

# 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%.