

VOR Illinois State Report 2025

Starting January, 2026, DSPs will receive an \$.80/hour salary raise.

Also starting in January, 2026, DSP hours in CILAs will be cut, a reduction of 300,000 hours. The original proposal was to cut 900,000 hours.

Legislation was passed against zoning ordinances that prohibit CILAs from being in close proximity.

Funding has been approved to add 8 more short-term (90 days) stabilization homes to the 8 that already exist, and 8 long-term stabilization homes (1-2 year stay) with the goal of returning those with severe behavioral issues back into the community.

Illinois has committed \$5 million toward reintegration incentives- offering up to \$50,000 per person for community providers who successfully support individuals leaving SODCs into community-based homes.

IDHS (Dept. of Human Services) continues to hold transition fairs at the 7 SODCs to educate parents and guardians regarding options for where individuals might want to receive services.(other than at SODCs).

Going Home Coalition had a webinar in May with former Governor Pat Quinn regarding his successful closure of some Illinois SODCs during his tenure 2009-2015. The movement to close the rest of the SODCs in Illinois remains strong and vocal. Despite their efforts, there are now a 100 more people in the SODCs than a year ago. Rumor has it that there are 500 individuals waiting to get in the SODCs.

The new director of Illinois ARC, Samantha Alloway, seems to be more open to families and individuals having choices for where they want to live.

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