

STATE EMPLOYEES SERVE COMMUNITIES ALL ACROSS ILLINOIS

Every Illinois resident benefits from the work of state employees. We count on them to care for elderly veterans, and people with mental illnesses or developmental disabilities. We rely on them to protect public safety, keeping criminals safely incarcerated, responding to emergencies and solving crimes. We depend on them to stop child abuse, protect clean air and water, help families struggling with unemployment and much more.

But now state workers are counting on us to stand with them in their fight for fairness against Gov. Rauner's efforts to drastically diminish their rights, make their workplace less safe and less fair and drive down their standard of living. Here's a sampling of what state employees do for us every day.

ILLINOIS STATE EMPLOYEES...

Serve the elderly...

- *Investigating more than 14,500 annual reports of elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation.
- *Providing screenings and other services to more than 244,000 seniors through the Community Care Program, which works to keep seniors out of nursing homes.

Protect children...

- *Investigating more than 109,000 reports of child abuse or neglect each year.
- *Ensuring the safety and well-being of more than 15,000 kids in foster or substitute care.
- *Monitoring standards in over 8,000 day care homes, 3,000 day care centers and 700 group day care homes in Illinois.

Take care of veterans...

- *Providing long-term care to more than 850 aged and disabled veterans in the statewide network of veterans' homes.
- *Helping find work for those who served our country through Veterans Employment Services.
- *Assisting more than 141,000 veterans to access federal and state benefits.

Protect our health...

- *Safeguarding the air we breathe and the water we drink.
- *Licensing hospitals and nursing homes to ensure quality of care.
- *Preventing and combating disease outbreaks
- *Overseeing landfills and underground storage tanks to protect ground water.
- *Testing over 77,000 livestock a year for diseases that could threaten humans.

Keep us safe...

- *Operating the world's third-largest crime laboratory system, analyzing crime-scene evidence from more than 100,000 cases a year.
- *Responding to disasters like tornadoes, floods and chemical spills.
- *Incarcerating more than 49,000 adult inmates in state prisons and providing education and other rehabilitative services.

- *Monitoring 29,000 parolees after they are released from prison back into our communities.
- *Responding to emergencies on state highways, including car accidents, stranded motorists and crimes.
- *Preparing a coordinated response in case of a terrorist attack.
- *Ensuring traffic safety by analyzing accident data to make improvements that save lives.
- *Inspecting airports, airplanes and heliport and registering pilots and airplanes to ensure safe air transportation.
- *Keeping warning gates operational at 8,400 rail crossings statewide—the second most of any state in the country.
- *Regulating railroad hazardous material shipments.
- *Inspecting petroleum and chemical facilities and nuclear power reactors.

Protect consumers...

- *Enforcing rules and rates for phone and electric companies and protecting against rip-offs.
- *Preventing predatory lending schemes, stopping loan sharks and protecting the rights of debtors.
- *Licensing and regulating auto, home, health and life insurance companies and investigating thousands of consumer grievances each year.
- *Inspecting and certifying gas pumps to ensure that when it says a gallon went into your tank, a full gallon got in there and the gas was clean.

Power our economy, helping workers and our communities...

- *Overseeing the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the 16,000-mile state highway system.
- *Ensuring the safety of 7,796 bridges in Illinois.
- *Handling thousands of compensation claims each year for workers who were made sick, injured or killed on the job.
- *Protecting the rights, wages and safety of workers, enforcing minimum wage and child labor laws, *Setting prevailing wage standards for skilled trades and ensuring that women are paid fairly under the Equal Pay Act.

Help those in need...

- *Ensuring access to health care for 1.6 million children through the All Kids program.
- *Making sure child support laws are enforced and dispersing nearly 7 million child support payments a year.
- *Providing unemployment benefits to those who lose their jobs.
- *Providing Food Stamps (SNAP) to more than 1 million people.
- *Providing health coverage to more than 3 million low-income families and those with disabilities through Medicaid.
- *Providing care and supports for individuals with profound developmental disabilities or severe mental illnesses.
- *Administering the Women, Infants & Children (WIC) nutrition program to more than 57,000 pregnant women.
- *Administering services for nearly 70,000 patients suffering from addiction through the Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.
- *Offering guardianship services to protect more than 5,000 our most vulnerable citizens with disabilities.

And so much more...

- *Maintaining and administering our state parks, providing safe standards for boating, hunting and fishing, and conserving our natural resources.
- *Protecting Illinois heritage and teaching about the past through the Abraham Lincoln Library & Museum, and 56 other historic sites and monuments statewide.
- *Collecting taxes, stopping tax cheats and making sure local governments receive their share of state revenue to fund local services.
- *Administering Illinois' Supreme, Appellate and Circuit Courts, which adjudicate more than 3 million cases a year.