



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

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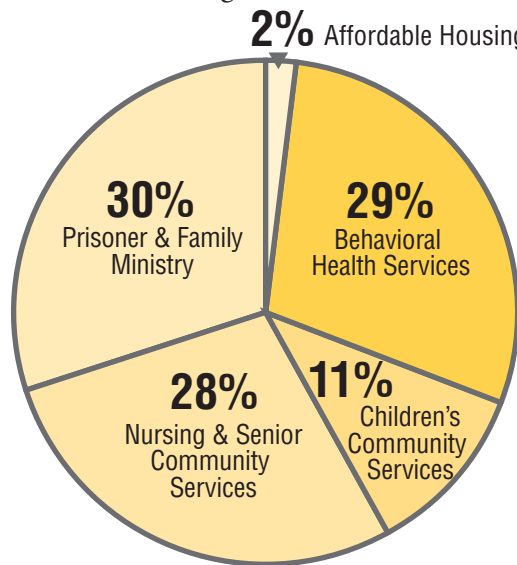
Responding to the Gospel, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois brings healing, justice and wholeness to people and communities.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT LSSI

- Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) was founded 144 years ago and is one of the largest faith-based social service providers in Illinois.
- LSSI served nearly 100,000 people in Fiscal Year 2011 through 190 programs at 83 program sites across Illinois.

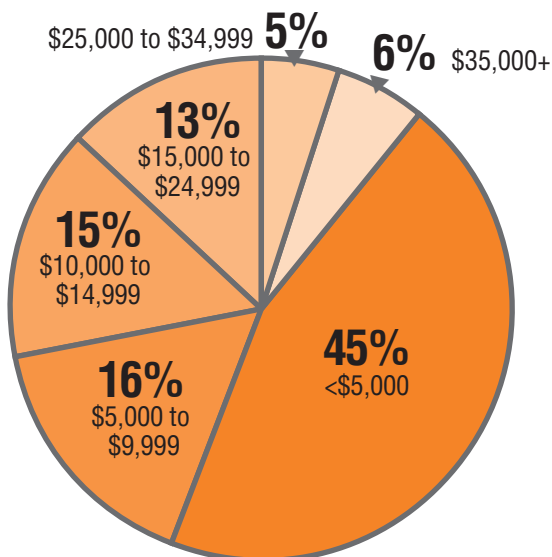
We Provide the Help People Need

LSSI helps people make essential changes and address their most critical needs through the services shown here:



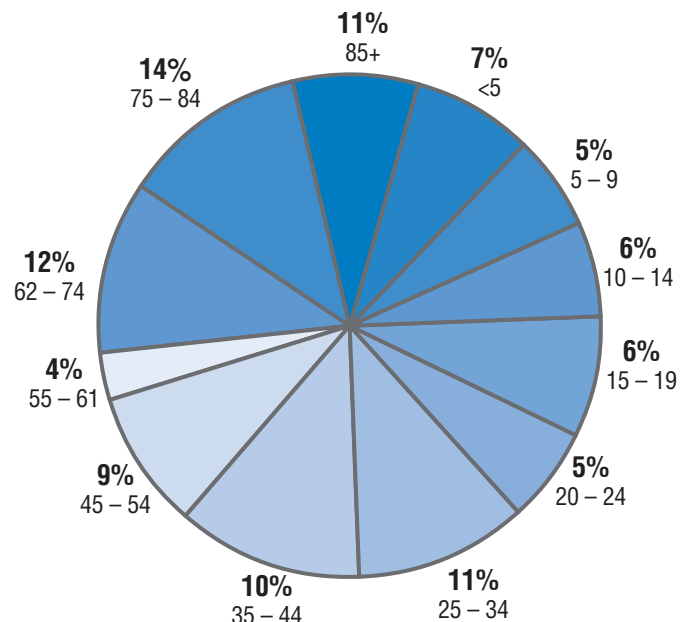
We Serve People in Poverty

LSSI programs serve families with low incomes, 46% below \$5,000.

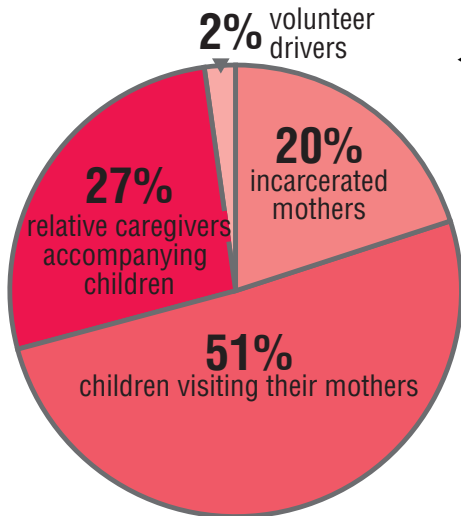


We Serve People of All Ages

LSSI programs make a difference in the lives of people, no matter what their age.



LSSI CHANGES LIVES



◀◀ We Nurture Family Relationships

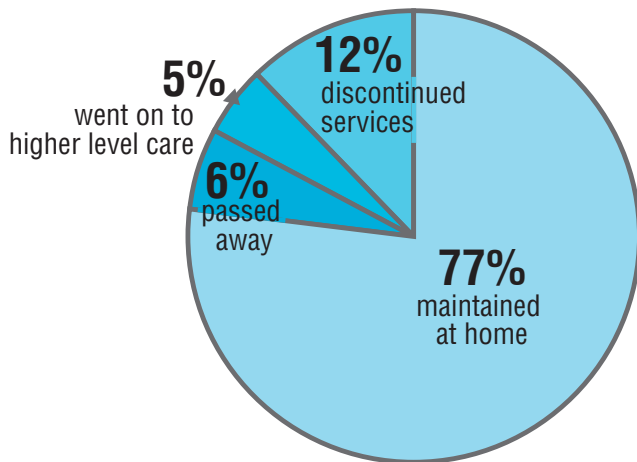
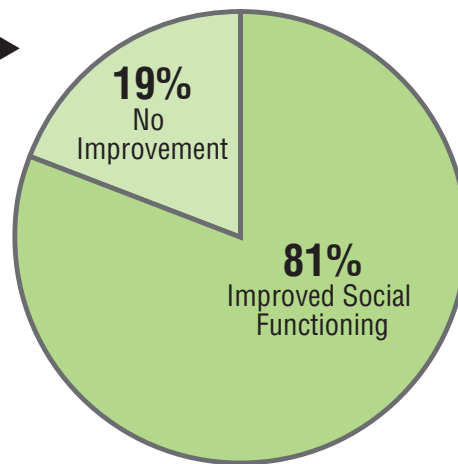
Prisoner and Family Ministry • Visits to Mom Program

LSSI's Visits to Mom program maintains the vital link between children and their incarcerated mothers by providing free transportation for regular visits and other services. The lack of contact that often occurs between children and their incarcerated mothers can be experienced as abandonment, which creates many adjustment problems for children. Research has shown that many of these children drop out of school, and some 70% of them wind up in prison themselves, unless they maintain their relationship with their mothers. This graph reflects those people who participate in the Visits to Mom program.

▶▶ We Help Youth Who Are in Crisis

Children's Community Services • Youth Crisis Intervention

LSSI knows how important it is to reach out to youth during this formative time in their lives — especially when they are experiencing crises at home, have been locked out of their homes, have run away, or are at risk for commitment to the Department of Corrections. LSSI has designed services to help youth remain at home and resolve the issues that led to their crisis. The majority of youth served by LSSI improved their social functioning, and many remained in their homes with their families.



◀◀ We Help Seniors Remain Independent

Senior Services • Home Care Services

LSSI provides the support that seniors need to remain in their homes and communities with the highest possible level of independence. These services include housekeeping, laundry, personal care, medication reminders, meal planning and preparation, and transportation to appointments. This graph shows what happened to our clients in Fiscal Year 2011.

▶▶ We Help People Facing Challenges

Behavioral Health Services • Community-Based Counseling Programs

Many people suffer from depression, loneliness, loss, abuse and other challenges, but can't afford to get help. LSSI's counseling services help all people, regardless of their ability to pay. The vast majority of individuals showed an increase in functioning after receiving counseling services from LSSI — this means they gained skills needed to face these challenges and engage in life effectively.

