



AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: GATEWAY FOUNDATION

Gateway is committed to being the provider of choice for clients who need treatment in Illinois and across the country. We are proud to collaborate with the INC board to assure clients in the 708 catchment area received research informed, evidence based treatment in all of our programs. Below are highlights of the services offered in our residential treatment programs:

Men's program-The men's and co-ed program at Aurora are committed to helping clients understand substance use disorder in a way that empowers them to reclaim their lives, discuss their experiences and have access to services that will allow them to sustain recovery and find community support to help them achieve their life goals as well as breaking down barriers that have interfered with their ability to overcome. This complex approach includes Medication Assisted Treatment, counseling and support planning to help clients achieve their goals as they re-enter the community after leaving the program.

Co-Occurring Disorder program-The co-occurring program is focused on empowering clients to understand the difference between who they and what they struggle with. This occurs through education about the relationship between mental health issues, trauma and substance use disorder.

In addition, the program is committed to helping clients develop skills and community supports to sustain recovery after treatment. The program is co-ed allowing for diverse viewpoints in a smaller group setting so that clients can receive the individual

attention they need from clinicians with extensive training in co-occurring disorders. This complex approach includes Medication Assisted Treatment for both mental health and substance use issues, as well as counseling and support planning to help clients achieve their goals as they re-enter the community after leaving the program.

Gateway Aurora has smaller treatment programs allowing for individualized attention with specialization in co-occurring disorders and family involvement in treatment. We work with the clients physiological and psychological components of substance use disorder combining MAT with psychotherapy and counselling services addressing both mental health and trauma issues that can coincide with drug and alcohol use disorders. Staff have specialized training in motivational interviewing and DBT and are Masters level licensed clinicians trained in both mental health, trauma and substance use disorder treatment. Staff also specialize in case management helping clients link to the supports they need in the community to be successful in sustaining recovery.

New Volunteers Step Up

The INC Board and staff would like to welcome two new community volunteers.

Lisa Sestak and Denise Claessens have been appointed to the Sugar Grove Township Community Mental Health 708 Board. Joanne Tosch has also been appointed to the Big Rock Township Community Mental Health 708 Board. We look forward to their participation and input. Please note that all INC Board and Township Mental Health 708 Board meetings are open to the public. Check out the dates on our website www.incboard.org or call the office and talk to Jerry, Dalila or Eileen.

Thank you Shirley Ayers Williams!

After seventeen years of service as a 708 Board member, Shirley Ayers Williams has opted to retire from the Aurora 708 Board. We wholeheartedly thank her for all her hard work. Shirley served as an Aurora Township 708 Board Member from October 2001 until her present term that ends in June 2018. Again, thank you for your time and dedication to the community.

Vacancy on the INC Board & Aurora 708 Board

We have an open board position on the INC Board as well as the Aurora Township 708 Board. If you are interested in serving your community in the area of funding and planning for mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and substance use disorder services in southern Kane County, please contact us.

The INC Board is composed of fifteen (15) members. The board meets six (6) times a year (odd number months) starting in July at the INC Board Conference Room at 400 Mercy Lane, Aurora, IL.

The Township 708 Board is composed of seven (7) members. The 708 boards meet three (3) times a year (October, February, June) at a designated location for each township.

Volunteers cannot serve on the board of, or work for, any of our [funded agencies](#) or the Department of Mental Health (DMH). To learn more, please visit our website at <http://www.incboard.org/volunteer-2/> or call us at 630.892.5456.



Presenting the Lyle E. Oncken Community Service Award

This year the INC Board awarded the Lyle E. Oncken Community Service Award to two deserving individuals, Lynn O'Shea from the Association for Individual Development and Greg Watson from TriCity Family Services. Jerry presented Lynn with her award at AID's Annual Meeting on May 16 and he presented Greg with his award at his retirement party on June 1st at TriCity Family Services. We wish them both well in their retirement!

FY19 Objectives and Program Funding for FY19

Our FY19 Objectives are available on our website www.incboard.org. The objectives were developed over the previous winter and approved by the INC Board in January 2018. After approval, they were shared with INC's funded community partner agencies to help guide their funding requests for FY19.

Speaking of funding, after July 1, our website will reflect the FY19 program funding approved by the INC Board at its May 21 meeting. After the start of the fiscal year, you will notice that the board has funded no new programs and also made the difficult decision to not renew funding for 2 agencies.

If there are any questions, please contact INC staff at 630.892.5456.

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