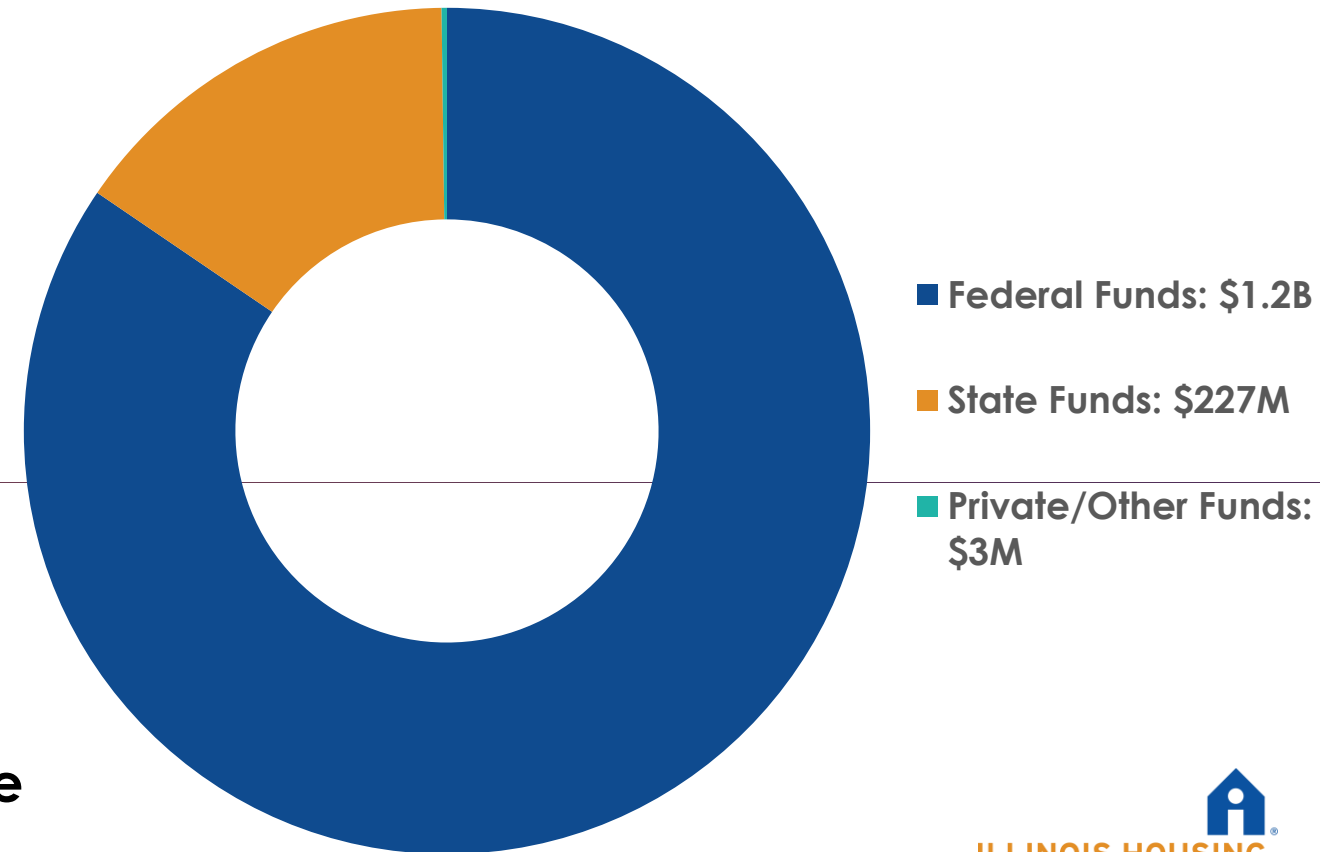
\$72.9 million in emergency rental payments disbursed to help **9,046 families** avoid eviction.

IHDA CY2026 Budget Snapshot

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- **Our tools:** Housing Bonds, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and other affordable housing programs providing “soft dollars.”
- **Agency headcount:** 360 full-time employees.
- **Projected 2026 funding:** \$1.487 Billion
 - \$925.6 million for Multifamily Programs
 - \$514.1 million for Single Family Programs
 - \$46.8 million for Residential Services
 - \$1.4 million for Technical Assistance
- **85% of all dollars projected to flow through IHDA in 2026 – \$1.2 billion – come from federal sources.**

Share of Projected 2026 Expenditures



IHDA CY2026 Priorities

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Expand partnerships, especially with the Federal Home Loan Bank, Ginnie Mae, and the philanthropic and banking communities to identify additional resources for affordable housing.



Create a new down payment assistance program for first-time homebuyers and develop a new financial product for developers to increase Illinois' affordable rental inventory.



Improve access to housing resources and financing through technical assistance/capacity-building, and the modernization of agency systems including IHDA's website, rental housing search tool, and rental assistance application.

The Community of Sunnybrook (Alton, IL)

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A new mixed-income rental community providing 40 affordable townhomes for families. Built on a formerly vacant field near Alton's downtown, Sunnybrook expands access to jobs and education while supporting a broader revitalization strategy to invest in public infrastructure, economic development, and more across Madison County.

Completed in November 2025 after eight years of collaboration with IHDA, Sunnybrook is the first new rental housing built in the area in more than 10 years.

IHDA Sources: Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, COVID Affordable Housing Grant Program





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Guardianship & Advocacy Commission (GAC)

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Director
Tracey B. Fleming



Mission: Protect the rights and autonomy of people with disabilities through public guardianship (Office of State Guardian, OSG), legal representation in involuntary treatment proceedings (Legal Advocacy Service, LAS), disability rights investigations (Human Rights Authority, HRA), and special education advocacy (Special Education Initiative, SPED).

FY 27 Snapshot

- Budget: \$18.13M
- Headcount: 139

FY 26 Accomplishments

- **Served** 110,572 Illinoisans across OSG, LAS, HRA, and SPED
- **HRA achieved** 99% recommendation acceptance rate, benefiting 90,000+ individuals
- **LAS expanded**, now serving 17 counties at 27% of private-sector cost
- **Person Guardian Training:** 9,000+ completions; Estate Guardian training launched January 2026 with 100 completions in first month
- 72% of new guardianship referrals connected to less restrictive alternatives

IL Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD)

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Director Kimberly Mercer-Schleider



Mission: To lead change in Illinois so all people with developmental disabilities exercise their right to equal opportunity and freedom.

FY 27 Snapshot

- Budget: \$5.48M
- Headcount: 10

FY 26 Accomplishments

- **Dignity in Pay Act Implementation Leadership:** ICDD fulfilled its statutory role by co-chairing the Dignity in Pay Workgroup. The Council led more than 60 hours of facilitated planning resulting in a comprehensive Multi Year Plan with 46 formal recommendations adopted on time in July 2025.
- **Pilot to Permanent Systems Change:** Housing Navigators supported 412 people exploring community housing and helped 36 individuals move into their own homes demonstrating cost effective community-based outcomes and successful handoff from ICDD funded technical support to IDHS-DDD.

IL Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC)

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Director
Benro T. Olives



State of Illinois
Deaf and Hard of
Hearing Commission

Mission: To promote education and awareness of legal requirements to ensure effective communication for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in Illinois.

FY 27 Snapshot

- Budget: \$1.12M
- Headcount: 7

FY 26 Accomplishments

- Addressed 19,000+ public inquiries on topics including communication access, sign language interpreters, hearing aids, and assistive technology.
- Distributed 3,000+ communication visor cards to facilitate interactions between law enforcement and Deaf or Hard of Hearing individuals during traffic stops or roadside assistance.
- As part of regulatory oversight for interpreter licensure under the Illinois Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act of 2007, issued over 1,000 licenses to interpreters.

Health Facilities and Services Review Board (HFSRB)

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Administrator
John P. Kniery



Mission: Regulatory mechanism for oversight on major capital expenditures for health care facilities and services; to help control health care costs; and provide orderly, predictable and economic development of health care facilities throughout Illinois. Serves as means of notifying public with changes to their health care assets.

Sponsor Agency: IDPH

FY 27 Snapshot:

- Budget: \$2.8M
- Headcount of 9

FY 26 Accomplishments

- Continued rule updates for Parts 1100, 1110, 1120, 1130, 1925
- 51 Certificate of Need reviews (\$1,282,053,303)CY
- 21 Certificate of Exemption reviews (\$56,459,000)CY
- Cumulatively, over \$1.3 Billion in capital oversight for Illinois (14% Increase).

Office of Firearm and Violence Prevention (OFVP)

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**Assistant Secretary
Quiwana Bell**



Mission: To address the statewide public health emergency that is firearm violence through increased community capacity to address root causes of violence, provide those most at-risk access to evidence-based and trauma-informed services and advance equity and racial justice.

Home Agency: IDHS

FY 26 Accomplishments

- CY2025 firearm victimization trends show historic statewide progress.
 - Chicago shootings ↓ **57%** compared to 2021
 - Greater Illinois firearm injury hospitalizations ↓ **46%** compared to 2021
- Delivered CY2025 services to **more than 25,000** individuals, supported by FY26 administration of **200+** statewide grant awards.
- Strengthened victim and community supports, administering the **\$2M** Emergency Victim Services Fund and expanding Community Convener strategies.

Office to Prevent & End Homelessness

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**Chief Homelessness Officer
Christine Haley**



Mission: To coordinate State of Illinois agency strategies and investments and partnering with the community to build a strong safety net and permanent housing for Illinoisans facing homelessness and housing insecurity.

FY 27 Budget: \$253.7M

Home Agency: IDHS

FY26 Accomplishments

- Chronic homelessness reduced by 40%
- Veterans homelessness reduced by 14%
- 22% reduction in unsheltered homelessness
- 47% increase in number of people served, by legacy and strategic housing and prevention investments, to 96,948 people served

Olmstead Compliance

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**Chief Olmstead Officer
Ali Johnson**



Mission: The State of Illinois envisions a future where every Illinoisan with a disability can fully exercise their right of choice, to live independently, and thrive within their communities. The State of Illinois is committed to fostering a supportive environment that prioritizes community integration, ensuring that health and human services are accessible, equitable, and person-centered. Our goal is to empower Illinoisans to lead fulfilling lives while promoting their dignity, autonomy, and active participation in society.

Home Agency: IDHS

FY27 Budget (Williams & Colbert): \$195.4M

FY 26 Accomplishments

- Supported placement of 682 individuals with disabilities in a community-based setting under the Williams and Colbert Consent Decrees between July-Dec.
- Over \$700M increase to DD services through Guidehouse Rate Study.
- Initiated the development of the State's first Olmstead Plan.

Chief Behavioral Health Office (CBHO)

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Chief Behavioral Health Officer Inger Burnett-Zeigler

Mission: To transform how Illinois supports mental, emotional, and overall behavioral health for everyone--especially those most in need.

Home Agency: IDHS

FY 26 Accomplishments

- Led publication of Administrative Burden Task Force recommendations to improve system efficiency, strengthen the behavioral health workforce, and advance behavioral health outcomes for Illinois residents.
- Led DHS/HFS collaboration to transition from Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) to Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) to streamline processes, reduce administrative burden, support financial sustainability, creating a unified crisis continuum.
- Secured \$2M/year for 3 years in philanthropic funding from Ballmer Group for IL to provide Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHC) with TA support and staff extenders to support community behavioral health services.



Children's Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative (CBHTI)

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Chief Officer Dana Weiner

Mission: Improve the delivery of behavioral health services to children and adolescents with significant and complex challenges, as well as to streamline and simplify the ways in which families can access resources, services, and supports for the youth in their care.

Home Agency: DCFS

FY 26 Accomplishments

- Transformed the process of accessing behavioral health care for families using BEACON, which served over 34,000 visitors in 2025 with reduced wait times for services and fewer custody relinquishments (DHS).
- Centralized oversight of residential beds with 97% of residential providers reporting daily shortened time to placement and informed new contracting (DCFS).
- Passed landmark legislation to require Illinois school districts to offer annual mental health screening to students in grades 3-12 and supported implementation (ISBE).





Mission: To develop and support policies to stabilize, modernize, and strengthen Illinois’s health care safety net—ensuring access, equity, and long-term sustainability as care delivery evolves.

Home Agency: IDPH

FY 26 Accomplishments

- Stewarded the creation of a multi-agency legislative package designed to stabilize the safety net.
- Had more than 100 meetings with stakeholders to gather information on policy direction.
- Completed initial analysis of strengths and opportunities in the safety net.
- Initiated process of moving state away from reactive responses to crises in the safety net to a coherent, forward-facing strategy.

Hospital Strategy Lead
Dan Fulwiler





**Reproductive Health
Chief Ameri Klafeta**



Mission: To formulate and work across state agencies to implement policy strategies to ensure Illinoisans have access to the wide spectrum of reproductive health services and strengthen the state's reproductive healthcare system

Home Agency: HFS

FY 26 Accomplishments

- The Guttmacher Institute changed its categorization of Illinois to "very protective" of abortion rights, in recognition of the policy work done to expand access to abortion care.
- The state announced the launch of the Prairie State Access Fund, organized by Michael Reese Health Trust, to engage private philanthropy to support Illinois operations and infrastructure for sexual and reproductive health care.
- HFS announced a \$4 million investment to counteract the defunding of Planned Parenthood in H.R. 1 to continue access to Medicaid customers for family planning services.

Multisector Plan for Aging

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**Chief Planning Officer
Michelle Hoersch**

Mission: EngAging Illinois: A Comprehensive Plan for Living Well, is the State's 10-year, cross-sector Plan to address the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers to ensure the growing population of older Illinoisans can live dignified, engaged, productive, and meaningful lives at every stage of life.

FY 27 Budget: \$1M

Home Agency: IDoA

FY 26 Accomplishments

- Held four Interagency Task Force & Joint Community Advisory Council meetings
- Convened nine public engagement sessions statewide
- Delivered Plan to Governor's Office & General Assembly in December 2025

Four focus areas:

- Creating Livable & Connected Communities
- Ensuring Health for All Ages
- Investing in Caregivers
- Affording Aging

Three special initiatives:

- EngAge Central resource hub
- Modernize HCBS
- Statewide Academic Collaborative

Implementation:

- EngAging Illinois Commission
- 8+ workgroups
- Public information campaign





**Director Isabella
Hurtado**

Mission: To welcome and support immigrants and refugees in the State of Illinois by working across state agencies to ensure meaningful access state services for new American populations and promoting policies and programs that facilitate immigrant integration.

Home Agency: Governor's Office

FY 26 Accomplishments

- Coordinated the State response to Operation Midway Blitz and changes in immigration policy and enforcement tactics
- Launched the Illinois Immigration Information Hub in partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services, the City of Chicago Mayor's Office of Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights and community
- Established the statewide Language Access Coordinator Network and facilitated the creation of Language Access Plans across 49 agencies, boards, and commissions
- Co-convened the Illinois Task Force on Black Immigrants with the Department of Human Rights to explore unique the needs of Black immigrants, and published a final report



Housing Solutions

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**Director Olivia
Ortega**



Mission: Make it possible to build the kinds of homes Illinois families actually need, especially middle housing like duplexes, small apartment buildings, and starter homes, by fixing outdated rules, lowering costs, and removing barriers to construction statewide.

Home Agency: Governor's Office

FY 26–27 Priorities:

- Update housing rules so communities can build middle housing that fits into existing neighborhoods and is affordable to middle-income families
- Invest more than \$250 million in infrastructure and housing programs to make sites build-ready and projects financially feasible
- Help restart private homebuilding of smaller, more affordable housing types that are no longer being built at scale



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