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After federal cuts, rape crisis centers ask Illinois for help

Staffing has been cut or frozen, satellite offices have closed

By Jonathan Bullington
Chicago Tribune

The burnout that has hit so many in her line of work came for Phyllis Lubel last fall. She had just finished a particularly grueling 16-month stretch in which she logged close to 300 hours inside Lake County emergency rooms, where she took on

the arduous task of trying to help survivors in the immediate aftermath of a sexual assault. After nearly 26 years with the Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center in Gurnee, first as a volunteer and then as an advocacy services specialist, the 58-year-old Skokie native had reached a breaking point. *I need to have a life,* she thought. *I can’t keep this pace up.* Across Illinois, scores of direct service providers like Lubel who work at the state’s 31 rape crisis centers are struggling under the

weight of crushing workloads, stagnant wages and unsteady job security. Those pressures have intensified in recent months, advocates say, after a key source of federal funding was essentially slashed in half, a loss of around \$9.5 million. Survivor advocates say the fallout from cuts to federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants has been severe: A little over half of the state’s crisis centers have reduced staffing or frozen hiring, accord-

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Phyllis Lubel, an advocacy services specialist at the Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center, stands outside the emergency department at the Northwestern Medicine Grayslake Outpatient Center in Grayslake on March 14. STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



A truck waits in a turn lane in heavy traffic near 41st Street and Pulaski Road in Chicago’s Archer Heights neighborhood on Thursday. E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Concern growing by the load

Neighborhoods near congested I-55 freight corridors count truck traffic, push for changes

By John Lippert | Chicago Tribune

Hall. He said he’s tapping the brakes on new permits in neighborhoods where warehouses have mushroomed far beyond the city’s initial plans. “This thing is so far out of balance, we really have to look at a long-term comprehensive plan,” D’Arcy said in a recent interview. “We need to look out 20 years when we’ll have double the amount of truck traffic we have now and make sure we’re doing what’s right,” he said. Joliet and Archer Heights are only two examples of the congestion-on-steroids spreading through Chicago’s freight hubs. But they’re like canaries in a coal mine. Their experiences warn about how today’s rapid shipping methods can take over neighborhoods and damage public health. They’ve pushed Joliet and Archer Heights into an intensifying search for policy alternatives, including electric and hydrogen-powered trucks, which so far have faced an uphill battle in Springfield. As a first step, they’re simply

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Top cop faces early test of his leadership

With police discipline logjam broken, tough choices await Snelling

By Sam Charles
Chicago Tribune

Since he was named Chicago police superintendent last year, Larry Snelling has repeatedly called for fairness toward officers accused of wrongdoing, and accountability for those who’ve committed misconduct. And now, as the future of police discipline in Chicago comes into focus after months of uncertainty, Snelling faces a test of sorts: deciding the professional fates of more than two dozen officers facing firing whose folders remain on his desk. The new superintendent is very familiar with one of them — an officer who worked under Snelling when the police boss was a lieutenant in Englewood. Snelling must decide if the Chicago Police Department should seek to fire that officer, who has faced an unusually high number of misconduct allegations, including several that were sustained, and whom the department has suspended at least three times already in his 15 years as a Chicago

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Chicago police Superintendent Larry Snelling, left, and Mayor Brandon Johnson join recruits before the start of the Chicago Police Department recruit class graduation and promotion ceremony at Navy Pier on March 11. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

UConn rides 30-0 surge to oust Illini

Illinois pulled to within two points of defending champion UConn at 23-21 with 3:39 left in the first half, but the Huskies went on a 30-0 run to a 77-52 win to end the Illini’s NCAA Tournament run. **Chicago Sports**

