



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

405 ILCS 30/1

from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 901

Amends the Community Services Act. Makes a stylistic change in a Section concerning the legislative purpose.

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1 AN ACT concerning mental health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Community Services Act is amended by
5 changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (405 ILCS 30/1) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 901)

7 Sec. 1. Purpose. It is ~~declared to be~~ the policy and
8 intent of the Illinois General Assembly that the Department of
9 Human Services assume leadership in facilitating the
10 establishment of comprehensive and coordinated arrays of
11 private and public services for persons with mental illness,
12 persons with a developmental disability, and alcohol and drug
13 dependent citizens residing in communities throughout the
14 state. The Department shall work in partnership with local
15 government entities, direct service providers, voluntary
16 associations and communities to create a system that is
17 sensitive to the needs of local communities and which
18 complements existing family and other natural supports, social
19 institutions and programs.

20 The goals of the service system shall include but not be
21 limited to the following: to strengthen the disabled
22 individual's independence, self-esteem and ability to
23 participate in and contribute to community life; to insure
24 continuity of care for clients; to enable disabled persons to
25 access needed services, commensurate with their individual
26 wishes and needs, regardless of where they reside in the state;
27 to prevent unnecessary institutionalization and the
28 dislocation of individuals from their home communities; to
29 provide a range of services so that persons can receive these
30 services in settings which do not unnecessarily restrict their
31 liberty; and to encourage clients to move among settings as
32 their needs change.

1 The system shall include provision of services in the areas
2 of prevention, client assessment and diagnosis, case
3 coordination, crisis and emergency care, treatment and
4 habilitation and support services, and community residential
5 alternatives to institutional settings. The General Assembly
6 recognizes that community programs are an integral part of the
7 larger service system, which includes state-operated
8 facilities for persons who cannot receive appropriate services
9 in the community.

10 Towards achievement of these ends, the Department of Human
11 Services, working in coordination with other State agencies,
12 shall assume responsibilities pursuant to this Act, which
13 includes activities in the areas of planning, quality
14 assurance, program evaluation, community education, and the
15 provision of financial and technical assistance to local
16 provider agencies.

17 (Source: P.A. 88-380; 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)