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Meet 2025-2026 Class Member
Casey Bachochin- DeKalb Township

Casey Bachochin is the Director of General Assistance for DeKalb Township. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Family Social Services from Northern Illinois University and began her career at Remedies Renewing Lives, Winnebago County's only domestic violence shelter, where she served as Senior Children's Advocate. In 2019, she earned her Master of Public Administration from Indiana Wesleyan University and was promoted to Program Director of Domestic Violence Services.

During COVID-19, Casey expanded her skills in program development and safety planning as needs changed rapidly. In 2022, she led a major expansion of the Partner Abuse Intervention Program at the request of the Illinois Department of Human Services, growing it from three to nine weekly groups.

Casey joined DeKalb Township in 2023, streamlining General Assistance by transitioning from a flat grant model to a needs-based system, increasing benefits, and directing payments to vendors. She also launched the Community Work Program, allowing able-bodied recipients to volunteer in exchange for assistance.

Casey now leads the program with a commitment to innovation, accountability, and community impact. She serves on the Boards of Safe Passage and the Northern Illinois Homeless Coalition and actively participates in the University Village Collaborative and Networking for Families.

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