# STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Support, Advocacy, and Learning in our communities—from childhood to adulthood

# Building and enhancing thriving communities

At SAL Community Services, our mission is to strengthen children, families, and individuals to build and enhance thriving communities. We aim to be the regional leader in providing high-quality child development and community services. We advocate for the people we support, the communities we serve, and the solutions we champion.

We have a history of listening to the needs of our community and responding. SAL Community Services was founded in 1970 by our community, for our community. For decades we were known for providing daycare, but as the needs of our community have grown, so have we. We have expanded our community-based services to reach more individuals and families. Today, we are recognized from the Quad Cities to Peoria and beyond for our ability to pilot and launch programs that meet community members' immediate and long-term needs—no matter their age, race, or economic circumstances.

"At SAL Community Services, we are committed to helping our community establish strong foundations not just in childhood but at any stage of life. We know that when people are connected to the resources they need, our whole community is better off for it—today and tomorrow."

-Marcy Mendenhall, President and CEO

# Through our programs, we provide:

**High-quality early care** and education in centers and licensed homes

**Child care referrals** and help connecting families to financial assistance for care, as well as training, development, and support for early care educators.

**Stabilization services** for witnesses and victims of crime; immigrants, refugees, and limited English proficient individuals; and others in need

# What we do

Our services ensure that every child can succeed in school and in life—and that every adult has access to basic human needs.

"I'm glad to be part of an organization that understands the needs of parents. The staff really cares to help me—and my kids—be the best we can be."

-Early Head Start parent

### High-Quality Care & Education

#### **Skip-a-Long Childhood Centers**

Nationally accredited and highly rated early care and education centers serving children ages six weeks through 12 years with a mission to make sure every child is prepared for success in school and in life.

#### Home Child Care Network

Free consultation and support for licensed home child care providers in Illinois to ensure high-quality care.

#### **Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships**

Comprehensive, individualized services for lowincome families including pregnant mothers, infants, and toddlers up to age four.

#### **Prevention Initiative**

Intensive, research-based child development and family support services for families with children from birth to age three, with an aim of building a strong early learning foundation and preparing children for later school success.

Child Care Resource & Referral

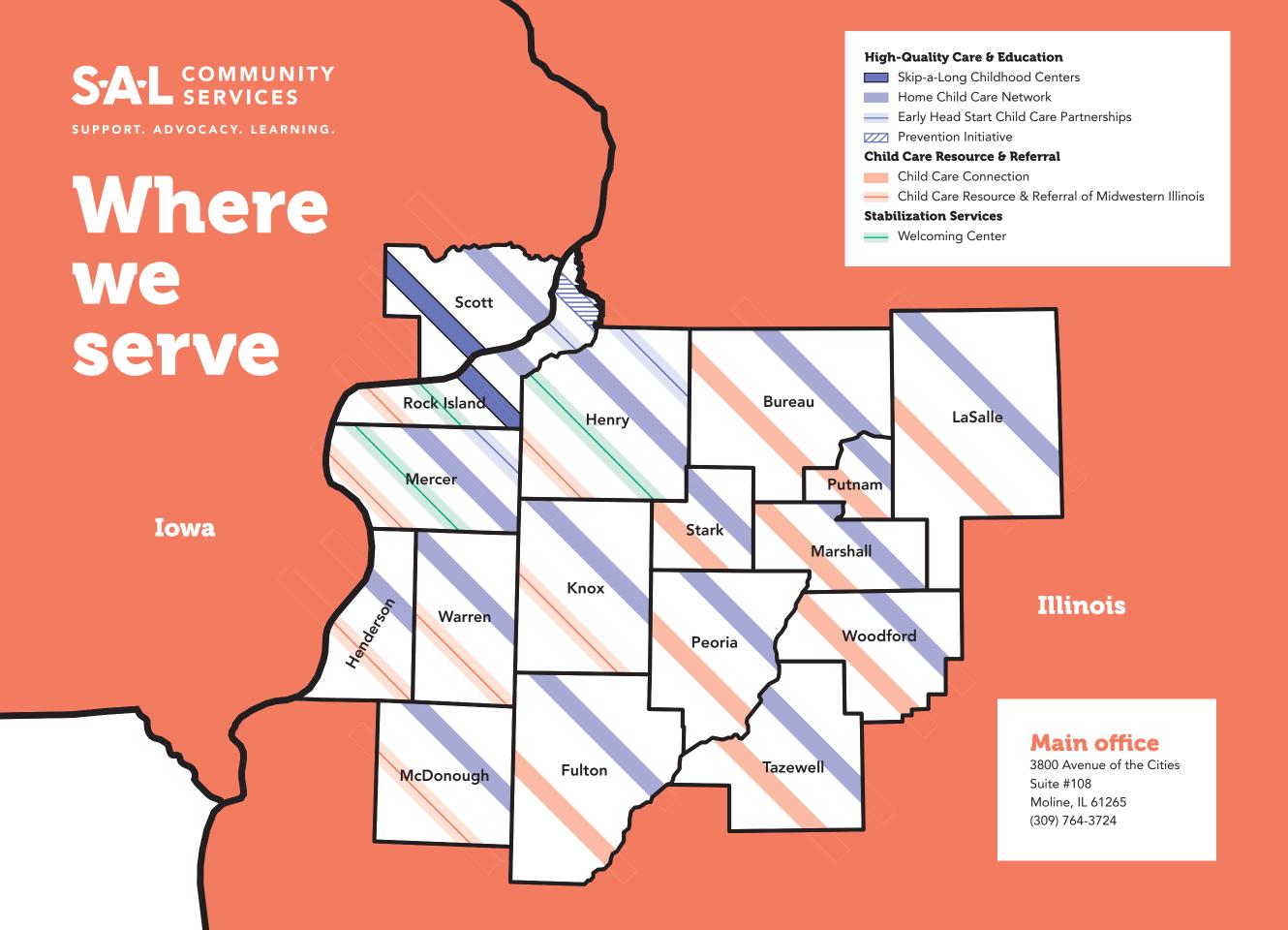
#### Child Care Connection and Child Care Resource & Referral of Midwestern Illinois

Help for parents finding licensed child care options and assistance for families applying for help to pay for care, as well as support for child care providers, including training, professional development, resources, grant funding, and more.

### Stabilization Services

#### **Welcoming Center**

Specialized services and support for immigrant, refugee, and Limited English proficient individuals and families.





### Want to get involved?

#### Donate

Invest in strengthening children, families, and individuals to build and enhance thriving communities. Both financial and in-kind donations make a difference!

#### Volunteer

Read to a child, serve on a board committee, or help out at a special event. There are so many ways to lend a hand!

#### Join our team

We have a variety of career opportunities with great benefits for professionals who are passionate about benefiting their community. Apply today!

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