

IMPACT Central Illinois Final Report

center for prevention of abuse

FISCAL YEAR 2023 STATISTICS

- 273 adult and 147 child residential clients = **420 total** (331 females/89 males)
- 9,169 nights of shelter
- 9,293 hours of comprehensive services to residential clients
- Special Needs: 19.5% of clients had some type of special needs, including 38 clients with specific disabling conditions and 27 with physical disabilities
- Outcomes Report:

98.1% of clients knew more ways to plan for their safety

97.4% of clients knew more places to go for help/community resources

93.9% of clients felt safer

89.6% of clients felt more hopeful about their future

SUCCESS STORY

“Rachel” was wheelchair bound, and her partner used that to his advantage. She fled to Center for Prevention of Abuse’s Peoria shelter due to a physical altercation where her partner hit her in the head and physically assaulted her with her own crutch. In this specific violent confrontation, Rachel was thrown to the floor and forced to crawl and retrieve her crutches. The client was subject to routine physical abuse throughout the relationship that also included verbal and mental abuse.

During her time at CFPA’s Peoria shelter, Rachel felt comfortable maneuvering throughout the shelter areas, specifically the kitchen and her bedroom bathroom due to the renovations made possible through the Impact Central Illinois grant. The grant was utilized to make all the shelter bathrooms and kitchen more accessible for those living with any type of disability. Doors were widened, bathtubs were removed, and walk-in showers installed. The microwave was placed at a more accessible level and a new secondary kitchen sink was installed with the cabinet removed below to accommodate a wheelchair. Rachel was able to be fully independent and not rely on others to assist her with cooking meals and getting in and out of the shower.

Abusers often use their partners’ disabilities to increase their control and isolation of their victim. Individuals who are otherwise abled are even more afraid to leave their abusers for a multitude of reasons, perhaps most significantly the fear of not being able to function in a shelter facility due to the lack of maneuverable accommodations. Rachel’s situation was no different. Thanks to Impact Central Illinois, the facility barriers at CFPA’s shelter no longer exist for those living with disabilities who are seeking a pathway to peace.



Thank you to Impact Central Illinois for seeing the need and for funding these renovations for our shelter's communal kitchen and client bathrooms. We are committed to our client-centered approach and these newly remodeled areas ensure accessibility, equity and an inclusive healing environment for all.

