

*TASC helps young people and parents face complex struggles by advocating for them in youth and family service systems.*

## Youth and Family Services

When young people get caught up in child welfare or juvenile justice systems, they are more likely than other youth to later become involved in the adult criminal legal system. And, when parents' children are taken into foster care, or when young people are arrested, these types of family disruptions often have lasting consequences and perpetuate systemic racial injustices.

To reduce such risks and strengthen families, TASC offers intensive outreach and specialized services for youth and parents who may be struggling. In these ways, TASC helps stop generational cycles of justice involvement, and gives families the skills and tools to thrive.

### Family Services

#### **Family Recovery and Reunification Program (FRRP)**

Under the leadership of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), TASC recovery coaches provide intensive outreach and case management for parents in Cook County and Metro East whose children have been placed in foster care as a result of parental substance misuse-related maltreatment. Studies have shown that the program improved the likelihood of achieving reunification within three years, reduced the average time to reunification by five months, and eliminated racial disparities in family reunification that persisted in the control group.

#### **HealthWorks / Family Case Management**

Under the HealthWorks program, which is a collaborative effort between the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) and DCFS, TASC offers medical case management to assure pediatric care and health screenings for children in the care or custody of DCFS in Peoria, Marshall, and Jackson counties.

#### **Intact Family Recovery (IFR) Program**

Under the Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY), TASC provides recovery support for child welfare system-involved families affected by substance use disorders in Winnebago, Will, and Grundy counties.

#### **Intensive Placement Stabilization (IPS)**

TASC provides specialized case management services for youth in the foster care/child welfare system, and works with families, schools, communities, and others to help youth achieve stable living situations.

#### **Smart Start and Better Birth Outcomes**

In Peoria and Jackson counties, under IDHS's Smart Start program, TASC serves low-income, high-risk girls and women who are pregnant or who have children under age five. TASC's intensive one-on-one work with at-risk mothers ensures that they receive proper prenatal care and education, and helps them build and maintain healthy lives for themselves and their children. In Peoria County, TASC also is part of IDHS's Better Birth Outcomes program, providing intensive outreach and care coordination services for expectant mothers.

#### **All Chicago / Rapid Re-Housing Specialized Case Management**

With funding from All Chicago, TASC provides specialized case management for formerly homeless individuals in Chicago. TASC provides a housing stabilization plan and works to address barriers that would prevent individuals from remaining in a subsidized housing program for one year.

TASC, Inc. is an Illinois-based nonprofit agency committed to reducing justice involvement and its consequences by offering broad-scale solutions and by serving adults and adolescents who have a variety of social and health-related needs.

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## **Juvenile Justice Services**

TASC offers specialized case management with Cook County Juvenile court youth who are referred through juvenile courts and probation, providing assessment, placement into community-based services, and ongoing support.

### **Drug-Free Communities**

With funding support from the CDC, TASC coordinates the Chicago Heights South Suburban Family Wellness Alliance, a community coalition that aims to address behavioral and public health needs, such as underage drinking and use of tobacco, prescription and other drugs, as well as teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, violence prevention, and mental health wellness.

### **Evening Reporting Center (ERC)**

In Chicago's Englewood community, TASC serves local youth who would otherwise be ordered held in the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. Since 1998, TASC has delivered structured, supervised group activities in the ERC to cultivate participation and pro-social skills in at-risk youth.

### **Juvenile Justice Collaborative (JJC)**

In the JJC, led by the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, TASC care coordinators help probation-referred youth and their families by providing needs assessments and connections to community-based services. Featuring a wide network of service providers, the program has been shown to successfully reduce further youth involvement in the justice system during the first year after program completion.

### **Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP)**

TASC provides preventive health services for youth at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, Evening Reporting Center, and other juvenile justice populations within Cook County.

## **Community Outreach / Gambling Disorders**

### **Gambling Disorder Screening and Problem Gambling Prevention Outreach**

As part of TASC's community advocacy and services for people involved in criminal legal systems, TASC conducts screening and makes referrals to treatment for problem gambling. In Cook, Madison, and St. Clair counties, TASC also provides community outreach and awareness through online and in-person events, and supports IDHS's *We Know the Feeling* awareness campaign.

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