

OBK: Local Community Resources:

Our clients tend to have a wide spectrum of needs, so we have to be prepared with a wide range of local community resource agencies with whom we seek and work with when client appropriate. Fortunately we are blessed with numerous highly skilled and available resources throughout the St. Clair County, Madison County and the St. Louis metro area.

Most of the resources we work with are from St. Clair and Madison County. Catholic Urban Programs and St. Vincent de Paul have huge local service programs that serve multiple needs. We also have quite a few hospital and medical centers in the St. Louis metro area.

Here is a summary list reflecting the large variety of local community resource agencies with which we work with in this St. Clair and Madison County Illinois area:

- Some 16 Emergency and Homeless Shelters (this quantity is very much needed as a large number of returning citizen clients come back home to East St. Louis);
- Over a dozen various Counseling programs;
- Over a dozen local Food Pantries, Clothing and Providers of personal needs;
- 7 different programs that financially assist Housing: The housing assistance we provide is different and separate from just finding houses or apartments to rent. We find financial supporters. We have also assisted Chicago area returning citizens.
- Some 14 various Mental Health Services;
- Some 17 various Personal Health Providers;
- Some 15 different Substance Treatment Centers;
- A dozen different need-based Utilities and Rent Assistance Programs;
- 6 Legal Aide providers including expungement of probation and parole (Expungement can be very helpful towards clients' obtaining employment).