

# **2024 Annual Report**

## **LIVINGSTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH**

**BOARD (708)**

**AND**

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
BOARD (377)**

**FOR THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF PERSONS  
WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY**

**310 E. TORRANCE AVENUE  
PONTIAC IL, 61764**

**DECEMBER 1, 2023  
TO  
NOVEMBER 30, 2024**



## **From the Executive Director**

Dear Residents of Livingston County,

The Livingston County Mental Health Board (LCMHB) remains steadfast in its commitment to providing an integrated, high-quality system of care for our community. The year 2024 was no exception. As I reflect on the past year, I take great pride in the accomplishments of the agencies we collaborate with. Through these partnerships, we were able to deliver vital mental health, substance use, and developmental disability services to thousands of Livingston County residents, supported by the 708 and 377 tax funds.

While a significant portion of our funds was allocated to sustain long-standing programs, we also directed resources toward new initiatives in response to emerging community needs. For example, Futures Unlimited, Inc. used a portion of their funds to establish a Behavioral Health Clinic. This clinic provides critical mental health services to individuals seeking to improve their mental well-being or those in active crisis, offering much-needed support to our community.

Last year, Livingston County tragically lost six residents to suicide and ten individuals to drug-related overdoses. While we may never fully understand the complexities behind these heartbreaking events, I firmly believe that with increased support and services in our community, these outcomes could have been different. It is my hope that by strengthening our network of care, we can work together to prevent future tragedies and provide those in need with the resources they deserve.

In addition to distributing the annual tax funds, the LCMHB also allocated a portion of Livingston County's Opioid Settlement funds over the past year. These funds were directed to the Institute for Human Resources, enabling the development of support groups for individuals with loved ones facing substance use or mental health challenges. This initiative has been highly successful, and there are plans to continue its operation, with the potential for additional funding from new Opioid funds.

The accomplishments of the Mental Health Board would not be possible without the dedication and collaboration of our ten board members, who generously contribute their time and expertise to our mission. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to my exceptional staff—Meg, Tanya, and Beth—for their unwavering passion and commitment to our work. Finally, I extend my deepest thanks to Livingston County and its residents for their continued support, which is essential to the success of our mission.

If you have any questions, or are interested in how you can get involved, please contact us at the Livingston County Mental Health Board at 815-844-7708.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taylor Hartman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Taylor Hartman, MSW

Executive Director

Livingston County Mental Health Board



# Adaptive & Inclusive Recreation (A.I.R.)

900 N. Elm St., Pontiac IL. 815-844-6818



Month	# of Activities	Average # of Participants
December 2023	13	14
January 2024	16	15
February 2024	10	13
March 2024	14	21
April 2024	14	20
May 2024	16	16
June 2024	16	16
July 2024	27	13
August 2024	16	11
September 2024	11	16
October 2024	14	15
November 2024	17	15

A.I.R. continued to offer Basketball, Bowling, and Athletics for Special Olympics sports in the year 2024. They had three basketball teams for the year, all three got second place at the district's competition. They participated in the Polar Plunge at Lake Bloomington, raising money for Special Olympics, their group name was “super skittles”. Athletics district competition was canceled due to the weather, names were drawn via lottery draw by Special Olympics to determine who went to Summer Games. 14 of their athletes were drawn. Summer Games results: Day 1- 8 gold medals (2 relay teams), 2 silver medals, 1 bronze medal, 1 fourth place ribbon, and 1 fifth place ribbon! Day 2 - 4 gold medals, 1 silver medal, 1 bronze medal, 1 fourth place ribbon, and 1 participation ribbon! Bowling Districts had 10 gold medalists advancing to sectionals competition, there was no state advancement at that competition. Athletes not advancing to sectionals were able to bowl in the unified competition if they chose, they had 20 pairs compete and five of them advanced to the state competition. At state, they received 2 gold medals, 2 bronze medals, and 1 fourth place ribbon!

A.I.R. had a Winterfest tree sponsored and had a group help decorate it on Block 59!



# SAFE JOURNEYS

formerly, ADV & SAS

510 N. Bloomington St., Streator IL. 815-672-2353/Crisis 815-673-1555

**Safe Journeys is a not-for-profit agency providing free, confidential supportive services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Livingston and LaSalle Counties. In addition, in FY23, we began offering psychoeducational services to persons who use violence for power and control in their intimate relationships with funding from other sources.**

**Services** provided to Livingston County residents include a 24-hour support line; safe housing; legal and medical advocacy; supportive counseling; information & referral; case management; and education in schools, for professionals, and for the community in general. All of these services are free of charge and are provided regardless of the survivor's age or gender.

**People Served from These Towns:** Blackstone, Chatsworth, Cornell, Cullom, Dwight, Fairbury, Flanagan, Forrest, Graymont, Odell, Pontiac, Saunemin, and Streator.

**Total Number of People Served:** Funding from the Livingston County Mental Health (708) Board allowed them to serve 91 unduplicated domestic violence survivors and 11 unduplicated sexual violence survivors in Livingston County from December 2023 through November 2024. This compares to a total of 86 survivors the year before and 42 survivors the year before that (December 2021 – November 2022). In addition to these clients, staff provided prevention education in schools in Flanagan (Grade School, Junior High, and High School), Fairbury (Prairie Central Elementary), Pontiac (High School, Junior High, and Grade Schools), Odell (Grade School and St. Paul), and Streator (Woodland Grade School). Staff also provided the following: story hour at Pontiac Public Library, served on numerous committees, and had an awareness table at many events.

**Percent/Funding:** For their FY2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 20, 2024), the Livingston County Mental Health (708) Board made up 2.23 percent of their agency funding. This is critical to help them meet community needs, to show community support allowing them to receive other funding, and to weather when other grants pay slowly.

**This mission of Safe Journeys is to provide a safe and supportive environment for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and work to end such violence in our communities.**



# Mosaic

110 Water St., Pontiac IL 815-842-4166

*Embracing God's call, Mosaic relentlessly pursues opportunities that empower people.*

Mosaic is a faith based organization that has been providing supports to people with intellectual disabilities since 1913. Mosaic of Pontiac has provided residential supports to adults with intellectual disabilities in a variety of settings since 1982. Mosaic is committed to providing individualized supports based on the goals and dreams the person and their families have for them. They help people define their own happiness. They support and empower people in the pursuit of their goals. They help people create meaningful lives in caring communities and give voice to issues that affect people's lives.

Mosaic serves 47 individuals. Forty six are served in 24 hour CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangements) homes across Pontiac and Dwight and one person is served in our Mosaic at Home program.

This year was a great year for the people we support. Out of the \$14,000 they received from 377 Board Funding, \$6,000 was spent to send 19 people to summer camp. The rest of the funding was used to assist people with dental and medical expenses that were not covered by their Medicaid insurance and our One Mosaic Day celebration which provided food, drinks, prizes for our carnival-themed celebration.



Brandy S.

Nadine M.



Jolene C.

Tammy J.



Donley L.



Rena S.  
Kerry W.



Jeannie J.





INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

Community Services

920 W. Custer Ave., Pontiac IL

815-844-6109

## MENTAL HEALTH

Total Intake Referrals	871
Unduplicated Clients	2620
Crisis Contacts	383
SASS	139
Psych Rehab	75-80
MRT Group	81
Psychiatric Data	175

## PREVENTION

Underage Drinking Prevention	325
Youth Vaping Prevention	224
Operation Snowflurry 4th and 5th	42
Operation Snowflurry High	11
Operation Snowflake Junior High	36
Operation Snowflake High	9

## SUBSTANCE USE

Assessments	215
DUI Evaluations	53
Risk Education	30
Secretary of State Services	5
Out-Reach/Community Intervention	862
Crises	34
Federal	1
Drug Screens	405
Vivitrol Updates	19
Drug Court	12

## MEDIATION

Parents involved with mediation	59
Joint Sessions Completed	54
Agreements Achieved	38
Non-Agreements	13
Joint Sessions remaining in progress	6

As an agency, they are in their 50th year of incorporated programming. Paul Garcia Productions produced a 50th anniversary video highlighting IHR’s history and services.

In fiscal year 2024, they assisted up to 3,000 clients. A total of 1,923 adults and 697 children. They also reached a total of 2,104 students and community members within our prevention program.

The demand for their services remains strong. They continue to reduce the stigma for those searching for help within the mental health and substance use community due to their ongoing positive outcomes. Their staff participation in community outreach and engagement activities throughout Livingston County has increased. Being present in the community allows potential clients to meet them in a different setting and allows the warm handoff back to the agency. As they have found over the years, sometimes making the call or coming in to schedule that first appointment is a roadblock for some individuals.

The Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce recognized IHR with the 2024 Business of the Year Award. This increased IHR’s exposure as a partner within the business community. IHR continues to be proud of their accomplishments and helping others yet also excited as they look to the future of 50 more years of service to the community.



## Livingston County Operation Snowball

920 W. Custer Ave., Pontiac IL 61764 / 815-844-6109

- Operation Snowball is an adult/youth partnership focused on spreading an anti-drug, anti-alcohol message along with other positive choices. The concept is that one person does something nice, inspiring someone else to do something nice, and the positivity “Snowballs” to something much greater than how it started.
- They had 3 high school students and 2 adult mentors attend Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute (CGTI) Mid-Year Conference in Normal, Illinois on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This was a chance for their team to reflect on the progress made and changes necessary to the plan that was created at the 2023 summer conference (which is the start of their fiscal year).
- Snowflake 2024 for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students was hosted by Prairie Central Upper Elementary on April 27, 2024 from 12-9pm. They had 36 students in attendance, including 2 PALS (Participants with Advanced Leadership Skills). The PALS were 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who joined them after Freshman Preview Night; they chose to help them plan an event in which they could participate and assist the high school leadership team. Their theme was “Build Your Character” and they focused on physical and mental health self-care that will allow students to become the best versions of themselves in the future. They heard from Isaiah Carrington, a high-energy activities coordinator from CGTI, who spoke to the mental health portion of the event: a growth mindset, living out passions, and listening to a moral compass. They also interviewed several persons who lost loved ones due to drinking and driving accidents.
- Every summer, CGTI hosts a week-long conference at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL where they bring impactful speakers from around the country to inspire, grow, and advocate for the youth in our state. They had 2 students and 2 mentors attend the 50<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The students expressed concern that this organization is not well-represented in the schools and that Freshman Orientation Nights are not enough exposure to recruit other high school staff, so we created a plan for increasing student awareness of this organization and mission. Additionally, they discussed possible activities to further involve the high school staff during National Prevention Week in May.
- Snowflurry 2023 for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students was hosted at the Prairie Central Elementary (Westview) on November 2, 2024. They had 47 students in attendance, 5 more than last year and only 3 short of our goal! The theme was “Bare Necessities of Life” where the staff chose 4 Disney movies that they felt illustrated the core values in life – friendship, taking healthy risks, impacts of our emotions, and continual movement/growth even when it seems difficult. This year implemented new activities such as karaoke and a talent show modeled after the one they saw at CGTI. At least 2 participants mentioned a desire to become staff when they get to high school.





210 E. Torrance Ave., Pontiac IL.. 815-842-1122

## OVERVIEW

- 165 Individuals with disabilities received services at Futures Unlimited
- 377 and 708 funded programs provided services to 129 unduplicated persons, with some involved in more than one program
- 11 different programs and services offered at FUI
- 4.6-million-dollar annual budget; 10.7% of FY24 budget from 377-708 Boards
- Persons served have disability or functional limitation including developmental disabilities, mental illness, physical disabilities, Autism, or addictions
- Paid work training is offered through contracts with area businesses

## SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Services provide job coaching and follow-up to help individuals work successfully at community jobs.

- 12 persons worked in the community with Job Coach supports funded by the 377 and 708 Board
- Individuals worked at 8 different businesses; all individuals were hired directly
- 6 additional individuals worked in-house at FUI and received job coaching supports
- 209 hours of individualized job coaching and 159.75 hours of transportation supports provided; 485 hours of in-house supported employment

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Provides individualized training including classes, paid work training, service facilitation, and supports to assist person to obtain community jobs.

- 56 persons served with funds from 377 and 708 Boards
- 7872.5 hours of individualized service (708 funded 4738.75 hours and 377 funded 3133.75 hours of service)
- 28 persons obtained community jobs
- 44% of persons served are under age 30
- 36% of persons served have a felony or misdemeanor conviction
- 48% of persons served have a mental illness



# COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Provides assistance for individuals to learn and reinforce skills so they can live successfully in their own home or apartment.

- 7 persons served
- 228.75 hours of individualized service and 24 hours of transportation services
- Provided more extensive services for two individuals including transportation to out of town specialist appointments and supports during appointments.

# COMMUNITY DAY SERVICES

Includes classes, volunteer activities, work training, socialization, and community activities for clients with an intellectual disability diagnosis. The 377 Board funded for service overages, when clients have attended more hours than the IL Department of Human Services allowed for monthly billing. This fills in funding gaps for daily attendance for some folks as well as gaps for out-of-town community integration and self-advocacy trips.

- 61 clients served (85% of CDS clients)
- 967.53 hours of services funded

# Behavioral Health Clinic

Services are for anyone in Livingston County who could use support—from individual counseling to complex family situations. 377 and 708 provided startup funds for the BHC

- Hired a Program Director, 1 Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), 3 Mental Health Professionals (MHP’s), and 1 Rehabilitative Services Associate (RSA)
- 15 individuals had attended services by the end of FY24 (2 not involved in any other Programs) and 12 others had gone through Intake



## Residences of Persons Funded by 377 and 708 Boards

Cornell	3
Cullom	2
Dwight	17
Fairbury	3
Flanagan	3
Forrest	2
Odell	2
Pontiac	91
Saunemin	2
Other	4





# 2024 Infant Toddler Enrichment Program

The Infant Toddler Enrichment Program is operated by OSF Saint James John W. Albrecht Medical Center 2500 W. Reynolds St., Pontiac Il.  
815-844-3892

The program provides children in Livingston County from birth through three years of age the following services: Identification of children at risk of developmental delays, identification and referral of children with developmental delays, developmental education, developmental stimulation and environmental enrichment. The 377 Board funds those infants and toddlers that do not meet the standards of delay, but there is enough concern for the development of the child.

Children Screened	26
Referrals Made Due to Screenings	12
Case Management referral for further evaluation	34
AR Onsite Eligibility Assessment	1
Children Served in Transition group	13







**Scan the QR Code to get access to their Virtual Resource Guide that can help you find a variety of recovery-oriented services, supports, trainings, and wellness opportunities, from support groups to food pantries.**





**Livingston County Mental Health 708 Board**  
**Income & Expense Summary**  
**Fiscal Year 2024**  
**(unaudited)**

Beginning cash balance - December 1, 2023                      **\$ 1,445,934**

**Income:**

Liv. Co. tax funds	859,848
Liv. Co. 377 Board admin/fees	-
Liv. Co. Youth Commission admin/fees	75,474
RFP - Medicaid	14,299
Interest income	26,493
Rental income	3,018
Misc. income/donations	1,924

**Total Income:                      981,056**

**Expenses:**

**Purchase of Service**

Futures Unlimited, Inc.	204,012
Institute for Human Resources	573,720
Institute for Human Resources - RFP Medicaid	-
Safe Journeys	38,529
Operation snowball	6,080
Service development	5,000

**Total Purchase of Service                      827,341**

**Board Expenses**

Staff salary & benefits	159,989
Meetings, Trainings, & Travel	261
Mileage	242
Professional dues/expenses	2,480
Contractual services	2,995
Equipment	1,165
Lease/rent	3,445
Commodities/supplies	1,047
Operating Expense	1,461
Telephone	49
MISC/Building Expense	216

**Total Board Expenses                      173,350**

**Total Expenses                      \$ 1,000,692**

Cash balance - First Financial Bank	
First Checking Fund	53,673
First Money Fund	835,445
Certificate of Deposit	539,039
Payroll Clearing Fund	2
Ending cash balance - November 30, 2024	<b>\$ 1,428,159</b>



**Livingston County Mental Health 377 Board**  
**Income & Expense Summary**  
**Fiscal Year 2024**  
**(unaudited)**

Beginning cash balance - December 1, 2023	<b>\$591,880</b>
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**Income:**

Liv. Co. Tax Funds	403,579
Interest Income	10,655

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**Expenses:**

**Purchase of Service**

Futures Unlimited, Inc.	286,212
O.S.F. - St. James	12,489
Mosaic	13,999
Adapted and Inclusive Recreation	17,028
Service Development	4,999

<b>Total Purchase of Service</b>	<b>334,727</b>
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**Board Expenses**

Staff Salary & Benefits	80,155
Meetings, Trainings, & Travel	405
Mileage	-
Professional Dues/Expenses	1,301
Contractual Services	2,656
Equipment	812
Lease/Rent	3,055
Commodities/Supplies	1,137
Operating Expense	956
Telephone	46
MISC/Building Expense	-

<b>Total Board Expenses</b>	<b>90,524</b>
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	<b>\$425,251</b>
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Cash balance - First Financial Bank	
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First Checking Fund	<b>146,267</b>
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First Money Fund	<b>313,157</b>
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Certificate of Deposit	<b>215,616</b>
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Ending cash balance - November 30, 2023	<b>\$675,040</b>
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# Livingston County Premise Alert Program

## Registration Agreement



The Premise Alert Program (PAP) exists to assist emergency responders with information critical in helping provide the appropriate response and services. It is completely voluntary. Please identify the appropriate choice:

- ☐ Alzheimer’s/Dementia
- ☐ Autism
- ☐ Down’s Syndrome
- ☐ Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- ☐ Vision Impaired
- ☐ Physical Disability
- ☐ Developmental Disability
- ☐ Communication Disorder
- ☐ Substance Use Disorder
- ☐ Other Disorder \_\_\_\_\_

- Mental Illness
- ☐ Mood Disorder
  - ☐ Psychotic Disorder
  - ☐ Impulse Disorder
  - ☐ Anxiety Disorder
  - ☐ Childhood Disorder
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information you feel responders should know: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

(MI)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

If you are the parent or court appointed legal guardian of the person being registered, please complete the following.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed (Full Legal Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

- I am the
- ☐ Parent of the registrant
  - ☐ Legal guardian of the registrant

\* By registering into the Premise Alert Program, I also agree to The terms/conditions (below):

Send Completed registration forms to:

Drop Off: at your local Police Dept.

Mail to: VCOM, 844 W. Lincoln Ste. B, Pontiac, IL 61764 or

Email to: [911@vcom911.com](mailto:911@vcom911.com)

or

FAX to 815-844-7399

### Livingston County Premise Alert Program Terms and Conditions

By registering for this program, I agree to the following terms/conditions.

- I understand the Livingston County Premise Alert Program is authorized by 430 ILCS 132/1 et seq. and all participants are entitled to the full protections under the statute.
- I authorize the application information to be entered in the Livingston County Law Enforcement Premise Alert databases.
- I understand that providing this information is voluntary on my part.
- I understand the, Chatsworth, Dwight, Fairbury, Pontiac, and Streator City Police Agencies, and the Livingston County Sheriff, and VCOM 911 intend to use the information to assist their employees and officers in responding to police calls for service.
- I understand providing this information does not obligate the Chatsworth, Dwight, Fairbury, Pontiac, Streator City Police Agencies, the Livingston County Sheriff or VCOM 911, its agents, employees and officers in any manner.
- I hereby release and waive any claim that I may have or that may arise against the Chatsworth, Dwight, Fairbury Pontiac, Streator City Police Agencies or the Livingston County Sheriff, VCOM 911, their officers, employees or agents as a result of the use or further transmission of this information, or the failure to provide this information, or the failure to act in accordance with this information. I further agree to hold the City of Chatsworth, Dwight, Fairbury, Pontiac, Streator City Police, Livingston County Sheriff, and VCOM 911, their officers, employees or agents harmless from any damages caused as a result of the use or failure to use this information.
- I understand that I may have this information removed from the database any time by submitting a request in writing.



## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Livingston County Mental Health Board is to assure that a comprehensive and coordinated community based system of effective and efficient mental health, developmental disability and substance use services is available and accessible to all the residents of Livingston County in need of such services.

## **Livingston County Mental Health Board** **708 Board Members**

Jack Vietti - President

Edward Legner – Vice President

Pam Stone – Secretary

Debbie Studnicki – Treasurer

Gary Beier

Clark Reamer

Barb Schlatter

## **Livingston County Board for the Care and Treatment** **of Persons with a Developmental Disability**

### **377 Board Members**

Robert McCarty – President

Vicki Day – Vice-President

Chris Johnson – Secretary

### **708/377 Board Staff**

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Tanya Melvin - 708/377/LCCCY Administrative Assistant





**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
& BEGINS  
WITH ME!**