



2018 KEY VICTORIES

Current Issues

Many people suffering from mental illness end up in jail or emergency departments because there is no other place for them to go. It cost five times more to house someone in jail than provide appropriate treatment.

STRATEGY

- 1) Increase Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for police (skills to deescalate in a crisis situation)
- 2) Establish mental health crisis centers to divert from jail or emergency rooms
- 3) Increase affordable housing

PROGRESS ON THIS STRATEGY

CIT Training

Lake County Sheriff and College of Lake County established a training curriculum, which was approved by the Department of Justice. CIT training began in September allowing 100s of officers to access training.



Crisis Center and Affordable Housing



LCU Leaders at IL Health Facilities and Services Review Board in Bolingbrook to support approval of Lake Behavioral Hospital in Waukegan.



On September 13, dozens of LCU leaders attended the Waukegan Planning and Zoning Commission to speak in favor of Lake Behavioral Hospital adding 100 more beds to the existing 46 inpatient beds.



LAKE BEHAVIORAL HOSPITAL IS OPEN WITH 46 INPATIENT BEDS AND WAS APPROVED at state and local level TO ADD 100 MORE BEDS. The hospital committed to accept patients regardless of their ability to pay.



Christa Haberkorn speaks to Waukegan Village Zoning Committee about traveling outside of Lake County to access mental health inpatient treatment for her daughter and losing her job due to long distant daily travel to support her daughter.



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Attorney General Action



In March, **1257** leaders from 85 member institutions from Lake County United and affiliate organizations — United Power for Action and Justice (Cook), DuPage United, Fox River Valley Initiative (Kane) — met with all 10 Republican and Democratic candidates and won a commitment from each candidate to meet with the four organizations within 30 days of the November election, if elected.

Each candidate responded to how they would address key issue strategies of the organizations - reducing incarceration of people with mental illness and/or addiction, affordable housing, responding to hate crimes in 24 hours, and disrupting the flow of illegal guns and making guns safer.

Reducing Gun Violence



Leaders from LCU witness shareholder vote in favor of requiring gun manufacturer Smith and Wesson to issue a report on what they are doing to curb gun violence.

STRATEGY — Press gun manufacturers to be responsible corporate citizens by making guns safer and help reduce illegal sale of guns.

PROGRESS

- 1) Shareholders from the only two U.S. publicly traded gun manufacturers - Sturm, Ruger & Co. and Smith and Wesson - VOTED YES to require a report on how the company is working to reduce gun violence.
- 2) Police chiefs, sheriffs, and top officials representing 124 municipalities, counties, and states across the U.S. jointly submitted a request for information to major gun manufacturers seeking answers on their safety practices and technologies.

Lake County United is an affiliate of Metro Industrial Areas Foundation. For more information on LCU and Metro IAF go to our website www.lakecountyunited.org

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