

Biography of Susan Huwe

Susan Huwe has been with the Illinois Department of Human Services for 38 years and has served in several positions for the Lake County Family and Community Resource Center and most recently Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services in Waukegan.

After graduating from the University of Illinois Champaign with a Bachelor's in Social Work Degree, she began her career as a Caseworker in July 1980 with the Illinois Department of Public Aid in Lake County. Ms. Huwe was promoted to a Supervisor position with the Department in 1989 and subsequently worked in several positions which included Assistant Local Office Administrator and Local Office Administrator. During her tenure with the Department of Public Aid, there were many changes implemented by the State of Illinois which included the "Welfare to Work Program" and consolidation of the Illinois Department of Public Aid with the Divisions of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health and Rehabilitation Services into the Illinois Department of Human Services. Highlights of her career with the Lake County Family and Community Resource center included several "Big 10" awards for the office in recognition of accuracy, timeliness and customer service regarding the administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Ms. Huwe was hired as the Office Supervisor the Waukegan Division of Rehabilitation Services in December of 2014 after 34 years with the Lake County Family and Community Resource Center.

Ms. Huwe has been active with several organizations throughout her career which included serving on the Lake County Workforce Development Board. She has also partnered with the Illinois Hunger Coalition, Mano-a-Mano, Lake County Health Department, Job Center of Lake County, Lake County Township offices, Catholic Charities, Community Action Project, United Way, Youth Build, Love Inc., NICASA, Goodwill Industries and Lake County Housing.

She has also studied for a Masters' Degree in Social Work with the University of Illinois in Chicago.