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FY2026 River Forest Township Mental Health Report - Supervisor John Becvar

The Mental Health Committee (MHC) is made up of up to nine (9) volunteers from River Forest appointed by the Township Board. They advise the Board on the funding of Behavioral Health and Intellectual / Developmental Disability (I/DD) grants totaling \$229,800 in FY26. They met 7 times in FY26 in September, October, November, January, February and March plus on April 7th. Minutes for the meetings are online at <https://www.riverforesttownship.org/townships-meetings-and-financials>.

River Forest Township Mental Health Committee (MHC)

- Julia Callahan (Term 2025-2028)
- Elizabeth Davies, PhD, Chair (Term 2015-2027)
- Angie Grover (Term 2023-2026)
- Vanessa Klugman, MD (Term 2024-2027)
- Marta Kapala Mohammad, PhD (Term 2025-2028)
- Kevin Ryan (Term 2026-2029)
- Jessica Starck, MD (Term 2023-2026) - *who will not be returning for FY27*
- *For more information about this committee, contact Township Supervisor John Becvar (supervisor@RiverForestTownship.org)*

The MHC historically recommends a combination of fee-for-service and flat grants to the agencies that River Forest Township funds. Fee-for-service grants reimburse agencies for specific services provided to River Forest residents. This effort ensures that River Forest tax dollars are directed most effectively to River Forest residents. Flat grants typically fund initiatives that support general outreach, education and prevention efforts that include River Forest.

- Agency must be a public, not-for-profit entity that has been in operation for at least one (1) year.
- Service recipients must be River Forest Township residents who are living in River Forest Township at the time services are delivered. (60 ILCS 1/190-10)

The RFT Board funded 10 agencies (vs 11 the prior year) in the Mental Health category.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- **Housing Forward** – housing, emergency shelter, wraparound services, and provides case management services for homeless individuals. <https://www.housingforward.org/>
- **Infant Welfare Society** – provides low cost medical, dental and mental health services to area children. <https://www.childrenscliniciws.org/>

- **NAMI Metro Suburban** – provides community advocacy, outreach and education; also provides a drop in center for those with mental health conditions and area crisis centers for adults and teens following the Living Room model <https://www.namimetsub.org>
- **Sarah's Inn** – provides intervention services to those in domestic violence crisis situations and domestic violence prevention services to area schools. <https://sarahsinn.org/>
- **The Way Back Inn** – provides substance use programming for those with alcohol, drug or gambling addiction. <https://waybackinn.org>
- **Thrive Counseling Center** – provides counseling at low or reduced cost and various mental health programs. Also does suicide prevention training in the schools and runs the SibShops program. <https://www.thrivecc.org/>

INTELLECTUAL / DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

- **Community Support Services (CSS)** – providing respite and case management services, as well as day programs and CILAs for adults with disabilities <https://www.cssservices.org/>
- **Oak Leyden Developmental Services** – provides early intervention services (birth to age 3) to those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. <https://www.oak-leyden.org/>
- **Opportunity Knocks** – provides services through after school programming, on site workshops and life skills training to young adults with disabilities <https://www.opportunityknocksnow.org/>
- **United Cerebral Palsy/Seguin** – provides case management and respite services to those with cerebral palsy and/or developmental disabilities; includes life skills programming. <https://ucpsequin.org/>

FY26 awards used the following approach and success metrics:

Behavioral Health			Intellectual / Developmental Disabilities		
Purchase of Service		Flat Grants up to \$5,000 per year	Purchase of Service		Flat Grants up to \$5,000 per year
Therapy \$75 per qualified RF encounter hr	Education \$500 in RF** \$100 if outside RF		Support & Job Training Services \$250 per RF resident per month	Respite \$16/hr for RF residents	
Satisfaction + Domain specific measure	Satisfaction + Increased Knowledge	Satisfaction + Write-Up of how funds used	Satisfaction + Increased Level of Competence/Skill or Employment	Satisfaction + Write-Up of how funds used	Satisfaction + Write-Up of how funds used
Housing Fwd* OPRF IWS Sarah's Inn Thrive Way Back Inn	NAMI Sarah's Inn Thrive Way Back Inn	Housing Fd OPRF IWS Thrive	CSS - Employment Oak Leyden Opp. Knocks UCP Seguin	CSS UCP	Oak Leyden Opp. Knocks UCP

* Note Housing Forward a slightly different formula

** Most negotiated separate funding for RF programs at Roosevelt Middle School.

	Audited Actual	Audited Actual	Audited Actual	Amend Budget	Audited Actual	BUDGET	% of Township
	<u>FY2022</u>	<u>FY2023</u>	<u>FY2024</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2026</u>
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	40.64%	37.37%	41.45%	38.82%	39.89%	49.26%	
Housing Forward	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$5,500	0.65%
NAMI Metro Suburban	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	1.19%
OPRF Infant Welfare Society	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,875	\$1,500	\$2,160	\$5,000	0.59%
Sarah's Inn	\$11,500	\$10,444	\$9,492	\$11,500	\$8,840	\$21,600	2.57%
The Way Back Inn	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$13,150	\$13,729	\$21,400	2.54%
Thrive	\$31,140	\$34,225	\$43,901	\$43,720	\$39,194	\$49,720	5.91%
SUBTOTAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$71,140	\$79,169	\$88,768	\$96,370	\$90,423	\$113,220	13.46%
I/DD SERVICES	48.78%	45.53%	44.07%	46.53%	44.08%	48.56%	
Community Support Services	\$40,318	\$41,612	\$39,228	\$45,000	\$37,122	\$35,000	4.16%
Oak Leyden	\$10,760	\$17,880	\$13,800	\$20,000	\$18,680	\$25,000	2.97%
Opportunity Knocks	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$25,000	2.97%
Progress Center	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
UCP Seguin	\$16,320	\$18,960	\$18,360	\$21,000	\$14,630	\$26,600	3.16%
SUBTOTAL I/DD SERVICES	\$85,398	\$96,452	\$94,388	\$115,500	\$99,932	\$111,600	13.27%
OTHER TOWN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$18,525	\$36,218	\$31,026	\$36,365	\$36,325	\$5,000	0.59%
TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH	\$175,063	\$211,839	\$214,182	\$248,235	\$226,679	\$229,820	27.33%
<i>Year-over-year change</i>		21.01%	1.11%	15.90%	5.83%	1.39%	

Reporting for the full year FY26 is not yet available until the end of April. We obtained Success Metrics for the first time in January 2026. Additionally the MHC's recommendations for FY27 grants have not yet been approved by the Board. Nonetheless, here is the available reporting.

Behavioral Services

- 14 unique residents per month seeking support from Thrive Counseling Center
- 4-5 residents per month with support from Sarah's Inn (besides their Education programs)
- 3-4 residents per month with support from Way Back Inn (besides their Education programs)
- 1-2 resident check-ups per month at Infant Welfare Society throughout the year
- 7 unhoused individuals supported by Housing Forward throughout the year

Education Services

- Programs at Roosevelt Middle School in River Forest
 - 55 hours of instruction over 7 days between two agencies (NAMI and Sarah's Inn)
- Programs at OPRF High School
 - 123 hours of instruction over 85 days between all four agencies
- Programs at Dominican and Concordia Universities and Fenwick and Trinity High Schools
 - Additional 30 hours of instruction

I/DD Services

- Over 200 resident-month units of support (@\$250 per agency) representing
 - 500 hours of direct individual support
 - 2700 hours of group support
 - 60 hours of employment support services
 - 735 hours of respite care

CSS														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %		1Q25 History	Calendar 2025
Purchase of Care (Respite)			\$34,472.00	\$30,000.00	\$2,660.00	\$5,632.00	\$3,456.00	\$0.00	\$11,748.00	\$18,252.00	60.84%		\$4,560.00	\$16,308.00
Education Programs for Job Seekers			\$149.50	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	-\$500.00	-16.00%		\$0.00	\$5,500.00
Case Management			\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$625.00	\$625.00
Total	\$41,612.00	\$39,228.00	\$37,121.50	\$35,000.00	\$3,660.00	\$6,382.00	\$7,206.00	\$0.00	\$17,248.00	\$17,752.00	50.72%		\$5,185.00	\$22,433.00
HOUSING FORWARD														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %			
Purchase of Care			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$833.34	\$833.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,666.68	\$3,333.32	66.67%		\$1,250.00	\$2,916.68
Education Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Outreach Assistance			\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100.00%		\$375.00	\$375.00
Total	\$7,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$833.34	\$833.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,666.68	\$3,833.32	69.70%		\$1,625.00	\$3,291.68
INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %			
Purchase of Care			\$2,160.00	\$2,700.00	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,275.00	\$1,425.00	52.78%		\$360.00	\$1,635.00
Education Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Flat Grant			\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$922.36	\$875.53	\$1,797.89	\$502.11	21.83%		\$0.00	\$922.36
Total	\$1,500.00	\$1,875.00	\$2,160.00	\$5,000.00	\$225.00	\$450.00	\$1,522.36	\$875.53	\$3,072.89	\$1,927.11	38.54%		\$360.00	\$2,557.36
NAMI METRO														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %			
Purchase of Care			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,657.05	\$6,657.05	-\$6,657.05			\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Programs			\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$9,600.00	100.00%		\$5,000.00	\$5,200.00
Education Programs - RF			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	-\$2,000.00			\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Total	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,857.05	\$9,057.05	\$942.95	9.43%		\$5,000.00	\$7,200.00
OAK-LEYDEN														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %			
Purchase of Care (@\$250/mo-family)				\$23,000.00	\$4,750.00	\$5,750.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.00	\$6,000.00	26.09%		\$5,500.00	\$22,500.00
RF Outreach Programs - Reimburse Actual				\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100.00%		\$0.00	\$0.00
Staff Training Grant - Reimburse Actual			\$7,040.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,185.00		\$1,185.00	-\$185.00	-18.50%		\$1,760.00	\$2,945.00
Total	\$17,880.00	\$13,800.00	\$18,680.00	\$25,000.00	\$4,750.00	\$5,750.00	\$7,685.00	\$0.00	\$18,185.00	\$6,815.00	27.26%		\$7,260.00	\$25,445.00
OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %			
Purchase of Care (@\$250/mo-family)				\$20,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,750.00	\$0.00	\$18,750.00	\$1,250.00	6.25%		\$4,250.00	\$23,000.00
Education Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Flat (if after Sep not going to fully use)			\$26,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100.00%		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,750.00	\$0.00	\$18,750.00	\$6,250.00	25.00%		\$4,250.00	\$23,000.00
SARAH'S INN														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %			
Purchase of Care				\$11,500.00	\$4,237.50	\$2,493.75	\$2,981.25		\$9,712.50	\$1,787.50	15.54%		\$2,981.25	\$12,693.75
Education Programs - Elsewhere				\$2,600.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00		\$3,000.00	-\$400.00	-13.38%		\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Education Programs - Roosevelt			\$6,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$10,444.00	\$9,492.00	\$8,840.00	\$21,600.00	\$6,037.50	\$3,493.75	\$3,181.25	\$7,500.00	\$20,212.50	\$1,387.50	6.42%		\$2,981.25	\$15,693.75
THRIVE COUNSELING CENTER														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %			
Purchase of Care				\$40,200.00	\$9,750.00	\$10,275.00	\$8,850.00		\$28,875.00	\$11,325.00	28.17%		\$10,050.00	\$38,925.00
Education Programs				\$4,500.00	\$900.00	\$700.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,700.00	60.00%			\$1,800.00
Uninsured RF Clients				\$5,000.00	\$893.06	\$2,256.87	\$636.66		\$3,786.59	\$1,213.41	24.27%			\$3,786.59
Total	\$34,225.00	\$43,901.00	\$39,194.00	\$49,700.00	\$11,543.06	\$13,231.87	\$9,686.66	\$0.00	\$34,461.59	\$15,238.41	30.66%		\$10,050.00	\$44,511.59
UCP Seguin														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %			
Purchase of Care - Respite (\$16/hr)				\$4,000.00	\$800.00	\$880.00	\$864.00		\$2,544.00	\$1,456.00	36.40%		\$1,125.00	\$3,669.00
Purchase of Care - I/DD Care (\$250/family)				\$22,600.00	\$6,750.00	\$6,750.00	\$7,000.00		\$20,500.00	\$2,100.00	9.29%		\$7,750.00	\$28,250.00
Outreach Coordinator (\$25/hr if needed)			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$18,960.00	\$18,360.00	\$14,630.00	\$26,600.00	\$7,550.00	\$7,630.00	\$7,864.00	\$0.00	\$23,044.00	\$3,556.00	13.37%		\$8,875.00	\$31,919.00
WAY BACK INN														
Program	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Actual FY25	Awarded FY26	Q1FY26	Q2FY26	Q3FY26	Q4FY26	Total 26 Billing	\$ Remaining	Remaining %			
Purchase of Care				\$18,000.00	\$3,375.00	\$4,875.00	\$3,375.00		\$11,625.00	\$6,375.00	35.42%		\$5,250.00	\$16,875.00
Education Programs - OPRFHS				\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$900.00	\$1,800.00	\$700.00	\$4,700.00	-\$3,700.00	-370.00%		\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00
Education Programs - in RF				\$2,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$900.00	37.50%			\$1,000.00
Total	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$13,729.00	\$21,400.00	\$5,675.00	\$5,775.00	\$5,175.00	\$1,200.00	\$17,825.00	\$3,575.00	16.71%		\$8,250.00	\$24,875.00
OTHER MHC (including staff)	\$39,218.00	\$34,026.00	\$39,325.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,151.11	\$136.96			\$1,288.07	\$3,711.93			\$1,546.00	\$2,834.07
TOTAL	\$211,839.00	\$214,182.00	\$226,679.50	\$229,800.00	\$47,625.01	\$49,682.92	\$51,070.27	\$16,432.58	\$164,810.78	\$64,989.22	28.28%		\$327,107.93	\$475,486.13
Year-over-year increase		1.11%	5.83%	1.38%					71.72%					

Oak Park Township (OPT) Community Mental Health Board (CMHB) and River Forest Township (RFT) Mental Health Committee (MHC) conducted an online survey from January - April 2025 of residents on their needs and opinions of MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND INTELLECTUAL/ DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. The survey was available in English with a Township Spanish language translator available for those who needed language assistance. RFT sent a postcard to all residential addresses asking them to complete the survey in addition to including links to the survey on the website homepage and in the Township e-newsletter.

1. The survey received 531 responses of which 148 (28%) indicated living in River Forest 60305. Given the relative populations, River Forest is over-represented in the survey (20 vs 28%).

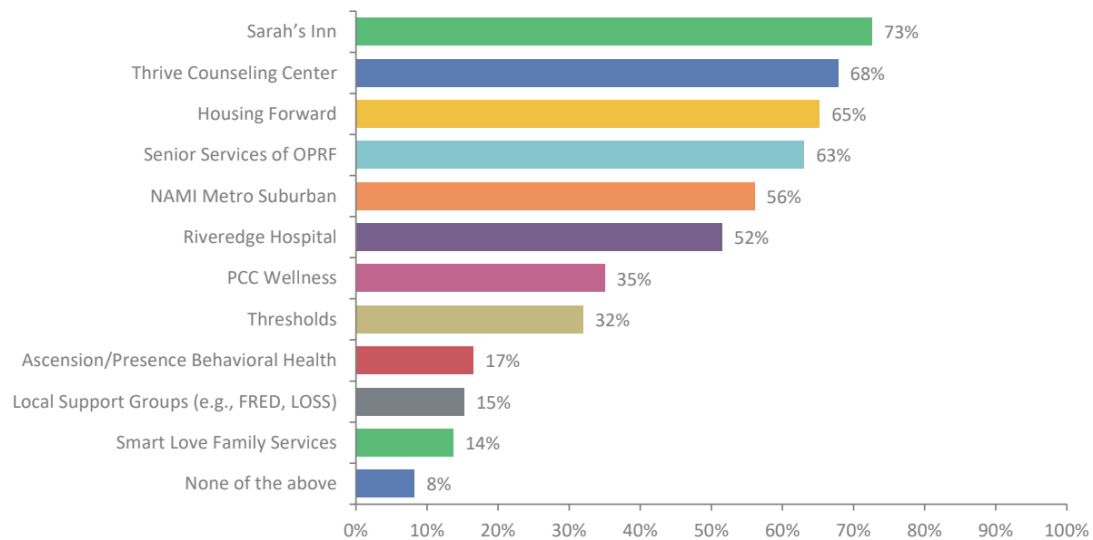
2-4. If you or someone in your household had a mental health challenge, how easy or hard do you think it would be to get information about the [] services in Oak Park / River Forest?

	Mental Health Services	Mental Health Services	Substance use or Addiction Services	Substance use or Addiction Services	Intellectual or Developmental Disability Services	Intellectual or Developmental Disability Services
	All Responses	River Forest Only	All Responses	River Forest Only	All Responses	River Forest Only
Very Easy	78 14.6%	16 10.8%	58 10.9%	15 10.1%	62 11.6%	19 12.8%
Somewhat Easy	178 33.4%	44 29.7%	164 30.8%	35 23.6%	169 31.7%	43 29.1%
Somewhat Hard	109 20.5%	35 23.7%	112 21.0%	36 24.3%	112 21.0%	30 20.3%
Very Hard	20 3.8%	5 3.4%	24 4.5%	6 4.1%	29 5.4%	6 4.1%
Unsure	75 14.1%	29 19.6%	102 19.1%	37 25.0%	88 16.5%	31 20.9%
No Answer	73 13.7%	19 12.8%	73 13.7%	19 12.8%	73 13.7%	19 12.8%

More familiarity with Mental Health (256) compared to I/DD (231) or Substance Use/Addiction (222). River Forest was “more unsure” than Oak Park.

Q5: Which of the following mental health services, supports, or resources for people who live in Oak Park/River Forest are you aware of? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

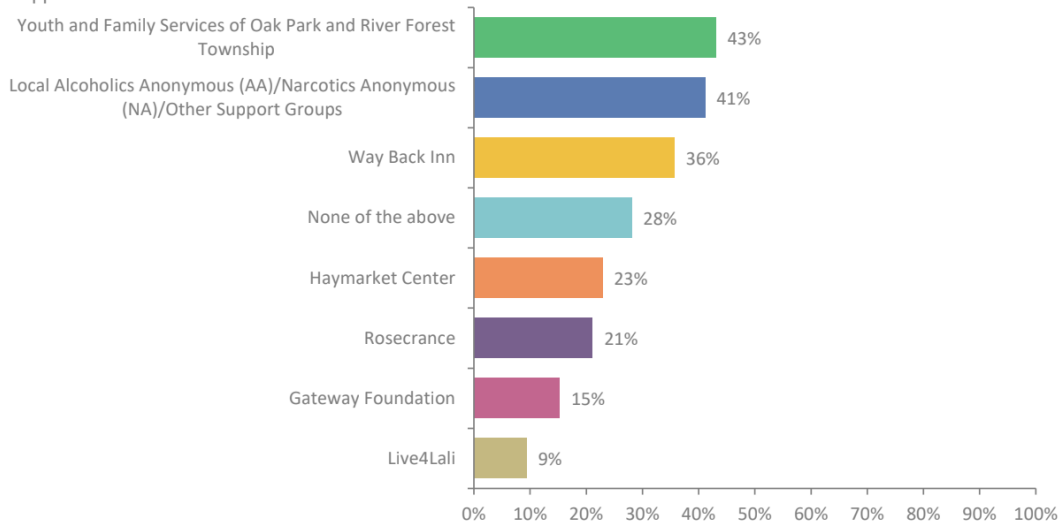
Answered: 460 Skipped: 71



NOTE: RFT MHC funds the top 5. The next largest, Riveredge Hospital, attends our joint consortiums.

Q6: Which of the following substance use or addiction services, supports, or resources for people who live in Oak Park/River Forest are you aware of? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

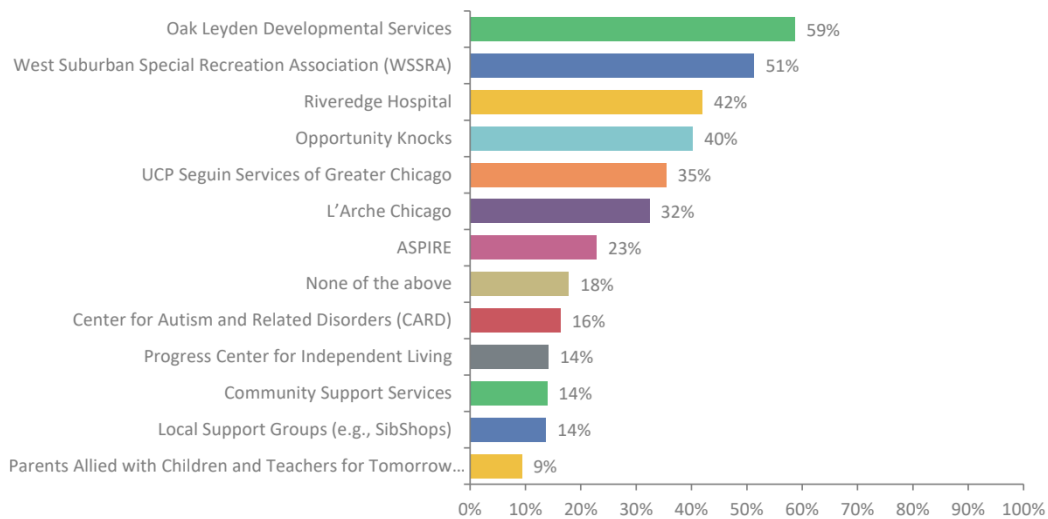
Answered: 460 Skipped: 71



NOTE: RFT MHC is the top one and we also fund Way Back Inn.

Q7: Which of the following intellectual or developmental disability services, supports, or resources for people who live in Oak Park/River Forest are you aware of? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

Answered: 460 Skipped: 71



NOTE: RFT MHC funds Oak Leyden (but OPT-CMHB does not). RFT also funds Opportunity Knocks, UCP Seguin and Community Support Service. RFT has historically funded Progress Center for Independent Living but discontinued it in 2025 after reports of no RF residents being served.

Q8. Are you aware of any other organizations or services for any of the above conditions?

Age Options, CITE, CYAR, Mosaic Counseling, NAMI, Veterans Administration

Q9. Have you or someone in your household ever been told by a health professional that you/they had any of the following? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

	Mental Health Services	Mental Health Services	Substance use or Addiction Services	Substance use or Addiction Services	Intellectual or Developmental Disability Services	Intellectual or Developmental Disability Services
	All Responses n=454	River Forest Only n=126	All Responses	River Forest Only	All Responses	River Forest Only
Yes	288	57	76	17	144	38
%	63.4%	45.2%	16.7%	13.5%	31.7%	30.2%

NOTE: 29% indicated none of the above.

Q11. Are you or someone in your household currently receiving care or treatment services for...

	Mental Health Services	Mental Health Services	Substance use or Addiction Services	Substance use or Addiction Services	Intellectual or Developmental Disability Services	Intellectual or Developmental Disability Services
	All Responses	River Forest Only	All Responses	River Forest Only	All Responses	River Forest Only
Yes	229	43	42	13	90	20
% of Q9	79.5%	75.4%	55.3%	76.5%	62.5%	52.6%

For additional analysis on the survey conducted last year, please see [this larger report](#).

Besides funding agencies, we support three different programs:

1. **FRED (Friends and Resources for Each Day) Parent Support Group became an official River Forest Township program in FY25 and continued to integrate more in FY26.**
 - The FRED Parent Support Group has been meeting since 2007, when eight parents of children with mental illness came together for support and sharing of resources, and agreed to form an ongoing monthly group. FRED launched a second monthly meeting on Zoom in 2020 to meet the needs of families coping with pandemic strains.
 - FRED is powered by volunteer parent leaders who have successfully navigated the mental health system and advocated for their children. All parents/caregivers are welcome, and all services are free.
2. **Parent University** successfully continues under the sponsorship of the D200 Mental Wellness Collaborative, which includes River Forest Township, Oak Park Community Mental Health Board, Township Youth Services, OPRF High School, D90, D97, and others. A Parent Universities was held in November, with keynote speakers, resource tables, and workshops for parents.
3. We held a one-day event last September 2025 to focus on how to **reduce suicide attempts** in our community and are working on another one for September 2026. The River Forest Township also funds *QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer)* suicide prevention training in the local schools / institutions and collaborates on the events plus reimburses counseling costs for under and uninsured individuals in our community.

Today the Township Operating Fund covers all Mental Health / IDD expenses for River Forest Township. We operate within the approved budget. There are no state dollars that are awarded to 708 boards simply because a 708 board exists. The idea of a River Forest 708 Board was voted down in a previous referendum. A 708 Board would need to create an INCREMENTAL and SEPARATE tax levy to fund any and all programming and would be required to spend additional dollars on administration as there is a higher reporting bar than we have today.