

Mental Health Referendum

Mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance abuse affect a significant number of people in our community. In Lisle Township, mental illness issues alone conservatively costs \$550 per capita in our community.

1 What is the problem?

Everyone knows someone impacted by mental illness, addiction, or developmental disabilities.



1 in 5 adults experiences a mental illness in a given year.



1 in 6 children have a developmental disability such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, Down syndrome, or other neurological conditions.



1 in 5 youth aged 13-18 experiences a severe mental disorder at some point during their life.

1 in 10

youth aged 12 and older have used an illicit drug such as heroin, cocaine or marijuana in the past month.

National stats from NAMI and CDC:
NUMBERS ARE APPROXIMATE

2 What will it mean to you and your family?

✓ Ability to act quickly when families are in crisis.

✓ Comprehensive local support services targeted to the needs of the local community to insure that preventive and therapeutic programs are streamlined, accessible, and affordable for all residents in the township.

✓ Reduce or eliminate gaps in service such as long waiting lists or arbitrary cut-off limits

✓ Screening for prevention and early detection



And...the State of Illinois is ranked **35th** among all states in spending on mental health and **43rd** in spending for developmental disabilities.

3 What can you do?

On November 3, 2020, we have an opportunity to support a small property tax increase to establish a Community Mental Health Board that would ensure that all residents of Lisle Township have equal access to a high quality, comprehensive care delivery system for people affected by mental illness, addiction, or developmental disabilities.

In Illinois, Community Mental Health Boards are created by a referendum approved by the voters. The volunteer Board consisting of 7-9 local residents with a vested interest in the community would be appointed by the Lisle Township Supervisor.

4 What does it cost?

Under Illinois law, the maximum property tax rate increase for this Board is .15% of the property's current assessed value. The actual rate may be significantly less based on community needs... but is never more than .15%.

The 708 Board of Hanover Township levies .07-.09%, in Oak Park it's .08%.

Hanover Township levy for 2016 was approximately .064%.