

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  
9 of 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,  
19 social 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  
27 state; 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  
31 their liberty; and to encourage clients to move among

1 settings as their needs change.

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

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

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