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Aging, Dept. on

Adult Protective Services annual report, FY 2023

The Adult Protective Services (APS) program received 20,759 reports of abuse. Among alleged victims, the most frequent type was financial exploitation (24.7%). (Victims may suffer more than one type of abuse.) The most common service referral made by APS for clients was in-home assistance (19.6%). Among alleged victims, 69.5% were aged 60 to 85 and 13.3% were 86 or older. IDoA hired a coordinator for its demonstration project aimed at actively preventing abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and developed a screening tool. Work under a federal grant to protect elders from maltreatment continued. (320 ILCS 20/11; undated, rec'd June 2024, 27 pp.)

Annual report, FY 2023

The Department spent \$1.4 billion in FY 2023 on its major programs: Community Care, Community Supportive Services, Adult Protective

Services, Nutrition Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, senior employment services, Senior Health Assistance Program, and the Senior Helpline. The report gives details on those programs and describes other Department efforts, including legal assistance programs, volunteer opportunities, money management assistance, and the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP). (20 ILCS 105/7.09(2); undated, rec'd May 2024, 21 pp.)

Community Care Program annual report, FY 2023

The program provides services to help older adults stay in their homes. In FY 2023, some 64,750 people received services each month. In that year, 76 adult day care sites served approximately 1,250 people per month; 29,000 people used the Emergency Home Response Service each month; and 184 home care agencies served about 58,900 older adults each month. The report also includes information on the Department of Human

Services' Home Services Program, which helps people with severe disabilities who are ineligible for the Community Care Program stay in their homes. Services can include a personal assistant, home-delivered meals, assistance equipment, and respite services. (20 ILCS 105/4.02; March 2024, rec'd June 2024, 2 pp.)

Older Adult Services Act report, 2023

The report summarizes work completed during 2023 toward requirements of the Older Adult Services Act. Under the Illinois Assistive Technology Program, 560 older adults were referred for grants to get tablets or phones to combat social isolation; grant funds are available for FYs 2024 and 2025. An Enhanced Choices Bridge Pilot program started in July 2023, under which a social worker is assigned to help participants who are frequently hospitalized. The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program financed 23,359 age-restricted units with

tax credits. The report also describes progress toward the goals in two consent decrees; data on Medicaid enrollment trends in the Community Care Program; and information on the Medicaid enrollment oversight subcommittee. (320 ILCS 42/15(c); Jan. 2024, rec'd May 2024, 27 pp.)

Agriculture, Dept. of
Agricultural Areas annual report, 2023

Twenty-three counties have 60 locally approved Agricultural Areas, containing 124,672 acres. The report categorizes them by county. (505 ILCS 5/20.1; Dec. 2023, rec'd May 2024, 6 pp.)

Commerce Commission
Cable & video service deployment annual report, 2024

Since 2007 the Commission has approved 28 applications from companies seeking to provide cable or video services. As of 2023, DIRECTV, LLC offered access to 2.8 million households (29% low-income); Highland Communication Services to 4,738 (21% low-income); Mediacom Illinois LLC to 316,767 (33% low-income); MCC Illinois LLC to 97,760 (42% low-income); Comcast to all 315,160 low-income households in Chicago; Computer Techniques, Inc. to 13,964 (33% low-income); Mediacom Southeast LLC to 1,939 (50% low-income); RCN Telecom Services, LLC of Illinois to 937,607

(32% low-income); Co-Mo Comm, Inc. to 31,167 (35% low-income); iTV-3, LLC to 76,137 (24% low-income); Frontier North Inc. to 45,243 (11% low-income); Wabash Communications to 517 (21% low-income); Consolidated Communications Enterprise Services, Inc. to 107,238 (32% low-income); Zito Midwest LLC to 5,944 (16% low-income); Telecommunications Management, LLC to 137,075 (36% low-income); Madison Communications, Inc. to 4,081 (4% low-income); Cass Cable TV, Inc. to all 10,471 low-income households in its footprint; MCC Network Services, LLC to 1,127 (10% low-income); and Illinois Fiber Connect LLC to 469 (13% low-income). Illinois Electric Cooperative and Surf Air Wireless, LLC reported that they provided no services in 2023. Pavlov Media Cable Illinois, LLC is evaluating options for deploying services. (220 ILCS 5/21-1101(k); issued & rec'd June 2024, 17 pp. + 22 attachments)

Nuclear decommissioning funding assurance status reports

Public Act 101-44 (2019) required nuclear power plants in the state to give the ICC copies of the nuclear decommissioning funding assurance status reports that they submit to the federal government, and the ICC to send the General Assembly copies of those reports for

“shutdown units.” The report contains one such status report, from Constellation Energy Generation, LLC, addressing several units: (1) Dresden Nuclear Power Station Unit 1, which Constellation says has been shut down since 1978; (2) Zion Nuclear Power Station Units 1 and 2, which Constellation says have been shut down since 1998; and (3) Clinton Power Station Unit 1, which is to be shut down in 5 years pending license renewal. (220 ILCS 5/8-508.1(g); issued & rec'd May 2024, 2 pp. + 6 attachments)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of
Apprenticeship Education Expense Tax Credit Program annual report, 2023

Under this program, companies incurring educational expenses for qualified apprentices can apply for income tax credits. In calendar 2023, 8 applications were received and approved. Recipients spent \$260,426 on education for 54 apprentices and received \$183,903 in credits. The Department continues to market the program by presentations, collaborations with other agencies and institutions, webinars, and other business outreach. (35 ILCS 5/231(h); undated, rec'd July 2024, 3 pp.)

Cannabis Social Equity Program annual report, 2023

The Program makes grants and loans to help conditional cannabis business licensees who

have been, or have family who have been, arrested for cannabis offenses, or come from areas of high poverty and high rates of arrest for cannabis offenses. Participation loans totaling \$2.1 million were made to two craft growers and one infuser. A total of 33 direct loans, totaling \$18.3 million, were provided to craft growers, infusers, and transporters. Two more rounds of direct loans are planned. Some 200 businesses received technical assistance. (410 ILCS 705/7-15(e); undated, rec'd May 2024, 9 pp.)

Energy assistance programs operations report, FY 2023
The FY 2023 budget for the Low-Income Household Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) was \$313.9 million for fiscal year 2023; actual spending was \$356.5 million due to price spikes. The federal government provided supplemental funding due to high nationwide energy costs. The report lists disbursements by county. (305 ILCS 20/18(f)(2.5); July 2023, rec'd May 2024, 6 pp.)

Illinois Film Office quarterly report, Oct.-Dec. 2023
The Illinois Film Office estimates that 621 management, 2,941 production office, 739 entry-level, 403 talent, and 1,688 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2017.) Of 3,994 crew members hired, 35% were minorities

and 18% were white women. Reported production spending was \$116.5 million (\$14.6 million commercial; \$89.5 million TV; and \$12.4 million film). The Office encourages educational opportunities for training minorities for film and TV work. (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd May 2024, 2 pp.)

Illinois Film Office quarterly report, Jan.-March 2024
The Illinois Film Office estimates that 356 management, 2,904 production office, 507 entry-level, 799 talent, and 4,553 extra jobs were created or retained. (Figures may be for projects dating back to 2019.) Of 2,606 crew members hired, 26% were minorities and 19% were white women. Reported production spending was \$194.8 million (\$5.1 million commercial; \$185.0 TV; and \$4.7 million film). (35 ILCS 16/45(b); undated, rec'd May 2024, 2 pp.)

Live Theater Tax Credit report, Jan.-March 2024
No live theater production spending or hires were reported for the quarter. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(b); undated, rec'd May 2024, 1 p.)

Reimagining Energy and Vehicles in Illinois Act annual report, 2023
The Act, enacted in 2021, provides tax exemptions and credits to manufacturers of electric vehicles and parts, and other renewable energy manufacturers. The Department

received 14 applications for incentives in 2023; 4 agreements were executed, for a total of nearly \$236 million in tax credits. Those agreements are predicted to create 2,733 and retain 279 jobs. Department officials will continue meeting with manufacturers and charging companies to raise awareness and promote the program. The report lists similar programs in other states. (20 ILCS 686/75(a); undated, rec'd July 2024, 20 pp.)

Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability
State Employees' Group Health Insurance Program liabilities, FY 2025

The Commission projected costs for the State Employees' Group Health Insurance Program (SEGIP) based on information provided by the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) indicating a continuation of existing contracts and negotiated rate increases for group insurance. CMS projected FY 2025 liability at \$3.775 billion, up 16.5% from FY 2024's anticipated final liability of \$3.242 billion. CGFA projected FY 2025 liability at \$3.799 billion—\$24.4 million more than CMS. The estimated number of SEGIP participants in FY 2024 was 359,188; it is expected to grow by 340 in FY 2025. Liability per participant

is projected to rise from \$9,023 in FY 2024 to \$10,387 in FY 2025. (25 ILCS 155/4(b)(2); March 2024, rec'd June 2024, 29 pp. + 3 appendices)

Corrections, Dept. of
Sex offender transitional housing report, 2023

No licensed transitional housing facilities for sex offenders remain. (730 ILCS 5/3-17-5(e); undated, rec'd June 2024, 1 p.)

Employment Security, Dept. of
Bilingual frontline staff, FY 2024

IDES had 133 bilingual frontline employees in January 2024. Their languages were Spanish (126), Polish (6), and Chinese (1). The report lists them with job titles and descriptions. (5 ILCS 382/3-20; April 2024, rec'd May 2024, 8 pp.)

Governor's Office of Management and Budget
Grant Accountability and Transparency Act annual report, 2024 (FY 2023 data)

In FY 2023, the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU) continued implementing and customizing its statewide electronic grant management system. By FY 2023 yearend, 19 state agencies were using the system for pre-award management; 6 agencies initiated post-award management within the system; and 6 more planned

transitioning to the system. On October 1, 2023, 1,006 entities were on the temporary stop payment list and 14,118 entities ineligible for state financial assistance were verified against the federal "do not pay" list. GATU also developed a new grant training course to promote equitable access to public funds, redeveloped its website, and began translating its materials into different languages. GATU estimated it saved the state \$199.9 million in FY 2023. (30 ILCS 708/95; Jan. 2024, rec'd June 2024, 11 pp. + 2 appendices)

Human Rights and Human Services, Depts. of

Interagency Committee on Employees with Disabilities annual report, 2022

The Committee was created in 1974, and now consists of 5 state executive officers, 6 state agency representatives, and 7 state employees with disabilities. Its purpose is to help state employees with disabilities and promote their employment at state agencies. The report lists the percentages of employees with disabilities in the state's workforce from 2017 (6.74%) to 2021 (4.95%). The Committee's 2022 accomplishments included creating a reasonable accommodations public service announcement video, collaborating with other state agencies to support creation of model programs for employing people with disabilities, and

enactment of laws promoting the Committee's goals. (775 ILCS 5/2-106(F); June 2023, rec'd June 2024, 14 pp.)

Illinois Community Health Workers Review Board
Annual report, 2023

The Board was created to advise the Department of Public Health on developing an Illinois Community Health Worker Certification Program. It met 7 times from September 2022 to August 2023. It assisted in drafting regulations for the certification program; developing a workplan and promotional plan for the program; and executing two intergovernmental agreements with state universities to support development of the program. Steps for the next year are identified. (410 ILCS 67/5-17; Sept. 2023, rec'd May 2024, 3 pp.)

Innovation & Technology, Dept. of
Annual report, 2023

DoIT was created in 2016 to develop the state's information technology. It delivers technology services to state agencies, helps develop telecommunication policy and standards, and protects the security of state data. The report summarizes its achievements in 2023, including publication of its first strategic plan; launching the IT Trainee Program; and continued improvement and modernization of over 100 state

websites for better customer experience. (Exec. Ord. 2016-1 (2016); Jan. 2024, rec'd June 2024, 14 pp. + 2 appendices)

Lottery, Dept. of the

Private management agreement quarterly report, April-June 2023

In FY 2023's fourth quarter, lottery sales were \$860.9 million, transfers to the Common School Fund were \$240 million, and transfers to special causes were \$3.3 million. Internet sales under the iLottery program were \$125.8 million. The report gives totals for each quarter and the year, including transfers for each special cause. The Lottery continued a focus on supporting its responsible gaming program. (20 ILCS 1605/9.1(p)(1); undated, rec'd June 2024, 6 pp.)

Sports Facilities Authority

Annual report, 2023

The Authority completed several construction projects

at Guaranteed Rate Field, including sod replacement in the outfield, electrical work, elevator upgrades, video surveillance updates, and security perimeter work. In mid-2023, assets were \$453.2 million and liabilities were \$445.5 million, for about \$7.7 million of equity. The hotel tax provided most revenues; the most spending was on bond interest. (70 ILCS 3205/18; undated, rec'd May 2024, 27 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

FOID Card Review Board monthly report, May 2024

The Board hears petitions from persons who had FOID card applications denied or FOID cards revoked. In May it received 12 cases. It granted relief in 6 and denied relief in 6; no cases were continued. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); June 2024, rec'd July 2024, 1 pp.)

Juvenile charge report, Jan.-March 2024

The State Police received 4,189 charge reports in the first quarter of 2024. Charges are listed by disposition code, offense type, gender, race, and age at arrest. (20 ILCS 2605/2605-355; April 2024, rec'd June 2024, 2 pp.)

Workforce Innovation Board

Annual report, program year 2022

The report describes the Board's progress toward implementing the state's plan for workforce innovation and development; ways to evaluate how well workforce programs serve employers; and the use of waivers from federal statutory and regulatory requirements to strengthen workforce development. (20 ILCS 3975/4.5(b); undated, rec'd May 2024, 23 pp. + 6 appendices)

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