Overview

For more than 157 years, House of the Good Shepherd has opened our doors and our hearts to women and children who face ongoing problems related to poverty, homelessness, isolation, debilitating trauma symptoms, and family abuse. Our long term transitional housing and family violence recovery programs enable our clients to step out of poverty, break the cycle of violence, and embrace a future filled with hope and self-determination.

In 2015, Catholic Charities welcomed the House of the Good Shepherd to its family of programs, bringing additional access to a broad spectrum of social services and care models. These include law enforcement, immigration, legal aid, safe housing, and access to physical and mental health services.

House of the Good Shepherd is committed to finding sustainable, long-term solutions in the prevention and treatment of domestic violence. House of the Good Shepherd personalizes a program for each client and teaches them how to actively participate in their own self-determination by offering more flexibility and alignment with their individual situations. We help survivors put themselves at the center of their own lives.

Services

- **Education and life skill training**
- **Workshops** to increase skills in wellness and financial literacy
- **Educational resources** for children through partnership with Chicago Hopes and Chicago Cares literacy improvement programs
- **Psychological evaluation and therapy** through the Children’s Research Triangle and bilingual counseling through Community Casework & Counseling
- **Violence Prevention seminars** on non-violent communication, understanding the cycle of abuse, coping skills for adverse effects of witnessing violence during stay and through Aftercare for as long as the clients need it.
- **Connection to resources** through collaboration with existing partners and community sources to sustain the provision of safe housing, food, safety, privacy, medical assistance, and child care

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Catholic Charities fulfills the Church’s role in the mission of charity to anyone in need by providing compassionate, competent and professional services that strengthen and support individuals, families and communities based on the value and dignity of human life. In order to remain faithful to our mission, Catholic Charities is guided by these core values: **Respect, Compassion, Competence, and Stewardship.**