



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

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COA Reaccredits Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

The Council on Accreditation (COA) recently reaccredited Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), a social services agency serving Illinois residents that is based in Des Plaines. LSSI provides services through approximately 180 programs at 89 locations statewide. Last year, the agency's services touched the lives of approximately 65,637 people. Accreditation by COA attests that an organization meets the highest national standards and is delivering the best quality services to the community it serves.

"The reaccreditation is a reflection of the strength and quality of LSSI's services, and also the skillfulness of our outstanding staff," says the Rev. Dr. Frederick Aigner, LSSI president. "While the reaccreditation process was time-consuming, it was neither difficult nor demanding for our agency," adds Aigner. "We strive to be accreditation-worthy at all times. In short, reaccreditation is an affirmation of LSSI's ongoing endeavor to continually improve how we deliver services to the people we serve."

COA is an international, independent, not-for-profit accrediting body incorporated in 1977 as an accrediting body of social and behavioral healthcare services. COA's mission "promotes best-practice standards; champions quality services for children, youth and families; and advocates for the value of accreditation."

Founded in 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LSSI's services include counseling, mental health programs, substance abuse treatment, residential treatment for children and adolescents, early childhood education and child care services, programs for adults and children with developmental disabilities, foster care and adoption, housing and services for older adults and individuals with disabilities, nursing care, and programs for prisoners and their families.

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