



Who We Are

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (LSSM) creates communities of service. We walk with people in need, offering hope and compassion while upholding their dignity, advocating for equality and justice, and seeking creative solutions.

A social ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), LSSM is not just for Lutherans. The church has been meeting people's needs since the early 1900s when a Lutheran "city missionary" arrived in Detroit to provide services to the poor. From the very beginning, Lutheran Social Services has reached out to individuals regardless of their religion, race, ethnicity or national origin.

The organization was incorporated as the Lutheran Inner Mission League in 1934. Today, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan spans the state's Lower Peninsula with more than 70 programs in 41 cities. Lutheran Social Services' diverse staff share a dedication to serving their fellow humans by doing the right thing, for the right reasons, every day.

OUR MISSION

Serving people as an expression of the love of Christ

OUR VISION

Communities of service that meet the needs of people, upholding human dignity, advocating equality and justice

ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC POLICY

Lutheran Social Services provides a voice for those who are voiceless: children, families in crisis, refugees adapting to a new culture, frail seniors, persons with developmental disabilities. At local, state and federal levels, we work to secure legislation and funding that will improve the lives of the less fortunate.

Donations help Lutheran Social Services serve those who need us.

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Services for Children and Families

Lutheran Social Services, Michigan's largest private foster care provider, also operates Lutheran Adoption Service, the state's largest private adoption organization, in partnership with Lutheran Child and Family Services (an organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod).

Services include:

- Foster care
- Adoption
- Supervised Independent Living for teens aging out of foster care
- Families First (crisis intervention)
- Community center
- Heartline residence for women leaving the correction system
- Subsidized housing
- Shelter for homeless families
- Refugee resettlement and employment services



Services for Senior Adults

Lutheran Social Services offers a continuum of services for senior adults, including:

- Independent retirement communities
- Affordable housing for income-qualified seniors
- Memory care services for persons with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia
- Assisted living communities
- Convalescent care and rehabilitation services
- Long-term skilled nursing care
- Home care and home health services



Services for Persons with Disabilities

Lutheran Social Services has been providing services to persons with developmental disabilities since 1976, and was one of the first in Michigan to manage group homes where adults with disabilities could gain independence. Our goal is to ensure that all the people we serve can maximize their community participation and self-determination. We provide:

- Adult foster care homes with 24-hour staffing
- Community support services for children and adults living in their own homes, including:
 - Apartments for adults with physical disabilities
 - In-home staff support
 - Case management
 - Behavior management
 - Homemaker and chore services

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity or national origin.