

CHANGING LIVES TOGETHER

in the Northwest Synod

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Last year, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan **touched more than 52,000 lives**. With the support of congregations in the Northwest Synod, we're blessed to be able to serve the most vulnerable members of your communities with an array of programs and services.

Here's a look at the programs we offer within the Northwest Synod. **We're proud to report a 95% client satisfaction rate with our services.**

Children & Family Services

Strengthening families through services that engage caregivers, empower parents and foster growth, development and wellbeing in children.



- Services for children who have autism
- Domestic, international and public adoption services
- Foster care services including foster homes for children who have special emotional, behavioral or medical needs
- Family preservation programs for families at risk of having children placed in foster care or who need supervised parent visits
- Counseling for school-age children
- Runaway and Youth Services (RAYS) program including crisis intervention, referral services, 24-hour help line, emergency shelter, family counseling and mediation
- Specialized treatment at our Homme Youth and Family Program Campus, including Spiritual Counseling and Support

Adult Services

Empowering individuals to live healthy, independent lives through services and care coordination.



- Subsidized housing for older adults, individuals in crisis, with developmental or physical disabilities or chronic mental illness
- Welcome Home program provides rental assistance with wrap around case management to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Financial counseling including guidance, knowledge and tools to help individuals skillfully achieve freedom from debt and financial worry
- Outpatient counseling for mental health and substance abuse issues
- Case management for offenders who have mental health issues
- Personalized services for people who live with disabilities, helping them to live in their own homes and be active in their communities
- Inpatient, residential and outpatient treatment for people who have addictions
- Wraparound case management services for women in recovery from addiction

Community Services

Promoting strong and engaged communities through safe and welcoming programming and services.



- Residential treatment for men transitioning from the justice system to the community
- Assistance and coordination of services for offenders on conditional release from jail
- Case management and day report services for medium- to high-risk offenders
- Community resource center for people who are homeless or have mental health issues



LSS IN ACTION: HOMELESS RESOURCES

Positive Avenues, LSS's daytime resource center in Eau Claire, is a safe haven for those struggling with homelessness. The staff at Positive Avenues give individuals a safe space to interact, learn new things and receive support from trained professionals.

One of those individuals, Joe, says Positive Avenues has been an important stop in his journey to recovery from addiction and substance abuse. Eau Claire is home to many resources for the homeless and those in need. Many organizations in the area, including Lutheran Social Services, contributed to his ability to leave addiction behind.

Whether they are facing mental health challenges or homelessness, Positive Avenues is a safe, welcoming place. It helps people tackle challenges such as where to find jobs, housing assistance, treatment for health disorders and even something as simple as where to get laundry done. It provides a much needed sense of community and stability when it's needed most.

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