

Expansion Project: Downtown Bloomington

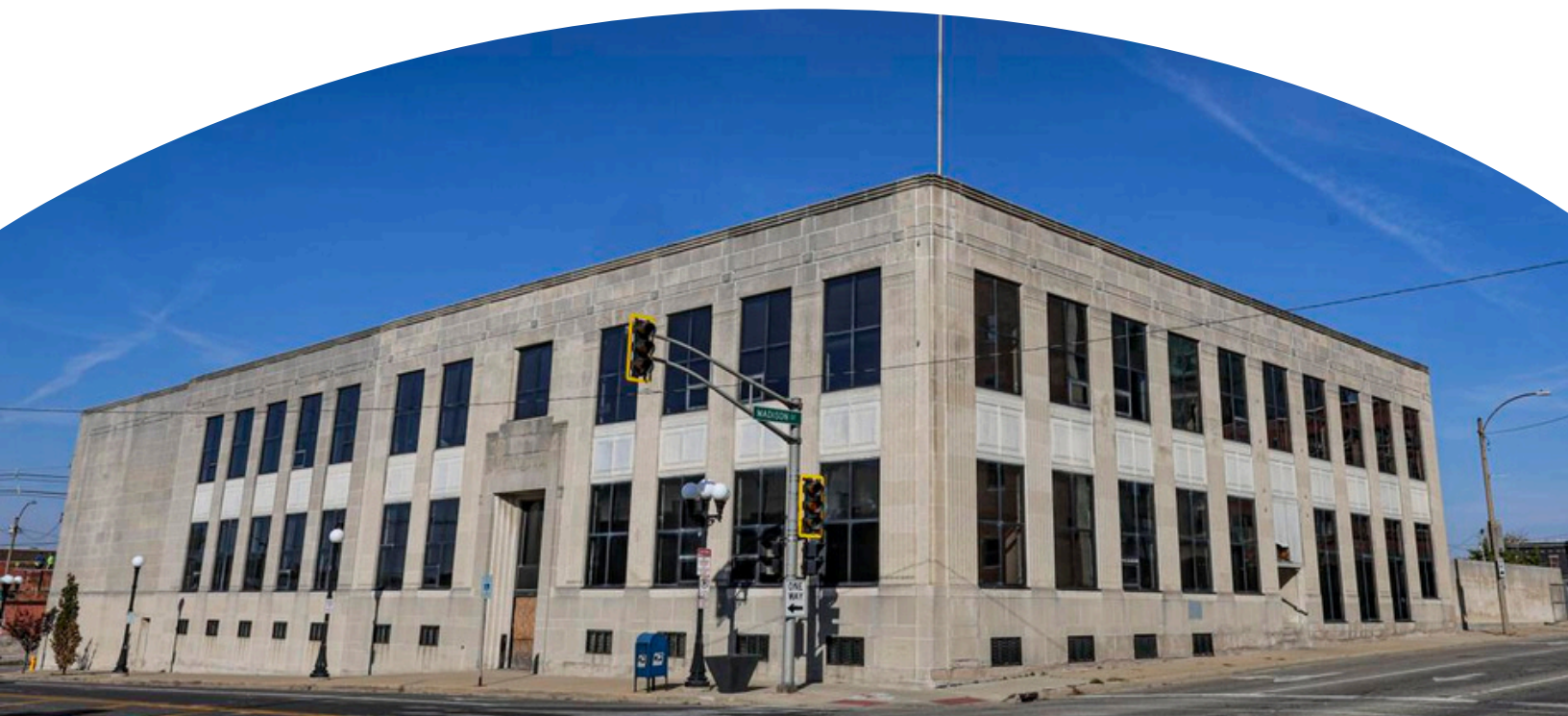
To improve access to services, especially for the community's most at-risk children, Lifelong Access is expanding into downtown Bloomington. In 2024, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services awarded Lifelong Access a Healthcare Transformation Capital Investment Grant of \$21.7 million to purchase and revitalize the 76,000-square foot former Pantagraph building at 301 West Washington St. Bloomington.

In partnership with Chestnut Health Systems, the Regional Office of Education #17 and other local not-for-profits, Lifelong Access will create a hub for health and wellness resources and programming. Services will include Alternative Youth Education, Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapy for those on the autism spectrum, Behavioral Health Services, Community Day Services, Dental Wellness, Pediatric Primary Care, Psychiatry, Supported Employment Programming, and more. Renovations are expected to begin in 2025, with an expected **open date of Spring 2027**.

Community Needs:

- **17,000 adults with disabilities** are awaiting evaluation and authorization for state-funded support programs.
- **1,500 youth ages 6-7** in McLean County are living with a disability.
- **5-10 years** is the average wait for Illinois families to receive state support for adult for adult children with disabilities.

In light of great needs and long waits, Lifelong Access aims to continue growing so that all individuals get the support needed for dignified and rich lives.



Expansion Project: Peoria County (Bartonville)

In response to the high demand for youth services in Central Illinois, Lifelong Access plans to expand westward with a focus on two pediatric services: Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy for autism spectrum disorder, and Behavioral Health Therapy for mental health challenges. Thanks to generous donors at the Doug Collins Golf Classic and D'Vine affair, Lifelong Access had cash on hand to purchase and renovate a building for this westward expansion. In 2024, Lifelong identified just the right location in Peoria County, and in December, signed a contract to purchase that 3,648-square-foot property. Renovations will begin in winter of 2025, and the clinic will open in the **Summer 2025**.

How the Peoria County clinic will help meet needs:

- **100 additional hours** of pediatric ABA Therapy weekly
- **22 additional hours** of youth Behavioral Health Therapy weekly

Community Needs:

- In Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties, the suicide attempt rate is **2.4 per 100,000 adolescents**.
- Approximately **1,669 Emergency Room visits** were for pediatric mental health issues.
- **11 years** is the average time for symptoms to treatment.
- **1:36** is the estimated ratio of children on the autism spectrum.

