

## Community Partnerships Community Solutions

In 1984, Aunt Martha's joined two Joliet-based agencies in a federal program focused on street gangs. But Aunt Martha's was the first organization to address the urgent problems of gangs and unemployment in "the Hill" area of Joliet, on the city's east side. Aunt Martha's staff combed the streets, tackled the hard cases, and went places other agencies avoided.

Since that time, Aunt Martha's has continued to work in partnership with other organizations to address community needs and concerns. Through active involvement in the Joliet Alliance for Youth and the Local Area Networks (LANs), Aunt Martha's is able to provide a comprehensive approach to service.

Our commitment to community-based services has earned Aunt Martha's a reputation as a leading advocate for children, youth, and families. Aunt Martha's is perceived by the community as a place that won't let youth fail. Our commitment to doing whatever it takes to help youth and families is obvious.

Aunt Martha's provides a broad range of services to high-risk and underserved communities in Will and Grundy Counties. We work to meet the needs of today's youth and families. Partnering with others, we find the best solutions for children, youth, and families in Will and Grundy Counties.

## Aunt Martha's in Will and Grundy Counties:

- Community-based services
- Building relationships with the community to meet the needs of at-risk youth
- Helping youth gain enough self-respect to avoid joining gangs and other negative behaviors
- Providing parents with the skills they need to help their children
- Giving youth and families a second chance
- And keeping communities safe

### A Caring Community Resource for Children, Youth, and Families

*"Aunt Martha's is viewed as a Godsend in this community. So many people are glad we're here. If you need something, people just know to call Aunt Martha's. And if we can't help them, we can refer them to someone who can."*

An Aunt Martha's parenting educator who has resided in Joliet for 20-plus years.

## Aunt Martha's Services in Will and Grundy Counties

*Below are some of the services offered through Aunt Martha's Joliet location:*

### CHILD WELFARE

Youth and adult housing assistance, transitional living and teen parent training

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ADVOCACY

Providing technical assistance to grassroots organizations and advocating for residents of low-income housing

### COUNSELING

Individual, family, and group counseling

### JUVENILE JUSTICE

Delinquency intervention services

### PARENTING SKILLS

Training for teen parents and parents involved with the Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS)

### RUNAWAY & HOMELESS YOUTH

Support, shelter, and reunification for runaway and homeless youth

*Please contact the office for more information on these services.*

## AUNT MARTHA'S YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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## Our Agency

**E**stablished in 1972, Aunt Martha's provides comprehensive, community-based social and health services to family members of all ages in underserved areas of northeastern and east central Illinois, as well as suburban Cook County and metropolitan Chicago. Aunt Martha's offers child welfare, counseling, education, health care and youth development/prevention services.

Aunt Martha's is a private, not-for-profit service agency. We are state-licensed to provide child welfare, substance abuse treatment, and child care services. The agency is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

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For more information on Aunt Martha's,  
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