

# HOW 2024 IMPACT REPORT



## CREATE OPPORTUNITIES. REBUILD LIVES.

Since 1983, Housing Opportunities for Women (HOW) has been a leader in permanent solutions to homelessness. Through prevention strategies, expanded affordable supportive housing, and individualized support services, we've helped thousands across Chicago reclaim their lives.

**1,518**

clients served, including **681**  
**children**

**746**

households received  
services

**1,053**

outreach and referral  
contacts made

## AT A GLANCE: WHO WE SERVE



**85%**

of HOW families  
are female-led

**94%**

of clients live at or below the  
Federal Poverty Line

**83%**

of clients are people of color,  
**75%** are Black or African  
American

**63%**

of adult clients report living  
with a disability or health  
condition

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

In 2024, 185 new households received services from HOW; 86% of clients retained their permanent supportive housing; and 85% of clients who exited HOW entered safe, stable housing.

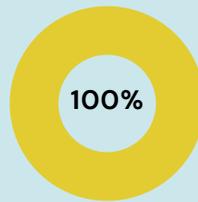
## IMPACT BY PROGRAM: 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

### YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES:

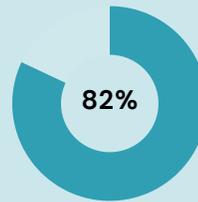


In 2024, HOW's Youth Team more than doubled in size, growing from 47 to 108 participants in 2024.

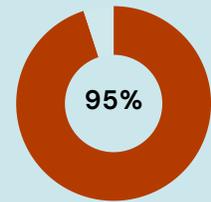
Despite this growth, the Youth and Families Team still maintained a high standard of care:



100%  
of parents who requested developmental assessments & referrals received them



82%  
of youth have a primary care physician



95%  
of youth are up-to-date on wellness visits and vaccines

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

### SUPPORTING CAREER GROWTH

\*George first connected with the Employment Team in early 2024. After expressing his interest in healthcare, his Employment Specialist helped him apply for a job as a Certified Nursing Assistant. George thrived in his new role, but after a few months, began to crave a new challenge. With the support of his Employment Specialist, he applied for —and received— a 5-year scholarship to attend nursing school. He'll begin classes in Fall of 2025.



\*client not pictured



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES:

100%

of clients with primary/mental health needs connected to care within 30 days

191

clients served by the Health and Wellness Team

90%

of clients have health insurance