

## metropolitan community wraps around our families

### EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

AS THE ONLY PROVIDER OF ADOPTION SUPPORT AND PRESERVATION SERVICES IN CHICAGO AND COOK COUNTY AND THE EIGHT SURROUNDING COUNTIES,

MFS helped **99%** of adoptive families stay together preventing **184 children** from re-entering the state welfare system

**91%** of on-site mental health crisis response cases avoided costly hospitalizations or other resource-intensive support by stabilizing clients in their homes or community spaces.

IN MFS' 24-HOUR MOBILE SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY,

**86% of clients** did not have another crisis in the following 90 days, including **85% of our 837 youth and teen clients**, a dramatic improvement over the 25% national average.

### EDUCATION

**92%** of our Head Start students strengthened early literacy skills and

**82%** improved social-emotional skills, both critical to kindergarten readiness

- 100%** of HECC Clubhouse after-school program members graduated from high school in Spring 2025, and all intend to enroll in college by Fall 2025.
- Through college admission test prep and application essay writing support MFS helped students earn **\$2.29M+ in college scholarships**, reducing financial barriers and opening doors to greater education and career opportunities.
- 74% of K-12 students** in our after-school program significantly strengthened their ability to manage emotions, solve problems, and make good decisions, supporting better school attendance and academic outcomes.
- 89% of teens** in our after-school program developed the confidence and drive needed to pursue their future education and career goals, and **87%** learned how to recognize and handle stress in healthy ways to build safer and stronger relationships.

### ECONOMIC STABILITY

**92%** of workforce development participants were satisfied with the jobs they obtained with MFS support, earning an average of \$21.25 per hour, and **83% are now earning more** than they did in their previous positions.

- 664 teens and young adults** gained work experience through a job or training placement, earning an average wage of \$16.14 per hour.
- MFS RE-ENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES PLACED 58 individuals** in jobs, **88% of whom are still in those jobs today**, building stability and reducing barriers to a new life.

### EMPOWERMENT

**70%** of domestic violence survivors experienced fewer trauma symptoms like fear, anxiety and nightmares after 4 or fewer counseling sessions at MFS, opening the door to stability.

- 525 volunteers** provided **25,930+ hours of service** to support MFS programs, an \$889,140 value.
- Our domestic violence housing program aided **93% of survivors** in finding a new home, and **95% found long-term stability** through permanent housing. *Survivors were housed in under six weeks, which is half the time required by the State of Illinois.*
- MFS answered 6,576 calls on the 24-hour domestic violence hotline**, providing survivors and their loved ones with immediate guidance, safety planning, and connections to vital resources.