

# Resource Guide for Persons with Disabilities



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E-Mail: [generalinfo@accessliving.org](mailto:generalinfo@accessliving.org)  
Website: [www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org)

Center for independent living for people with disabilities residing in or around Chicago. Attorneys on staff primarily provide advocacy in community integration and housing discrimination, including compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act. Sign language and Braille or large print is available. Interpreters for Spanish are also available. Services are free, but income eligibility may apply.

## **ADA S. MCKINLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.**

1359 W. Washington Blvd.

Chicago, IL 60607

Voice: (312) 554-0600

Fax: (312) 554-0292

E-mail: [info@adasmckinley.org](mailto:info@adasmckinley.org)

Website: [www.adasmckinley.org](http://www.adasmckinley.org)

Provides assistance to people who are financially disadvantaged and disabled in finding and pursuing paths for a healthy and productive life at 43 sites in the Chicagoland area. Offers vocational services, foster care and adoption services, alternative schools, educational assistance and placement, counseling and residential services.

## **ADAPTIVE ADVENTURES**

(Chicago Office Contact Information)

2616 Wilmette Avenue

Wilmette, IL 60091

Voice: (847) 251-8445 or (866) 679-2770

Fax: (847) 251-8445

E-Mail: [joel@adaptiveadventures.org](mailto:joel@adaptiveadventures.org)

Website: [www.adaptiveadventures.org](http://www.adaptiveadventures.org)

Adaptive Adventures is a non-profit organization whose mission is to identify, promote, and provide progressive sports and recreation opportunities for children and adults with physical disabilities. Adaptive Adventures offers opportunities primarily for people with physical disabilities and is considered a national leader in the areas of adaptive cycling, water-skiing, and winter sports.

## **ADVOCATE CHRIST MEDICAL CENTER**

Physical Rehabilitation, Occupational and Balance Therapy

4440 West 95th Street

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Voice: (708) 684-5425

Website: [www.advocatehealth.com](http://www.advocatehealth.com)

Provides physical rehabilitation, occupational therapy and balance therapy to help patients recover from trauma, address chronic health conditions, and improve their quality of life. Referral needed. Fee applies; insurance accepted.



## **AIDS FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO**

200 West Jackson, Suite 2200

Chicago, IL 60606

Voice: (312) 922-2322

Fax: (312) 922-2916

Website: [www.aidschicago.org](http://www.aidschicago.org)

Provides funding for HIV/AIDS care and education programs in community based agencies; advocates for sound HIV/AIDS-related public policy and increased support for HIV/AIDS care and prevention efforts; information and referral service and case management coordination.

## **AIDS LEGAL COUNCIL OF CHICAGO**

180 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2110

Chicago, IL 60601-3005

Voice: (312) 427-8990 or (866) 506-3038

Fax: (312) 427-8419

E-mail: [info@aidslegal.com](mailto:info@aidslegal.com)

Website: [www.aidslegal.com](http://www.aidslegal.com)

Provides free legal advice and services to persons living in Cook County with HIV or AIDS, their companions and families on issues related to HIV and AIDS. Legal services are provided in the following areas: employment, housing, insurance, wills and estate planning; public benefits including Public Aid, Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security; debt collection, and confidentiality issues. Sign language, Braille and large print are available. Interpreters for Spanish are also available. Income eligibility will apply.

## **ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

(National Office)

3417 Volta Place, NW

Washington, DC 20007

Voice: (202) 337-5220

Fax: (202) 337-8314

TTY: (202) 337-5221

E-Mail: [info@agbell.org](mailto:info@agbell.org)

Website: [www.agbell.org](http://www.agbell.org)

Organization for parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Offers support groups and information. Call national office to obtain current Illinois Chapter contact information.

## **ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION (National Office)**

225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17

Chicago, IL 60601-7633

Voice/ Helpline: (312) 335-8700 or (800) 272-3900

Fax: (866) 699-1246

E-Mail: [info@alz.org](mailto:info@alz.org)

Website: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) (National Office) or  
[www.alzheimers-illinois.org](http://www.alzheimers-illinois.org)  
(Greater IL Chapter Office)

National chapters provide information on Alzheimer's Disease, caregiving issues and funds research. The national headquarters can refer interested parties to their local chapters, which provide support groups and other resources. Interpreters for Spanish are available.

## **AMC CANCER INFORMATION AND COUNSELING LINE**

3401 Quebec St., Suite 3200

Denver, CO 80207

Voice: (800) 525-3777

Fax: (303) 239-6501

E-Mail: [cicl@ucdenver.edu](mailto:cicl@ucdenver.edu)

Website: <http://www.amc.org/>

Established by the AMC Cancer Research Center, the CICL is a national toll-free contact number designed to assist people with cancer and their families. Line is staffed Monday through Friday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm MST. Individuals can contact this telephone number to communicate with a trained counselor about cancer. Staff provide up-to-date medical information, resource referrals, emotional support, and short-term counseling. All calls are strictly confidential.

## **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (AAPD)**

2013 H Street, NW, 5th Floor

Washington, DC 20006

Voice/TTY: (202) 457-0046 or (800) 840-8844 (Toll Free)

Fax: (202) 457-0473

Website: [www.aadp.com](http://www.aadp.com)

The American Association of People with Disabilities is the nation's largest cross-disability organization. It promotes equal opportunity, economic power, independent living, and political participation for people with disabilities.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS (AARP)**

(Illinois State Office)

222 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 710

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (866) 448-3613

Fax: (312) 372-2204

E-Mail: [aarpil@aarp.org](mailto:aarpil@aarp.org)

Website: [www.aarp.org/states/il/](http://www.aarp.org/states/il/)

Non-profit membership association which helps persons age 50 and older to help themselves and their communities on issues such as health and homeowners insurance; advocacy and information on issues like Medicare, Social Security and consumer safety; advice for living well; and community services.

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION COMMISSION ON  
DISABILITY LAW RIGHTS**

740 15th Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20005

Voice: (202) 662-1570

Fax: (202) 442-3439

E-Mail: [cdr@americanbar.org](mailto:cdr@americanbar.org)

Website: <http://www.americanbar.org/groups/disabilityrights.html>

Offers publications on mental and physical disability law.

**AMERICAN BLIND SKIING FOUNDATION**

8100 Foster Lane #310

Niles, IL 60714

Voice: (312) 409-1605

E-Mail: [ABSF.org](mailto:ABSF.org)

Website: [www.absf.org](http://www.absf.org)

Instructs and promotes downhill and cross-country skiing for individuals who are blind. Operates from first Sunday in January through the middle of March, snow conditions permitting. Braille and large print are available on request.

## **AMERICAN BRAIN TUMOR ASSOCIATION**

8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 550

Chicago, IL 60631

Voice: (773) 577-8750

CareLine: (800) 886-2282

Fax: (773) 577-8738

E-Mail: [abta cares@abta.org](mailto:abta cares@abta.org)

Website: [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org)

Services include more than 20 publications that address brain tumors, their treatment and strategies for coping with the disease appropriate for a variety of age groups. Provides free social service consultants by telephone; national symposia for patients and their families; mentorship program for new brain tumor support group leaders; a nationwide database of established support groups; a resource listing of physicians offering investigative treatments; the Connections pen-pal program; and an award-winning Internet site, <http://www.abta.org>. Intake: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday. Provides an online support community called Connections and is accessible through the website.

## **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY–ILLINOIS DIVISION**

(National Headquarters)

Voice: (800) ACS-2345

Website: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

(Chicago Regional Office)

225 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1200

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 641-6150 (9:00A-5:00P M-F)

Fax: (312) 641-6588

Call or visit website for additional local Illinois chapters and current events. Using education and research, aims to prevent and eventually eradicate cancer.

## **AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF ILLINOIS**

180 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2300

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 201-9740

Fax: (312) 201-9760

The American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, dedicated to protecting freedom, liberty, equality and justice for all within the United States. The ACLU accomplishes its goals through

litigation, lobbying, and education programs. The work of the ACLU is based upon, but not limited to, protecting the liberties and freedoms guaranteed by the United States Constitution, especially those contained in the Bill of Rights. The ACLU has projects focusing on the rights of people in institutions and people living with HIV/AIDS.

### **AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND**

2200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 650

Arlington, VA 22201

Voice: (800) 424-8666 or (202) 467-5081

Fax: (703) 465-5085

E-Mail: [info@acb.org](mailto:info@acb.org)

Website: [www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org)

Membership organization providing such services as: toll-free information and referral on all aspects of blindness; scholarship assistance to blind/visually impaired post-secondary students; public education and awareness training; support to consumer advocates and legal assistance on matters relating to blindness; leadership and legislative training; and, governmental monitoring, consultation and advocacy including the “Washington Connection,” a national legislative hotline. Website also lists consumer products and jobs bank for those who are blind and visually impaired, and provides publications, information and referral services. No fee for service.

### **AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION**

(National Headquarters)

Attn: National Call Center

1701 N. Beauregard Street

Alexandria, VA 22311

Voice: (800) DIABETES or (800) 342-2383  
(8:30 AM -8:00 PM EST M-F)

E-Mail: [AskADA@diabetes.org](mailto:AskADA@diabetes.org)

Website: [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)

(Northern Illinois Office)

55 E. Monroe St., Suite 3420

Chicago, IL 60603

Voice: (312) 346-1805

Fax: (312) 346-5342

Not-for-profit health organization that raises money for research, education, and advocacy programs. Also has links to local support groups and provides camping opportunities for children with diabetes.

## **AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND**

2 Penn Plaza, Suite 1102

New York, NY 10121

Voice: (212) 502-7600 or  
(800) AFB-LINE (232-5463)

E-Mail: [afbinfo@afb.net](mailto:afbinfo@afb.net)

Website: [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org)

Resource for people who are blind and visually impaired. Produce talking books for people who are blind. The national headquarters has consumer products for people who are blind and visually impaired. Provides publications, research and referral services. Maintains a strong presence in Washington, DC to represent the rights and interests of the visually impaired.

## **AMERICAN HEARING IMPAIRED HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

4214 W. 77th Place

Chicago, IL 60652

Voice: (773) 445-7033 or (978) 922-0955

E-mail: [kkmm2won@aol.com](mailto:kkmm2won@aol.com) (general)

E-mail: [helenqb@aol.com](mailto:helenqb@aol.com) (registration)

Website: [www.ahiha.org](http://www.ahiha.org)

Provides hockey camps and activities for youth who are hearing impaired.

## **AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**

(National Headquarters)

7272 Greenville Avenue

Dallas, TX 75231

Voice: (800) 242-8721

Website: [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

(Chicago Office)

208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1500

Chicago, IL 60604-1197

Voice: (312) 346-4675

(Greater Illinois Office)

2524 Farragut Dr., Suite A

Springfield, IL 62704

Voice: (217) 698-3838

Fax: (217) 698-4585

Provides information and educational materials about heart disease and prevention strategies. Organizes and supports events to raise awareness about heart disease.

## **AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION**

(National Headquarters)

1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Suite 800

Washington, DC 20004

Voice: (202) 785-3355 or (800) 586-4872

Website: [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)

(American Lung Association of Illinois-Iowa)

3000 Kelly Lane

Springfield, IL 62707

Voice: (800) LUNGUSA or (217) 787-5864

Fax: (217) 787-5916

E-Mail: [info@lungil.org](mailto:info@lungil.org)

Website: <http://www.lungil.org>

(American Lung Association in Illinois—Greater Chicago)

55 West Wacker Dr., Suite 800

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 781-1100

Fax: (312) 781-9250

E-mail: [info@lungil.org](mailto:info@lungil.org)

Webmail: <http://www.lungil.org>

Undertakes community-based health education, research and advocacy with the mission of promoting lung health and preventing and treating lung disease with an emphasis on tobacco-related diseases and asthma. Call (800) 548-8252 to be routed to your local chapter.

## **AMERICAN PARKINSON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

(National Headquarters)

135 Parkinson Ave.

Staten Island, NY 10305

Voice: (800) 223-2732 or (718) 981-8001

Fax: (718) 981-4399

E-Mail: [apda@apdaparkinson.org](mailto:apda@apdaparkinson.org)

Website: [www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org)

(Midwest Chapter)

CDH Care Center

1800 North Main St., Suite 215

Wheaton, IL 60187

Voice: (630) 933-4392

E-Mail: [apamidwest@apamidwest.org](mailto:apamidwest@apamidwest.org)

Website: [www.apdamidwest.org](http://www.apdamidwest.org)

(National Young Onset Center)

25 N. Winfield Rd.

Winfield, IL 60190

Voice: (877) 223-3801

Fax: (630) 933-4380

E-Mail: [adpa@youngparkinsons.org](mailto:adpa@youngparkinsons.org)

Website: [www.youngparkinsons.org](http://www.youngparkinsons.org)

Aims to improve the lives of patients with Parkinson's Disease and their family members through research, education, patient support, and public awareness.

## **AMERICAN SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION**

2200 Research Blvd.

Rockville, MD 20852-3289

Phone: (800) 638-8255 (Public)  
(301) 296-5700 or (800) 498-2071  
(Local/Members)

TTY: (301) 296-5650

Fax: (301) 296-8580

E-Mail: [actioncenter@asha.org](mailto:actioncenter@asha.org)

Website: [www.asha.org](http://www.asha.org)

The mission of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is to promote the interests of and provide the highest quality services for professionals in audiology, speech-language pathology, and speech and hearing science, and to advocate for people with communication disabilities. Ensures access to quality care through information and referral about child and adult communication disorders, continuing education and professional development, and legislation and advocacy. Makes a series of brochures, fact sheets, and packets available to the general public at no cost, and uses a computerized referral database of audiology and speech-language pathology programs to meet individual needs. No fee for service.

## **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) ASSOCIATION**

(National Headquarters)

1275 K Street NW, Suite 1050

Washington, DC 20005

Voice: (800) 782-4747 or (202) 407-8580

Fax: (202) 289-6801

E-Mail: [alsinfo@alsa-national.org](mailto:alsinfo@alsa-national.org)

Website: [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org)



(Greater Chicago Chapter)

220 West Huron, Suite 4003

Chicago, IL 60610

Phone: (312) 932-0000

E-Mail: [info@alsachicago.org](mailto:info@alsachicago.org)

The ALS Association funds worldwide research to discover the cause and develop a cure for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). The local chapters provide patient services, equipment loans, advocacy and support groups for people with ALS and their families.

### **THE ARC OF ILLINOIS**

20901 LaGrange Road, Suite 209

Frankfort, IL 60423

Voice: (815) 464-1832

Fax: (815) 464-5292

E-Mail: E-mail contact form available on website

Website: [www.thearcofil.org](http://www.thearcofil.org)

The Arc is committed to empowering persons with disabilities to achieve full participation in community life through informed choices. The Arc provides public policy advocacy, education, programs, training, and information and referral to other services to individuals with disabilities.

### **THE ARC OF THE UNITED STATES**

(National Headquarters)

1825 K Street NW, Suite 1200

Washington, DC 20006

Voice: (202) 534-3700 or (800) 433-5255

Fax: (202) 534-3731

E-Mail: [info@thearc.org](mailto:info@thearc.org)

Website: [www.thearc.org](http://www.thearc.org)

The nation's largest volunteer organization solely devoted to improving the lives of all children and adults with mental retardation and their families. Also fosters research and education regarding the prevention of mental retardation in infants and young children. Numerous publications and resources including job boards and a Medicaid Reference Desk. Provides support services for people with disabilities in areas of research, employment, prevention and family issues.

## **THE ARK**

6450 North California Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60645

Voice: (773) 973-1000  
Fax: (773) 973-6865  
E-Mail: [ark@arkchicago.org](mailto:ark@arkchicago.org)  
Website: [www.arkchicago.org](http://www.arkchicago.org)

(The ARK Northwest)

3100 Dundee Rd., Suite 204

Northbrook, IL 60062

Voice: (773) 973-0011

Fax: (847) 272-5330

E-Mail: [ark@arkchicago.org](mailto:ark@arkchicago.org)

Provides various services in Chicago area including: social services (e.g., job placement, referrals, Kosher food pantry, home meal delivery); crisis intervention; counseling; accessible transitional housing; drop in center for the chronically mentally ill; and medical, dental, eye clinics and pharmacy services. Offers comprehensive mental health services including group and individual therapy. Free legal services are provided to financially eligible individuals in the following areas: landlord/tenant disputes, social security appeals, immigration and family law (simple divorce), credit collections, and wills. Those seeking legal services should call to set up an appointment. The ARK primarily serves Jewish clients, with the exception of certain programs such as the FEMA program that provides emergency funding assistance for rent and utilities. Staff members speak a variety of language including Yiddish, Russian and Hebrew.

## **ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION**

(Greater Chicago Chapter)

35 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 2260

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (800) 735-0096 or (312) 372-2080

Fax: (312) 372-2081

E-Mail: [info.gc@arthritis.org](mailto:info.gc@arthritis.org)

Website: [www.arthritis.org/illinois/](http://www.arthritis.org/illinois/)

(Greater Illinois Chapter)

2621 N. Knoxville Avenue

Peoria, IL 61604

Voice: (309) 682-6600

Fax: (309) 682-6732

E-Mail: [greaterillinois@arthritis.org](mailto:greaterillinois@arthritis.org)  
Website: [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)

The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis and related diseases. The agency provides public and patient education, exercise programs, self-help courses, support groups, seminars, speakers' bureau and networking luncheons. There is a fee for some services. Informational brochures are available in Spanish. Agency has many volunteer opportunities. Office locations also available in Bloomington, Rockford, Carbondale and Kankakee.

### **ASI**

2619 West Armitage Street  
Chicago, IL 60647

Voice: (773) 278-5130  
Fax: (773) 278-1380  
E-Mail: [asi\\_homecare\\_rcruz@amerititech.net](mailto:asi_homecare_rcruz@amerititech.net)

Provides home care services for persons with disabilities. Intake hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Interpreters for Spanish are available. Fees for some non-government funded services depending on eligibility.

### **ASSISTANCE DOGS INTERNATIONAL**

P.O. Box 5174  
Santa Rosa, California 95402

Website: [www.assistedoginternational.org](http://www.assistedoginternational.org)

Assistance Dogs International, Inc. is a coalition of not for profit organizations that train and place Assistance Dogs. The purpose of ADI is to improve the areas of training, placement, and utilization of Assistance Dogs as well as staff and volunteer education. Members of ADI meet regularly to share ideas, attend seminars, and conduct business regarding such things as educating the public about Assistance Dogs, and the legal rights of people with disabilities partnered with Assistance Dogs, setting standards and establishing guidelines and ethics for the training of these dogs, and improving the utilization and bonding of each team.

## **ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF CHICAGO**

1116 North Kedzie Avenue

Chicago, IL 60651

Voice: (773) 772-7170

Fax: (773) 384-0560

E-Mail: [info@associationhouse.org](mailto:info@associationhouse.org)

Website: [www.associationhouse.org](http://www.associationhouse.org)

Provides educational and vocational counseling for all individuals. Offers supported living for adults with disabilities. Also provides developmental training, case management and respite services. Interpreters for Spanish are available.

## **ASTHMA AND ALLERGY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**

1233 20th Street, N.W., #402

Washington, DC 20036

Voice: (800) 7-ASTHMA or (202) 466-7643

Fax: (202) 466-8940

E-Mail: [info@aafa.org](mailto:info@aafa.org)

Website: [www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org)

Provides education about asthma and allergies, including food allergies through a national toll free information line. Offers emotional support and support groups for parents, pre-teens, teens and adults with asthma and allergies. Line is staffed Monday through Friday, 10A – 3P EST.

## **THE AUTISM PROGRAM OF ILLINOIS**

Website: [www.theautismprogram.org/](http://www.theautismprogram.org/)

University of Illinois at Chicago

Voice: (312) 413-4624

\* Serving Chicago Metro Region

Hope School site

Voice: (217) 525-8332

\*Serving Central Illinois

Southern Illinois University – Carbondale site

Voice: (618) 536-2122

\* Serving Southern Illinois

The Autism Program of Illinois is a systems development initiative designed to create and enhance community networks that promote best practice in the diagnosis, treatment and education of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Project initiatives include didactic and experienced-based training, consulting, community services and support, and research and evaluation. The Project's website also has a comprehensive location-based resource guide for Illinois residents.

### **AUTISM RESOURCE CENTER**

Good Shepherd Center  
17314 Kedzie Ave.  
Hazelcrest, IL 60429

Voice: (708) 335-0020 x16 (Hablamos español)

Supplies resources, training, and referrals for families with a child or children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. By providing empowerment through knowledge and awareness of available support, the Center hopes to assist in making decisions for the betterment of hope, family and community.

### **AUTISM SOCIETY OF ILLINOIS**

2200 South Main Street, Suite 205  
Lombard, IL 60148-5366

Voice: (630) 691-1270  
Fax: (630) 932-5620  
E-Mail: [info@aafa.org](mailto:info@aafa.org)  
Website: [www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org)

The Autism Society of Illinois is a Chapter of the Autism Society of America. The mission of the Autism Society of Illinois is to promote through advocacy, public awareness, education and research, lifelong access and opportunities for persons within the autism spectrum disorder and their families in order that they may be fully included, participating members of their communities. The Society is directed by its Board of Directors and a Professional Advisory Board. The Society employs an Executive Director as well as an Office Manager, who are available during regular business hours. Membership benefits include discounts on informational seminars and other ASI sponsored events as well as Legislative Advocacy information and updates. Members receive ASI's quarterly newsletter The Promise and ASA's quarterly publication, The Advocate.

## **AUTISM SPEAKS**

(Chicago Chapter)

2700 S. Des Plaines River Road #203

Des Plaines, IL 60018

Phone: 224-567-8573

E-Mail: [Chicago@autismspeaks.org](mailto:Chicago@autismspeaks.org)

Website: [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)

Autism Speaks is the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

## **BIG BROTHERS-BIG SISTERS OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO**

560 W. Lake Street, 5th Floor

Chicago, IL 60661

Voice: (312) 207-5600

Fax: (312) 427-0760

E-Mail: [bbbschgo@bbbschgo.org](mailto:bbbschgo@bbbschgo.org)

Website: [www.bbbschicago.org](http://www.bbbschicago.org)

Provides on-on-one and group mentoring program for children in Cook County age 7 to 13 years old. Accepts all children, including those with physical and mental disabilities.

## **BLIND SERVICE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

17 N. State Street, Suite 1050

Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 236-0808

Fax: (312) 236-8679

Website: [www.blindserviceassociation.org](http://www.blindserviceassociation.org)

Serves residents of Chicago and collar counties. Provides reading services, tape recordings, and support groups to people who are legally blind. Generally no fee for services except for special programming; nominal fee for tape recordings.

## **BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION**

477 H Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20001-2694

Voice: (202) 371-8880

Fax: (202) 371-8258

E-Mail: [bva@bva.org](mailto:bva@bva.org)

Website: [www.bva.org](http://www.bva.org)

National advocacy organization representing legally blind veterans before the U.S. Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Provides information to blinded veterans regarding available services and issues that affect them and their families. Promotes access to technology and the practical use of the latest research. Supports vocational and recreational programs that foster rehabilitation. Offers role models who can demonstrate that the challenges of blindness can be overcome. Lends encouragement and emotional support through regional group activities, annual national conventions, and voluntary service to one another.

**BOBBY E. WRIGHT COMPREHENSIVE  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER**

9 South Kedzie Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60612

Voice: (773) 722-7900  
Fax: (773) 722-0644  
TTY: (773) 722-0633  
Website: [www.bobbyewright.org](http://www.bobbyewright.org)

Provides comprehensive mental health treatment for children, adolescents, adults and seniors; outpatient programs; community day treatment; arrangement for long and short term hospitalization; developmental disabilities programs; case coordination; day training; residential placements; respite services; and a comprehensive alcoholism and substance abuse program.

**BONAVENTURE HOUSE**

825 W. Wellington  
Chicago, IL 60657

Voice: (773) 327-9921  
Fax: (773) 327-9113  
E-Mail: [information@bonaventurehouse.org](mailto:information@bonaventurehouse.org)  
Website: [www.bonaventurehouse.org](http://www.bonaventurehouse.org)

Licensed supportive residence for individuals living with AIDS and case management services. No fee for services.

**BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS**

P.O. Box 64420  
Chicago, IL 60664-0420

Voice: (312) 726-5699 or  
(800) 699-6443 if calling from IL  
Fax: (312) 630-4011  
E-mail: [info@biail.org](mailto:info@biail.org)  
Website: [www.biail.org](http://www.biail.org)

The Brain Injury Association of Illinois (BIA of IL) is a not-for-profit, statewide membership organization comprised of people with brain injuries, family members, friends and professionals. BIA of IL is part of a network of brain injury associations across the United States, and is a subsidiary of the national Brain Injury Association. The BIA of IL is dedicated to providing information, advocacy, and support by acting as an information and resource clearinghouse, sponsoring annual educational programming, facilitation of statewide support groups, hosting adult and pediatric recreational camps, actively participating in legislative advocacy, fostering prevention awareness, and encouraging research.

**CABRINI GREEN LEGAL AID**

740 N. Milwaukee Ave.

Chicago, IL 60642

Voice: 312-738-2452

Fax: 312-850-4783

Website: [www.cgla.net](http://www.cgla.net)

Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA) provides high-impact, free legal services to low-income Chicagoans in four areas of law: family, housing, criminal records, and criminal law. CGLA integrates legal and social services in order to improve the legal outcomes and extend its impact beyond crisis support.

**C.A.L.O.R.**

5038 W. Armitage Ave.

Chicago, IL 60639

Voice: (773) 385-9080

Fax: (773) 385-9365

TTY: (773) 385-4039

E-Mail: [AskCALOR@anixter.org](mailto:AskCALOR@anixter.org)

Website: [www.calor.org](http://www.calor.org) (English and Spanish)

A division of Anixter Center offering free services to Chicago residents such as case management, mental health services, domestic violence strategies, prevention and education, resource center and employment placement service for Spanish and English-speaking HIV/AIDS affected clients. Asked to be removed from directory b/c only serves clients in the state of NY



## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

721 N. LaSalle  
Chicago, IL 60654

Voice: (312) 655-7000  
Fax: (312) 948-6974  
TTY: (312) 655-7899  
Website: [www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net)

Serving Chicago residents by providing counseling, case management, information and referral, basic human needs such as shelter, clothing, and housing subsidies. Fees for some services.

## **CATHOLIC OFFICE OF THE DEAF**

3525 S. Lake Park Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60653

Voice: (312) 655-7899  
Fax: (312) 751-0394  
TTY: (312) 751-8368  
E-Mail: [cathdeafch@archchicago.org](mailto:cathdeafch@archchicago.org)  
Website: <http://deafchurchchicago.parishesonline.com/>

Serves people who are deaf and hearing impaired and their families in Cook and Lake counties. Provides free information and referrals, religious services for deaf Catholics and social activities. Sign language is available.

## **CDC-INFO**

Voice: (800) CDC-INFO (232-4636)  
Fax: (919) 361-4855  
TTY: (888) 232-6348  
Spanish: (800) 344-7432  
E-mail: [cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov)  
Website: [www.cdc.gov/hiv/hivinfo/nah.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/hivinfo/nah.htm)

**CDC-INFO (formerly the CDC National AIDS Hotline)** operates a toll free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week information line. CDC-INFO offers anonymous, confidential HIV/AIDS information to the American public. Trained staff answer questions about HIV infection and AIDS in English, Spanish, and by TTY. They also provide referrals to appropriate services, including clinics, hospitals, local hotlines, counseling and testing sites, legal services, health departments, support groups, educational organizations, and service agencies throughout the United States. Callers can also order various publications, posters, and other informational materials.

## **CENTER FOR DISABILITY & ELDER LAW**

79 W. Monroe St., Suite 919

Chicago, IL 60603

Voice: (312) 376-1880  
Fax: (312) 376-1885  
TTY: (312) 908-8705  
E-Mail: [info@cdelaw.org](mailto:info@cdelaw.org)

CDEL coordinates the provision of quality legal services, *pro bono*, to low-income seniors and/or persons with disabilities in Cook County. CDEL focuses its legal services on systemic issues which have a disparate impact on our clientele, specifically, issues related to financial stability, housing, end of life planning, and financial exploitation and abuse. CDEL's goal is to provide legal assistance in an effort to proactively avoid future, and potentially more serious, legal issues or to provide legal intervention as soon as possible after the problems have arisen.

## **CENTER FOR ENRICHED LIVING**

280 Saunders

Riverwoods, IL 60015

Voice: (847) 948-7001  
Fax: (847) 948-7621  
E-Mail: [info@centerforenrichedliving.org](mailto:info@centerforenrichedliving.org)  
Website: [www. centerforenrichedliving.org](http://www.centerforenrichedliving.org)

Providing educational, recreational and social skill development for Illinois youth, teens, adults and senior citizens with developmental disabilities. Fees may apply.

## **CENTER FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY/ COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

2900 Crystal Drive, Suite 1000

Arlington, VA 22202-3557

Voice: (703) 620-3660 or (888) CEC-SPED  
Fax: (703) 264-9494  
TTY: (866) 915-5000  
E-Mail: [service@cec.sped.org](mailto:service@cec.sped.org)  
Website: [www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org)

International professional organization dedicated to improving education outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities, students with disabilities and/or the gifted. Fees for some services.

## **CENTER FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DISORDERS**

310-D S. Main St.  
Lombard, IL 60148

Voice: (630) 652-0200  
Fax: (630) 652-0300  
TTY: (630) 652-0200  
E-Mail: [info@csld.org](mailto:info@csld.org)  
Website: [www.csld.com](http://www.csld.com)

Organization serves Illinois children with communication disorders. Some of the services offered are speech and language screenings; communication skills evaluation; treatment for children diagnosed with hyperlexia, autism, Aspergers, nonverbal learning disorder and other speech and language disorders; social language groups; parent support groups; and other communication and professional programs. Fees for services.

## **CHICAGO AREA INTERPRETER REFERRAL**

17 N. State St., Suite 1650  
Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 895-4300  
Fax: (312) 895-4313  
TTY: (312) 895-4320  
E-Mail: [Info@CAIRS.net](mailto:Info@CAIRS.net)  
Website: [www.cairs.net](http://www.cairs.net)

Receives and fulfills requests for sign language interpreters for all kinds of occasions and for various sign language needs in Illinois. Also provides referrals for alternative auxiliary aids and communication assistance. Fees for services.

## **CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE**

321 Plymouth Court  
Chicago, IL 60604-3997

Voice: (312) 554-2001  
Fax: (312) 554-2054  
TTY: (312) 554-2055  
E-Mail: [info@chicagobar.org](mailto:info@chicagobar.org)  
Website: [www.chicagobar.org/public/referral/referral.html](http://www.chicagobar.org/public/referral/referral.html)

Refers callers to attorneys in Chicago and surrounding suburbs on a number of legal issues. Referral also made via Web site. A small referral fee is charged.

## **CHICAGO CLUB OF THE DEAF**

Contact through website only

Website: [www.chicagoclubdeaf.org](http://www.chicagoclubdeaf.org)

Chicago-based social club, support groups, sports activities, special events/holiday, sign language courses, and summer youth programs for people who are deaf and hard of hearing. Membership fee applies.

## **CHICAGO COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS**

740 N. Sedgwick, 3rd Floor

Chicago, IL 60654

Voice: (312) 744-4111

Fax: (312) 744-1081

TTY: (312) 744-1088

Website: [www.ci.chi.il.us/HumanRelations](http://www.ci.chi.il.us/HumanRelations)

The Chicago Commission on Human Relations is charged with enforcing the Chicago Human Rights and Fair Housing Ordinances that prohibit discrimination based on various protected categories including disability. The Commission also assists victims of hate crimes, provides anti-bias workshops, and resolves intergroup tensions.

## **CHICAGO DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

1615 W. Chicago Ave., 5th Floor

Chicago, IL 60622

Voice: (312) 743-0300

Fax: (312) 743-0400

TTY: (312) 744-6777

E-Mail: [aging@cityofchicago.org](mailto:aging@cityofchicago.org)

Website: [www.cityofchicago.org/aging](http://www.cityofchicago.org/aging)

The Chicago Department on Aging is creating options for an aging society by supporting older persons to live independently in their own communities and homes for as long as possible: ensuring that those who reside in institutions are treated with dignity and care; and ensuring that older persons have access to full and accurate information to participate in public policy. Some of the services offered by the Department are information and assistance, senior centers, transportation services, employment services education, and housing options.

## **CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER SERVICES**

Voice: (800) 281-4466

Website: <http://www.ci.chi.il.us/ConsumerServices/>

One toll-free phone call to the above number can inform an individual about local taxicab companies that operate wheelchair accessible cabs.

## **CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION OF STD/HIV/AIDS PUBLIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

333 South State Street, Room 200

Chicago, IL 60604-3972

Voice: (312) 747-9884

Fax: (312) 747-9663

TTY: (312) 747-2374

Website: [www.cityofchicago.org/health](http://www.cityofchicago.org/health)

The mission of the Chicago Department of Public Health, Division of STD/HIV/AIDS Public Policy and Programs is to work in partnership with the community to use the best public health practices for the prevention and treatment of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and to promote the highest quality services for the health and well being of those living with and impacted by STDs, HIV and AIDS. Some of the programs are Direct Services to Persons Living with HIV/AIDS, HIV Counseling and Testing Evaluation Project, HIV Primary Care, Prevention Case Management, STD/HIV Outreach, HIV/AIDS Public Awareness and Media Campaigns, STD Research, STD Surveillance, and various newsletters and publications.

## **CHICAGO DISABILITY TRANSIT**

230 East Ohio Street, Suite 101

Chicago, IL 60611

Voice: (312) 335-1244

Fax: (312) 275-7911

Pager/emergency line: (708) 710-2770

Chicago Disability Transit, founded and operated by people with disabilities, provides paratransit services in the greater Chicago area and operates on a 24 hour per day, 7 day per week basis. Charges for this service will be based on a fee-for-service rate structure. Both accessible vans and service cars are available for transportation.

**CHICAGO FIRE DEPARTMENT  
BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION-PUBLIC EDUCATION UNIT**

1010 S. Clinton

Chicago, IL 60607

Voice: (312) 747-6692

Fax: (312) 747-3331

E-Mail: [Fire@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Fire@cityofchicago.org)

Website: <http://cityofchicago.org/Fire>

Offers lectures and a registration program in Chicago on fire safety for people with disabilities.

**CHICAGO HEARING SOCIETY**

2001 N. Clybourn Avenue

Chicago, IL 60614

Voice: (773) 248 9121

Fax: (773) 248-9176

TTY: (773) 248-9174

E-Mail: [AskCHS@anixter.org](mailto:AskCHS@anixter.org)

Website: [www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org)

Advocacy and case management for people who are deaf and hard of hearing. Victim assistance counselor for people who are deaf and hard of hearing and victims of crimes; sign language interpreter referral services, sign language classes, audiology clinic, preschool hearing and vision testing, youth program for youngsters and teens who are deaf and hard hearing. Fees vary by program; sliding fees scale for most services.

**CHICAGO HOUSE AND SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY**

1925 N. Clybourn Avenue, Suite 401

Chicago, IL 60614

Voice: (773) 248-5200

Fax: (773) 248-5019

E-Mail: [mherman@chicagohouse.org](mailto:mherman@chicagohouse.org)

Website: [www.chicagohouse.org](http://www.chicagohouse.org)

Community-based housing, supportive services and basic life skills to Chicago individuals, families and children dealing with HIV/AIDS. Sliding scale fee applies for services.

**CHICAGO LAWYERS' COMMITTEE  
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW**

100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 600

Chicago, IL 60602-2403

Voice: (312) 630-9744  
Fax: (312) 630-1127  
TTY: (312) 630-9749  
E-Mail: [info@clccrul.org](mailto:info@clccrul.org)  
Website: [www.@clccrul.org](http://www.@clccrul.org)

Handles class action and law reform litigation in pursuit of equal treatment for all people, particularly in the area of employment, housing, hate crimes and public accommodations discrimination.

**CHICAGO LEGAL CLINIC, INC.**

(Central Office)

2938 East 91st Street

Chicago, IL 60617

Voice: (773) 731-1762  
Fax: (773) 731-4264  
E-Mail: [info@cklaw.org](mailto:info@cklaw.org)  
Website: [www.cklaw.org](http://www.cklaw.org)

The Chicago Legal Clinic has offices throughout the City of Chicago and provides legal services on a sliding scale based on the client's ability to pay. The types of legal services include: adoption and guardianship, bankruptcy, wills and probate, traffic cases, real estate transactions, landlord/tenant, divorce, visitation, employment, immigration, worker's compensation and social security benefits.

**CHICAGO LIGHTHOUSE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE  
BLIND OR VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

1850 W. Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608-1298

Voice: (312) 666-1331  
Fax: (312) 243-8539  
TTY: (312) 666-8874  
Website: [www.chicagolighthouse.org](http://www.chicagolighthouse.org)

A comprehensive private rehabilitation and education agency in Illinois specifically serving children, youth and adults in the Midwest who are blind or visually impaired. The Lighthouse exists to create opportunities for children, youth, and adults through an array of programs options. Fee

for some services applies. The Lighthouse's Assistive Devices Store sells products offering support to people who are blind or visually impaired, from talking microwaves to low vision playing cards. Illinois Instructional Material Center loans textbooks and workbooks in Braille and large print, as well as equipment.

**CHICAGO MAYOR'S OFFICE  
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

121 N. LaSalle Street, Room 1104  
Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 744-7050  
Fax: (312) 744-3314  
TTY: (312) 744-4964  
Website: [www.cityofchicago.org/Disabilities](http://www.cityofchicago.org/Disabilities)

Promotes total access, full participation, and equal opportunity for people of all ages in all aspects of life. Ensures compliance with accessibility laws in city facilities, public areas and projects. Services and programs include information and referral, independent living programs, case management services, assistive technology programs, homemaker and personal assistance services, emergency home-delivered meals, employment services, training, architectural services, public information and education and youth programs.

**CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

541 N. Fairbanks Court  
Chicago, IL 60611

General Park Information: (312) 742-7529  
General TTY Line: (312) 747-2001  
E-Mail: [play@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:play@chicagoparkdistrict.com)  
Website: [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com)

General and specialized programs for adults and children with disabilities in Chicago. Please check local park district for available programs. Fees for some programs applies.

**CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
OFFICE OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES**

125 S. Clark, 8th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603

Voice: (773) 553-1800  
Fax: (773) 553-1801  
TTY: (773) 553-1917  
Website: [www.cps.k12.il.us/AboutCPS/Departments/OSS](http://www.cps.k12.il.us/AboutCPS/Departments/OSS)



The Office of Specialized Services seeks to support the academic advancement and physical and emotional health of students, with a special focus on those who have disabilities and those who are at-risk by: ensuring that every student has equal access to all programs and activities in the Chicago Public Schools; improving the achievement of students who are disabled and have special needs through effective and innovative service delivery models which meet the needs of the individual learner; promoting high standards and expectations; preparing students for graduation and employment; and capitalizing on the resources of families, teachers, and community.

## **CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

567 W. Lake Street  
Chicago, IL 60661

### ADA Compliance Office

Voice: (312) 681-2608  
TTY: (888) 282-8891

### Customer Service

Voice: (888) 968-7282  
TTY: (888) 282-8891  
E-Mail: [ctahelp@transitchicago.com](mailto:ctahelp@transitchicago.com)  
Website: [www.yourcta.com](http://www.yourcta.com)

## **CHICAGO VOLUNTEER LEGAL SERVICES**

100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60602-2405

Voice: (312) 332-1624  
Fax: (312) 332-1460  
E-Mail: [cvls@cvls.org](mailto:cvls@cvls.org)  
Website: [www.cvls.org](http://www.cvls.org)

Provides general civil legal services to individuals in Cook County including adoption, child support, powers of attorney and consumer contracts. Services are free, but income eligibility may apply.

## **CHICAGO WOMEN'S AIDS PROJECT**

6363 N. Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60660

Voice: (773) 262-5566  
Fax: (773) 262-5578

South Location:

2317 E. 71st St.

Chicago, IL 60649

Voice: (773) 955-8709

Fax: (773) 955-8718

Case management, family therapy, support groups for women with HIV/AIDS, and therapy for children and teens of parents with HIV/AIDS. Serves all of Illinois, but primarily the Chicagoland area. No fee for services.

### **CHICAGOLAND RADIO INFORMATION SERVICES (CRIS)**

77 E. Randolph Street

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 666-1331 ext. 3077

Fax: (773) 243-8539

E-Mail: [bill.jurek@chicagolighthouse.org](mailto:bill.jurek@chicagolighthouse.org)

Web Page: <http://chicagolighthouse.org/programs-and-services/independent-living-services/chicagoland-radio-information-service-cris>

Chicago's only radio reading service for the blind and visually impaired. CRIS uses numerous volunteers to provide verbatim readings of local newspapers and magazines.

### **CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER (CHADD)**

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150

Landover, MD 20785

Voice: (301) 306-7070 or (800) 233-4050

Fax: (301) 306-7090

Website: [www.chadd.org](http://www.chadd.org)

National, not-for-profit, parent based organization, which disseminates information on attention deficit disorders and provides referrals to local support groups. Membership fee.

### **CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

2300 Children's Plaza

Chicago, IL 60614

Voice: (773) 880-4000 or (800) 543-7362

TTY: (800) 526-0857

E-Mail: [webfeedback@childrensmemorial.org](mailto:webfeedback@childrensmemorial.org)

Website: [www.childrensmemorial.org](http://www.childrensmemorial.org)

Provides counseling, emergency services, information, referrals and medical and nursing services for children up to the age of 16. Fee applies; insurance accepted.

**CHRISTOPHER REEVE PARALYSIS FOUNDATION**

636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A  
Short Hills, NJ 07078

Voice: (800) 225-0292  
Fax: (973) 912-9433  
Website: [www.christopherreeve.org](http://www.christopherreeve.org)

National organization that funds research to develop treatment and cures for paralysis caused by spinal cord injury and other central nervous system disorders. Vigorously works to improve quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants program, paralysis resource center and advocacy efforts. Tools and Technology section on the website provides information and resources on cars and driving, computers, home modification, wheelchairs, seating and positioning. Resource Center is free with interlibrary loan from your local library.

**CIRCUIT BREAKER**

P.O. Box 19003  
Springfield, IL 62794-90003

Voice/TTY: (800) 252-8966  
E-Mail: [Aging.ILSenior@illinois.gov](mailto:Aging.ILSenior@illinois.gov)  
Website: <http://www.cbrx.il.gov/>  
Complaints: 421 E. Capital Avenue, #100  
Springfield, IL 62701

Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance Programs are funded through the Illinois Department of Aging. The Circuit Breaker Program provides assistance with paying property tax and mobile home tax for people with disabilities and seniors who reside in Illinois. The Pharmaceutical Assistance Program offers assistance with paying for certain medication.

**CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY  
OFFICE OF INTERPRETER SERVICES**

2650 South California Avenue, 4th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60608

Voice: (773) 869-3210  
Fax: (773) 869-3242  
TTY: (773) 869-3213  
Website: [www.cookcountycourt.org/services/services/interpreter.html](http://www.cookcountycourt.org/services/services/interpreter.html)

The Office of Interpreter Services provides qualified foreign language and sign language interpreters to non-English speaking persons or persons who are deaf or hard of hearing who are involved in Circuit Court proceedings. The use of foreign language and sign interpreters helps to protect the rights of those individuals in need of interpreter services and to ensure their equal access to justice.

**COALITION OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES IN ILLINOIS**

300 E. Monroe, Suite 100  
Springfield, IL 62701

Voice: (800) 433-8848 or (217) 522-7016  
Fax: (217) 522-7024  
TTY: (800) 433-8848 or (217) 522-7016  
E-Mail: [Debbie@ccdionline.org](mailto:Debbie@ccdionline.org)  
Website: [www.ccdionline.org](http://www.ccdionline.org)

The Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois is a not-for-profit, cross-disability, grassroots, advocacy organization advocating equal opportunities for all people with disabilities. Established in 1985, CCDI is comprised of 20 chapters. CCDI values and solicits the unique talents of all of its members and assures each member input in the organization. Fee for membership.

**COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTERS OF CHICAGO (C4)**

4740 N. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60640

Voice: (773) 769-0205  
Website: [www.c4chicago.org](http://www.c4chicago.org)

C4 helps people overcome mental health problems, substance use disorders and the trauma of sexual assault and abuse. C4 provides services at five locations in Chicago. C4 also offers parenting classes, education about mental health and advocacy for people with mental health problems.

**COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AUTHORITY**

100 North First Street, S-100  
Springfield, IL 62777

Voice: (877) 541-2772  
Fax: (217) 524-1529  
E-Mail: Addresses accessible through website  
Website: [www.systemofcareillinois.com/CRSA.htm](http://www.systemofcareillinois.com/CRSA.htm)

The CRSA is the legislatively created interagency body that is responsible for identifying and addressing barriers facing parents, professionals and providers when trying to get needed services and programs for individuals with a behavior disorder or a severed emotional disturbance and their family. CRSA provides technical assistance to parents, service consumers, providers and member agencies to appropriately access needed services. Resolves multiple agency disagreements about residential placement or funding of placement and services.

**COMPUTER BANC**

1023 E. Washington  
Springfield, IL 62703

Voice: (217) 528-9506  
E-mail: [compbanc@hansoninfosys.com](mailto:compbanc@hansoninfosys.com)  
Website: [www.computerbanc.org](http://www.computerbanc.org)

Computer Banc is a non-profit organization based in Springfield, Illinois that gives away refurbished computers for children with learning challenges who come from homes with limited income. Two trips to Springfield may be required to complete the orientation.

**CONGREGATION BENE SHALOM  
HEBREW ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF**

4435 W. Oakton Street  
Skokie, IL 60076-3222

Voice: (847) 677-3330  
Fax: (847) 677-7298  
TTY: (224) 534-0029  
E-Mail: [info@beneshalom.org](mailto:info@beneshalom.org)  
Website: [www.beneshalom.org](http://www.beneshalom.org)

Synagogue for people who are deaf and hearing impaired. A senior citizens group meets for lunch on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Sign language is available. Some Braille resources are available. Interpreters for Hebrew are available.

**COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION**

39 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1117  
Chicago, IL 60603

Voice: (312) 759-1212  
Fax: (312) 759-2240  
Email: [ccbafoundation@ymail.com](mailto:ccbafoundation@ymail.com)

The Cook County Bar Association Foundation operates a pro bono (free) legal clinic where low-income persons can receive legal advice, direct representation by an attorney and/or referrals to attorneys on issues, including mortgage foreclosure, landlord tenant and employment.

**COOK COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
LAWYER REFERRAL PROGRAM**

39 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1117  
Chicago, IL 60603

Voice: (312) 630-1157  
E-Mail: [info@cookcountybar.org](mailto:info@cookcountybar.org)  
Website: [www.cookcountybar.org](http://www.cookcountybar.org)

Provides referrals to private attorneys.

**COOK COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

69 W. Washington Street, Suites 2900  
Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 603-1100  
Fax: (312) 603-9988  
TTY: (312) 603-1101  
Website: [www.cookcountygov.com](http://www.cookcountygov.com)

The Commission enforces the Cook County Human Rights Ordinance by investigating, mediating and adjudicating complaints of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit transactions, on many protected classes including disability.

**COOK COUNTY STATES' ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE UNIT**

2650 S. California Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60608

Voice: (773) 869-7200  
Fax: (773) 869-2838  
TTY: (773) 869-7494  
E-Mail: [stateattorney@cookcountygov.com](mailto:stateattorney@cookcountygov.com)  
Website: [www.statesattorney.org](http://www.statesattorney.org)

The Victim Witness Assistance Unit will notify individuals of court dates, make counseling referrals, and provide courtroom assistance, crisis intervention, and orientation to the criminal justice system. They will also assist in preparing victim impact statements and provide wheelchair loan information. They will also provide information to crime and homicide

victims on victim compensation and support groups. Serves all crime victims and witnesses as well as family members of murder victims in Chicago and Cook County.

**COOK COUNTY STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE**

**Kelly Pierce, Specialist for Seniors and People With Disabilities**

69 West Washington Street

Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 603-8647

**COORDINATED ADVICE AND REFERRAL PROGRAM FOR LEGAL SERVICES (CARPLS)**

17 N. State St. # 1850

Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 738-9200

Fax: (312) 738-9487

TTY: (312) 738-9333

E-Mail: [info@carpls.org](mailto:info@carpls.org)

Website: [www.carpls.org](http://www.carpls.org)

CARPLS is a legal assistance hotline that provides advice and referrals to low-income residents of Cook County. The service is staffed directly by attorneys and provides legal referrals. The service is free.

**CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION-GREATER ILLINOIS CHAPTER**

150 N. Michigan Avenue, Suites 400

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 236-4491 or (800) 824-5064

Fax: (312) 236-2797

E-Mail: [illinois@cff.org](mailto:illinois@cff.org)

Website: [www.cff.org/chapters/greaterillinois](http://www.cff.org/chapters/greaterillinois)

The mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is to assure the development of the means to cure and control cystic fibrosis and to improve the quality of life for those with the disease. This organization is a part of a national organization serving the Greater Illinois area. Provides information about support groups to parents of children with cystic fibrosis, educational programs or materials, advocacy, telephone support, written information. Fees for some programs.

**DEAFTEK.USA**

Summerville, SC

Voice: (843) 873-8444

Website: [www.deaftek.org](http://www.deaftek.org)

DEAFTEK®.USA is focused on employment opportunities for deaf people and persons that serve this population. Organizations, agencies, schools, business and other entities wishing to fill positions may send employment announcements at no charge to this website.

**DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW LEGAL CLINIC  
DISABILITY RIGHTS CLINIC**

25 East Jackson Boulevard

Chicago, IL 60604

Voice: (312) 362-8294

Website: [www.depaul.edu](http://www.depaul.edu)

Legal services provided by law student clinic in a variety of disability rights issues such as discrimination in public accommodations and in employment. No fees for services.

**DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE (DBSA)**

730 North Franklin, Suite 501

Chicago, IL 60654-7225

Voice: (312) 642-0049 or (800) 826-3632

Fax: (312) 642-7243

Website: [www.DBSAAlliance.org](http://www.DBSAAlliance.org)

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) is the nation's leading patient-directed organization focusing on the most prevalent mental illnesses – depression and bipolar disorder. The organization fosters an understanding about the impact and management of these life-threatening illnesses by providing up-to-date, scientifically-based tools and information written in language the general public can understand. DBSA supports research to promote more timely diagnosis, develop more effective and tolerable treatments and discover a cure. The organization works to ensure that people living with mood disorders are treated equitably. Support groups are free and confidential. Information is mailed out free of charge (fee for brochures in large quantities).



## **DESIGNS FOR CHANGE**

814 South Western Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60612

Voice: (312) 236-7252  
Fax: (312) 236-7927  
TTY: (312) 236-7944  
E-Mail: [info@designsforchange.org](mailto:info@designsforchange.org)  
Website: [www.designsforchange.org](http://www.designsforchange.org)  
Hours: M–F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An educational research and reform organization which serves as a catalyst for major improvements in the public schools serving the 50 largest cities in the country with a particular emphasis on Chicago. Services include policy reform, literacy and school improvement and the Learning Path Institute. Staff provides technical assistance and support to ABLE (Advocates Behind Legal Education) Coalition, which is a volunteer, self-help organization for parents, professionals and others interested in the education of children with disabilities.

## **DESIGN FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.**

7549 N. Oakley Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60645

Voice: (773) 973-4776  
Fax: (773) 973-0661

The Home Modifications Program assists persons in adapting their current dwelling for special needs, whether temporary or permanent. Design, consulting and remodeling for people with disabilities.

## **DISABILITY RIGHTS EDUCATION AND DEFENSE FUND**

3075 Adeline Street, Suite 210  
Berkeley, CA 94703

Voice: (510) 644-2555 or (800) 466-4232  
Fax: (510) 841-8645  
TTY: (510) 644-2555 or (800) 466-4232  
E-Mail: [dredf@dredf.org](mailto:dredf@dredf.org)  
Website: [www.dredf.org](http://www.dredf.org)

The Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund (DREDF) is a national law and policy center dedicated to furthering the civil rights of people with disabilities. Managed and directed by people with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities, DREDF is a unique advocate for the rights of all people with disabilities. DREDF promotes the full integration of people with disabilities into the mainstream of society.

## **DISABILITYINFO.GOV**

Website: [www.disabilityinfo.gov](http://www.disabilityinfo.gov)

Inter-agency website of the federal government's disability-related information and services. Technology tab offers a wide range of information on accessibility, assistive and adaptive technology and laws and regulations related to technology.

## **DIVISION OF SPECIALIZED CARE FOR CHILDREN**

1919 W. Taylor

Chicago, IL 60612

Voice: (312) 996-6380 or (800) 322-3722

Fax: (312) 413-0367

TTY: (312) 413-3894

Website: [www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc/](http://www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc/)

Provides case management and financial assistance to eligible children with physical disabilities to facilitate necessary specialized care and other services they may require.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL CLINIC**

555 W. Harrison –Suite 1900

Chicago, IL 60606

Voice: (312) 325-9155

Fax: (312) 325-9169

Website: [www.dvlcchicago.org](http://www.dvlcchicago.org)

Legal assistance for civil orders of protection, paternity, divorce, referrals and domestic violence for indigent individuals. Services are free.

## **DUPAGE BAR LEGAL AID SERVICE**

126 South County Farm Road

Wheaton, IL 60187

Voice: (630) 653-6212

Fax: (630) 653-6317

TTY: (630) 653-5594

E-Mail: [email@dcba.org](mailto:email@dcba.org)

Website: [www.dcba.org](http://www.dcba.org)

Provides legal assistance to low income residents of DuPage County in the areas of family law, bankruptcy, guardianship, adoption, wills, social security and domestic relations. Telephone screening is conducted Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. only. Services are free but income eligibility may apply.

## **EASTER SEALS**

(National Headquarters)

230 W. Monroe, Suite 1800

Chicago, IL 60606-4802

Voice: (800) 221-6827 (toll free) or  
(312) 726-6200 (local)

Fax: (312) 726-1494

TTY: (312) 726-4258

E-Mail: [info@easterseals.com](mailto:info@easterseals.com)

Website: [www.easterseals.com](http://www.easterseals.com)

Helps individual with disabilities and special needs and their families live better lives. Programs include medical/rehabilitation; adult day and senior services; job training and employment; education and childcare; camping and recreation; and early intervention for infants. Some services have sliding scale fees; insurance accepted.

## **EASTER SEALS DUPAGE AND FOX VALLEY REGION**

(Main Office)

830 S. Addison Road

Villa Park, IL 60181-1153

Voice: (630) 620-4433

Fax: (630) 620-1148

TTY: (630) 620-4436

E-Mail: [tforthofer@eastersealsdfvr.org](mailto:tforthofer@eastersealsdfvr.org)

Website: [dfvr.easterseals.com](http://dfvr.easterseals.com)

Statewide organization providing the following services: autism resource center, social services, vision, outpatient physical, occupational, and speech-language therapy; audiology services; assistive technology evaluations, child development centers and counseling to adults and children. Fees apply. Servicing: Villa Park, Naperville, Elgin, and Ottawa

## **EASTER SEALS OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO**

1939 West 13th Street, Suite 300

Chicago, IL 60608-1226

Voice: (312) 491-4110

Fax: (312) 733-0247

TTY: (312) 564-4020

Website: [www.eastersealschicago.org](http://www.eastersealschicago.org)

Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago is a multi-site organization serving children and adults with disabilities. Programs include early intervention, Head Start, inclusive childcare, respite services, job training and placement, after school programs; adaptive positioning, and sheltered workshop.

**EDGE ALLIANCE, INC.**

212 E. Ohio Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

Voice: (773) 935-4663  
Fax: (773) 935-4662  
Website: [www.edgealliance.org](http://www.edgealliance.org)

A not-for-profit residence and service organization for individuals in the Chicago-area living with HIV/AIDS, veterans, and people with disabilities. Provides multilevel support and services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and those living with disabilities.

**EDUCATION RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER (ERIC)**

c/o Computer Sciences Corporation

655 15th Street, NW, Suite 500

Washington, DC 20005

Voice: (800) 538-3742  
Website: [www.eric.ed.gov](http://www.eric.ed.gov)

The Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) is a digital library of education-related resources, sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences of the U.S. Department of Education. ERIC's mission is to provide a comprehensive, easy-to-use, searchable, Internet-based bibliographic and full-text database of education research and information that also meets the requirements of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002. The ERIC database is the world's largest single source of education information containing more than 1.1 million bibliographic records of education-related journal articles and non-journal materials. You can access the database on this Web site or through many commercial vendors and public networks. ERIC provides ready access to education literature to improve American education by increasing and facilitating the use of educational research and information to improve practice in learning, teaching, educational decision-making, and research. ERIC full-text materials, previously sold by the ERIC Document Reproduction Service (EDRS), are now available free-of-charge.

**EL VALOR**

(Main Office)

1850 West 21st Street

Chicago, IL 60608

Voice: (312) 666-4511  
Fax: (312) 666-6677  
TTY: (312) 666-3361  
E-Mail: [info@elvalor.net](mailto:info@elvalor.net)  
Website: [www.elvalor.org](http://www.elvalor.org)

Focused on serving the Hispanic community in Chicago, El Valor has two Children & Family Centers, a Technology Center, a Vocational Rehabilitation Center, and six Community Residence Homes for adults with disabilities. Over 200 staff and hundreds of volunteers help provide services to children, families, and adults with disabilities through programs that support adults with disabilities, promote early child development, enrich youth, strengthen families and encourage leadership.

**EMERGENCY FUND**

651 W. Washington, Suite 504  
Chicago, IL 60661

Voice: (312) 379-0301 or (866) 286-1367  
Fax: (312) 379-0304  
E-Mail: [info@emergencyfund.org](mailto:info@emergencyfund.org)  
Website: [www.emergencyfund.org](http://www.emergencyfund.org)

A non-profit agency of last resort for many low-income families faced with a crisis, the Emergency Fund provides immediate financial assistance to remove barriers faced by individuals who are struggling to achieve economic self-sufficiency and provides information and referral services to outside programs addressing chronic or long-term issues. Financial assistance primarily covers rent, utility and moving costs. Agency also provides financial assistance for food, clothing, transportation, and other needs. No funds are distributed from the administrative office. Individuals must call ahead for assistance.

**ENVISION UNLIMITED**

8 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1700  
Chicago, IL 60603

Voice: (312) 346-6230  
Fax: (312) 346-2218  
TTY: (312) 346-6489  
E-Mail: [relations@chgarc.org](mailto:relations@chgarc.org)  
Website: [www.chgoarc.org](http://www.chgoarc.org)

Provides residential, vocational, job placement, early intervention, ancillary, and special education services to Chicago residents who are developmentally disabled.

## **EPILEPSY FOUNDATION**

(National Office)

8301 Professional Place

Landover, MD 20785-7223

Voice: (800) 332-1000 or (301) 459-3700

Spanish Voice: (866) 748-8008

Fax: (301) 577-2684

TTY: (800) 332-2070

Website: [www.epilepsyfoundation.org](http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org)

(Greater Chicago Office)

17 N. State Street, Suite 1300

Chicago, IL 60602-3297

Voice: (312) 939-8622 or (800) 273-6027

Fax: (312) 939-0391

TTY: (312) 628-4770

E-Mail: [info@epilepsychicago.org](mailto:info@epilepsychicago.org)

Website: [www.epilepsychicago.org](http://www.epilepsychicago.org)

Direct services such as psychotherapy, counseling, in-services, advocacy and support groups for anyone living in the Chicago area whose life is affected by epilepsy. Family, individual and group evaluation and counseling are available. Also provides a placement service for job ready individuals, has a Job Club and individual vocational training.

## **EPILEPSY LEGAL DEFENSE FUND**

8301 Professional Place

Landover, MD 20785-7223

Voice: (800) 332-1000

Website: [www.epilepsylegal.org](http://www.epilepsylegal.org)

The Epilepsy Legal Defense Fund will help individuals find a lawyer with expertise in epilepsy. The Fund does not generally provide legal advice or direct representation but rather provides referrals to lawyers who are willing to help individuals with epilepsy fight discrimination and who have received special training on epilepsy-related issues. Sometimes the Epilepsy Foundation will join in or directly support cases that are likely to set precedents and thereby affect future law.

## **EPILEPSY SERVICES OF NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS**

1698 First Street

Highland Park, IL 60035

Voice: (847) 433-8960

Fax: (847) 433-8965

Website: [www.esniinfo.org](http://www.esniinfo.org)

E-Mail: [esni@msn.com](mailto:esni@msn.com) or [info@esniinfo.org](mailto:info@esniinfo.org)

Direct services such as psychotherapy, counseling, in-services, advocacy and support groups for anyone living in north suburban Lake and Cook counties whose life is affected by epilepsy. Family, individual and group evaluation and counseling are available. Fee based on sliding scale.

## **EQUIP FOR EQUALITY**

E-Mail: [contactus@equipforequality.org](mailto:contactus@equipforequality.org)

Website: [www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

Se Habla Espanol, ASL, and other languages.

(Northeastern Region)

20 North Michigan, Suite 300

Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 341-0022 or (800) 537-2632

Fax: (312) 341-0295

TTY: (800) 610-2779

(Northwestern Region)

1515 Fifth Avenue, Suite 420

Moline, IL 61265

Voice: (309) 786-6868 or (800) 758-6869

Fax: (309) 797-8710

TTY: (309) 786-6868 or (800) 758-6869

(Central Region)

1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 816

Springfield, IL 62701

Voice: (217) 544-0464 or (800) 758-0464

Fax: (217) 523-0720

TTY: (800) 610-2779 or (800) 544-0464

(Southern Region)

300 E. Main Street, Suite 18

Carbondale, IL 62901

Voice: (618) 457-7930 or (800) 758-0559

(618) 457-7947 (Rollover)

Fax: (618) 457-7985

TTY: (800) 610-2779

Equip for Equality is an independent, private, not-for-profit organization designated by the Governor in 1985 to implement the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) System in Illinois. The mission of Equip for Equality is to advance the human and civil rights of children and adults with disabilities in Illinois. It is the only statewide, cross-disability, comprehensive advocacy organization providing self-advocacy assistance, legal services, and disability rights education while also engaging in public policy and legislative advocacy and conducting abuse investigations and other oversight activities. Equip for Equality provides free legal services and self-advocacy assistance to people with disabilities in the areas of discrimination, assistive technology, special education, guardianship defense, abuse and neglect, and community integration. Equip for Equality provides self-advocacy training to people with disabilities and family members on topics including the Americans with Disabilities Act, employment, transportation, voting, Ticket to Work, special education and guardianship.

**EVANSTON NORTHWESTERN HEALTHCARE (ENH)  
HOMESERVICES**

4901 Searle Parkway, Suite 160  
Skokie, IL 60077

Voice: (847) 475-2001  
Fax: (847) 982-4301  
Website: [www.northshore.org](http://www.northshore.org)

ENH Homeservices provides full-range home hospice care for the terminally ill. It also provides skilled nursing care, home health aides, and social work counseling. ENH sells home infusion materials for intravenous care and durable medical equipment (DME). Serving individuals in Cook, DuPage, Lake, and Kane Counties. Fee for service; public aid accepted.

**EXTENDED HOME LIVING SERVICES, INC.**

210 W. Campus Drive, Suite B  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Voice: (847) 215-9490  
Fax: (847) 215-9632  
E-Mail: [ehlsinfo@ehls.com](mailto:ehlsinfo@ehls.com)  
Website: [www.ehls.com](http://www.ehls.com)

Extended Home Living Services enhances your environment with customized, creative solutions for a better life. From simple ramps, to accessible bathrooms, to multi-floor elevators, we provide complete construction packages from planning through installation. Serves Chicagoland area; fee for services.



## **FAMILY DEFENSE CENTER**

70 E. Lake St., Suite 1100

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 251-9800

Fax: (312) 251-9801

Website: [www.familydefensecenter.net](http://www.familydefensecenter.net)

The Family Defense Center advocates for justice for families in the child welfare system. The Family Defense Center defends children who can be safely raised in their own families and helps families preserve their right to raise their own children. Program areas are: direct legal services, policy advocacy, systemic/civil rights litigation, parent empowerment program, and training/education.

## **FAMILY MATTERS PARENT TRAINING & INFORMATION CENTER**

1901 S. 4th Street, Suite 209

Effingham, IL 62401

Voice: (217) 347-5428 or (866) 4FMPTIC (436-7842)

TTY: (217) 347-5428

Fax: (217) 347-5119

E-mail: [info@fmptic.org](mailto:info@fmptic.org)

FMPTIC serves families in 94 counties in Illinois who have children with disabilities. FMPTIC provide information, resources, referrals and advocacy information to parents and professionals who call the toll-free help line available from 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday. FMPTIC provides a free lending library full of books on a large variety of topics that are sent out with a postage paid envelope so there is no cost to anyone who utilizes it. FMPTIC also provides a parent-to-parent connection database that parents can use to connect with other parents across the state for support. Please contact FMPTIC for more information on all of our services and for offices/advocates serving your area.

## **FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER ON DISABILITIES**

20 E. Jackson, Suite 300

Chicago, IL 60604

Voice: (312) 939-3513 or (800) 952-4199

Fax: (312) 939-7297

TTY: (312) 939-3519 or (800) 952-4199

E-Mail: [info@frcd.org](mailto:info@frcd.org)

Website: [www.frcd.org](http://www.frcd.org)

The Family Resource Center on Disabilities became one of five pilot programs to operate a parent center funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (then known as the Bureau of Education for the Handicapped). Today, there are approximately 80 federally funded Parent Centers throughout the United States. Provides free information and assistance, individualized support services, transition planning, advocacy, seminars on special education rights, and the Parent-to-Parent training project.

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

445 12th Street, S.W.

Washington, DC 20554

Voice: (888) 225-5322

Fax: (866) 418-0232

TTY: (888) 835-5322

E-Mail: [fccinfo@fcc.gov](mailto:fccinfo@fcc.gov)

Website: [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov)

This federal government agency enforces compliance with requirements of relay services and other means by which people with speech and hearing impairments may communicate via telephone and other services.

**FEINGOLD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES**

37 Shell Road

Rocky Point, NY 11788

Or

11849 Suncatcher Drive

Fishers, IN 46037

Voice: (631) 369-9340 or (800) 321-3287

Fax: (631) 369-2988

Website: [www.feingold.org](http://www.feingold.org)

National support group for followers of Feingold program of diet management as treatment for hyperactive and/or behaviorally disabled children, adults and persons of all ages with attention deficit disorder. Publishes a newsletter. Fee for membership.

**FIRST DEFENSE LEGAL AID**

3645 W. Chicago Avenue #240

Chicago, IL 60651

Voice: (800) 529-7374

Fax: (773) 722-4997

E-Mail: [frstdefens@aol.com](mailto:frstdefens@aol.com)

Website: [www.first-defense.org](http://www.first-defense.org)

Provides free, immediate, 24 hour legal representation to anyone arrested by the Chicago Police Department. First Defense gives citizens an opportunity to consult with lawyers shortly after the time of arrest, and prior to their first court appearance. No fee for services. Staff and volunteer attorneys aim to protect the rights of citizens while in custody by negotiating the early release of those not likely to be charged with a crime, protecting suspects against unauthorized interrogations and police brutality, and acting as the link between the suspect and family and friends.

**FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS, THE**

7168 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 100

Columbia, MD 21046

Voice: (410) 423-0600 or (800) 683-5555

TTY: (800) 683-5551

E-Mail: [info@FightBlindness.org](mailto:info@FightBlindness.org)

Website: [www.blindness.org](http://www.blindness.org)

(Midwest Regional Office)

1590 S. Milwaukee Avenue, Suite 606

Libertyville, IL 60048

Voice: (847) 680-0100

Fax: (847) 680-1050

E-Mail: [msubleski@FightBlindness.org](mailto:msubleski@FightBlindness.org)

The urgent mission of The Foundation Fighting Blindness is to drive the research that will provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration, Usher Syndrome, and the entire spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases. The Foundation has funded thousands of research studies at hundreds of prominent institutions. The Foundation funds leading-edge research in promising areas such as genetics, gene therapy, retinal cell transplantation, artificial retinal implants, and pharmaceutical and nutritional therapies. Publishes a newsletter 3 times a year (subscription is free).

**FRIEDREICHS ATAXIA RESEARCH ALLIANCE**

533 W. Uwchlan Avenue

Downingtown, PA 19335

Voice: (484) 879-6160

Fax: (484) 872-1402

E-Mail: [info@cureFA.org](mailto:info@cureFA.org)

Website: [www.cureFA.org](http://www.cureFA.org)

The Friedreichs Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) is a national, public,

non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to the pursuit of educational, scientific and research activities leading to treatments for Friedreichs Ataxia and the related sporadic ataxias.

**GOOD SHEPARD CENTER FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

17314 Kedzie Avenue  
Hazel Crest, IL 60429

Voice/TTY: (708) 335-0020  
Fax: (708) 335-0022  
E-Mail: GS@GSCenter.org  
Website: www.gscenter.org

Parent-infant early intervention programs serving ages birth to three years. Group based setting offering developmental and therapeutic services. Some services include a pre-school, in-home respite care, lending library and autism resource library. Serves residents of Cook and Will Counties.

**GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO, INC.**

30 N. Racine Avenue, Suite 230  
Chicago, IL 60607

Voice: (312) 994-1440  
Fax: (312) 994-1441  
E-Mail: info@goodwillsew.com  
Website: www.goodwillsew.com

Not-for-profit organization providing work opportunities and skill development for people with barriers to employment. The mission is pursued by operating four business groups: human services, retail operations, commercial services and contract work at the Naval Station Great Lakes. In 2003, 30% of services were provided to people with disabilities. Some of the services are vocational services, employment services, a career center, training programs and a youth program.

**GREAT LAKES ADA CENTER**

1640 Roosevelt Road, Room 405  
Chicago, IL 60608

Voice/TTY: (800) 949-4232 or (312) 413-1407  
Fax: (312) 413-1856  
Website: www.adagreatlakes.org

Provides information, materials, technical assistance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The Great Lakes ADA

Center's service area is one of 10 regional centers funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR), a division of the U.S. Department of Education. Programs and services also include an audio conference, E-newsletter, publications and listserve.

### **GUARDIANSHIP AND ADVOCACY COMMISSION**

160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite S500  
Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 793-5900 or (866) 274-8023  
Fax: (312) 793-4311  
Website: [www.gac.state.il.us](http://www.gac.state.il.us)

An executive state agency created to safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities through three division programs: the Office of the State Guardian, the Legal Advocacy Service and the Human Rights Authority. The Office of the State Guardian handles the personal, financial and legal affairs of individuals with developmental delays, mental illness and elderly persons. The Legal Advocacy Service helps eligible children and adults with disabilities obtain legal advice and representation to protect and enforce their rights as guaranteed by Illinois mental health laws. The Human Rights Authority investigates complaints of violations of the rights of persons with disabilities.

### **GUILD FOR THE BLIND**

65 E. Wacker Place, Suite 1010  
Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 236-8569  
Fax: (312) 236-8128  
E-Mail: [info@guildfortheblind.org](mailto:info@guildfortheblind.org)  
Website: [www.guildfortheblind.org](http://www.guildfortheblind.org)

Services provided to individuals who are blind and visually impaired including those with new vision loss. Guild strives to promote positive attitude about visual impairment and to assist its members in achieving dignity and independence at home, in the workplace and in the community. Services include adult rehabilitation services, computer training services, employment services, I&R and a consumer product center. Fees for some programs may apply.

## **HABILITATION SYSTEMS**

415 S. Kilpatrick  
Chicago, IL 60644

Voice: (773) 261-2252  
TTY: (773) 854-8364  
Fax: (773) 854-8300  
E-Mail: [hsi@habilitative.org](mailto:hsi@habilitative.org)  
Website: [www.habilitative.org](http://www.habilitative.org)

Habilitative Systems, Inc. is a multi-faceted human service agency that plays a substantial role in the articulation, development and delivery of programs and services to improve the quality of life in the city of Chicago. The HSI mission is to be the premier behavioral health and human service organization by providing an array of responsive services that promote consumer self-sufficiency. HSI exists to alleviate human suffering by developing and providing resources to promote dignity, self-sufficiency, and empowerment for humanity. Services include behavioral health services, children and family services, residential services and disability management.

## **HADLEY SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, THE**

700 Elm Street  
Winnetka, IL 60093-2554

Voice/TTY: (800) 323-4238 or (847) 446-8111  
Fax: (847) 446-0855  
E-Mail: [info@hadley.edu](mailto:info@hadley.edu)  
Website: [www.hadley.edu](http://www.hadley.edu)

Hadley School for the Blind offers courses to blind individual, family members of blind individuals and professionals in the blind field. The Hadley School for the Blind offers more than 90 distance education courses to eligible students completely free of charge. From “Braille Reading for Family Members” to “Birdsong Tutor,” you can select from a wide variety of Hadley courses. You can study in the comfort of your own home at a time convenient for you. Course materials arrive in the mail (a few are downloadable). The programs include an adult continuing education program, a professional education program, a high school program and a family education program. Materials come in Braille, cassette, large print, regular print and online.

## **HEALTH AND DISABILITY ADVOCATES**

205 W. Monroe, Suite 200

Chicago, IL 60606

Voice: (312) 223-9600

Fax: (312) 223.9518

TTY: (866) 584-8750

E-Mail: [hda@hdadvocates.org](mailto:hda@hdadvocates.org)

Website: [www.hdadvocates.org](http://www.hdadvocates.org)

Health and Disability Advocates' mission is to work with low-income people of all ages who are disabled, have long-term illnesses, or are elderly to assure security and dignity. Health and Disability Advocates' work includes the following: in-depth policy analysis of programs and policies that affect cash assistance and access to health care for low-income elderly and person with disabilities and for groups that serve these populations; direct advocacy, including problem-solving with government agency officials, and legislative education efforts; and legal advice and representation, including providing legal advice to, and representation of, individuals on issues around case assistance, medical assistance, access to health care, and discrimination; and engaging in class action litigation concerning issues that affect large groups of low-income elderly and persons with disabilities. Income eligibility applies, but no fees for services.

## **HEARTLAND ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN NEEDS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

208 South LaSalle Street, Room 1818

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Website: [www.heartlandalliance.org](http://www.heartlandalliance.org)

Heartland Alliance is a service-based, human rights organization focused on investments in and solutions for the most poor and vulnerable men, women, and children in our society. Heartland Alliance together with its partners provides a wide array of services that empower those in crisis to create change in their lives. Services include: Outpatient programs, permanent residents programs, and assisted living for individuals with mental illness: Interpreting and translation services; Drop in center for homeless youth. Housing, transitional shelter, and supportive services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS; Health care services; Emergency funds to prevent the loss of a permanent home; and, Legal services for low and moderate income immigrants.

**HEATH RESOURCE CENTER  
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

2134 G Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20052-0001

Voice/TTY: (202) 994-8860or (800) 449-7343

Fax: (202) 994-8613

E-Mail: AskHEATH@gwu.edu

Website: www.heath.gwu.edu

The HEATH Resource Center of is the national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. Support from the U.S. Department of Education enables the clearinghouse to serve as an information exchange about educational support services, policies, procedures, adaptations, and opportunities at American campuses, vocational-technical schools, and other postsecondary training entities. HEATH participates in national conferences, training sessions, and workshops; develops training modules; publishes resource papers, fact sheets, directories, and website information; and fosters a network of professionals in the arena of disability issues. HEATH is one of three clearinghouses authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to provide specialized educational information to people with disabilities, their families, and the professionals who work with them. The clearinghouse gathers and disseminates this information to help people with disabilities reach their full potential through postsecondary education and training.

**HEBREW SEMINARY OF THE DEAF**

4435 W. Oakton Street

Skokie, IL 60076

Voice: (847) 677-3330

Fax: (847) 677-7945

TTY: (847) 677-6724

E-Mail: hebrewsemdeaf@juno.com

Website: www.hebrewseminarydeaf.org

The Hebrew Seminary of the Deaf is a unique, pluralistic egalitarian school; our students learn Jewish ethics, thought, religion and history, and gain an in-depth understanding of the deaf culture. The Seminary's five-year program also includes all of the standard curriculum and courses of study required for rabbinical ordination. In addition, all students must learn and become proficient in American Sign Language (ASL) and Hebrew Sign Language. This will be essential in communicating with the Jewish deaf individuals and congregations you will eventually serve. It should also be noted, Hebrew Seminary of the Deaf includes the study of



Kabbalah and healing meditative practices as an important part of our curriculum. Fee for program applies.

**HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER  
FOR DEAF-BLIND YOUTHS AND ADULTS**

North Central Region

485 Avenue of the Cities

East Moline, IL 61244-4040

Voice/TTY: (309) 755-0018

Fax: (309) 755-0025

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E-Mail: [laura.thomas@hknc.org](mailto:laura.thomas@hknc.org)

Website: [www.hknc.org](http://www.hknc.org)

The mission of Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults is to enable each person who is deaf-blind to live and work in his or her community of choice. Authorized by an act of Congress in 1967, the Center is a national rehabilitation program serving youth and adults who are deaf-blind according to the definition of deaf-blindness in the Helen Keller Act. This regional office is for Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Services include consultation and information and referral.

**HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION OF ILLINOIS**

210 S. Des Plaines St.

Chicago, IL 60661-550

Voice: (312) 427-1495

Fax: (312) 427-1602

E-Mail: [info@hfi-il.org](mailto:info@hfi-il.org)

Website: [www.hemophiliainillinois.org](http://www.hemophiliainillinois.org)

The Hemophilia Foundation of Illinois is a not-for-profit organization and member of the National Hemophilia Foundation and Community Health Charities dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons affected by hemophilia, related bleeding disorders, and complications of these disorders or their treatment. The Hemophilia Foundation of Illinois provides and promotes advocacy, consumer services, education and research. Services include support groups, home services, case management, emergency financial fund, advocacy and counseling. No fee for services.

## **HITEC GROUP INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

1743 Quincy Ave., Unit # 155  
Naperville, IL 60540

Voice: (800) 288-8303  
TTY: (800) 536-8890  
E-Mail: [info@hitec.com](mailto:info@hitec.com)  
Website: [www.hitec.com](http://www.hitec.com)

HITEC is a leading on-line destination integrating assistive communication and communication-related commerce, content and community. HITEC.com provides customers with an intuitive, easy-to-use, environment through which they can access a wide variety of information on hearing loss, communication solution and resources; purchase a selective array of products, receive specific advice on product through our live web-chat and learn about coping with hearing loss and understanding how hearing loss affects everyone. Fee for services.

## **HORIZONS FOR THE BLIND**

125 Erick Street, A103  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Voice: (815) 444-8800 of (800) 318-2000  
Fax: (815) 444-8830  
E-mail: [mail@horizons-blind.org](mailto:mail@horizons-blind.org)  
Website: [www.horizons-blind.org](http://www.horizons-blind.org)

Provides braille, large print and audiocassette materials for individuals and businesses to increase accessibility for individuals who are blind and visually impaired. Provides a listing for books, crafts, kitchen/cooking tasks, recipes and gardening. Tactile pictures also available. Fee for services.

## **HOWARD BROWN HEALTH CENTER**

4025 North Sheridan Road  
Chicago, IL 60613

Voice: (773) 388-1600  
Fax: (773) 388-8936  
TTY: (773) 871-5783  
Website: [www.howardbrown.org](http://www.howardbrown.org)

Howard Brown Health Center is a healthcare organization in specializing in the unique medical and psychosocial needs for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Howard Brown offers a comprehensive range of services for men and women including, comprehensive medical services for both men and women, laboratory and diagnostic services, re-

productive health/family planning, nutritional counseling, in-house Walgreen's Pharmacy, individual and group counseling, education and outreach, youth services, counseling, research, HIV/AIDS services including anonymous HIV and STD testing. Insurance accepted for services including Medicaid and Medicare.

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, INC.**

222 S. Jefferson Street  
Chicago, IL 60661

Voice: (312) 441-9009 or  
(800) 590-0880-Assessment Center, 24 hours  
Fax: (312) 441-9019  
Website: [www.hrdi.org](http://www.hrdi.org)

HRDI is a community-based nonprofit behavioral health and human services organization founded in 1974 on the South Side of Chicago by community health advocates concerned with mental health and substance abuse problems. Offers more than 40 programs at over 20 sites throughout the Chicagoland area and Mississippi. Services include mental health, alcohol and substance abuse, community health, comprehensive case management, prevention and education, criminal justice, educational, and children and family services.

**HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION - VILLAGE OF SKOKIE**

5127 Oakton Street  
P.O. Box 309  
Skokie, IL 60077

Voice: (847) 933-8208  
Fax: (847) 677-0194  
Website: [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org)

The Human Services Division of the Village of Skokie provides Skokie residents services including social work, disability services, home-delivered meals and a lending closet for mobility devices.

**ILLINOIS ADA PROJECT**

20 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 300  
Chicago, IL 60302

Voice: (877) ADA-3601  
Fax: (312) 341-0295  
TTY: (800) 610-2779  
E-mail: [website@ADA-IL.org](mailto:website@ADA-IL.org)  
Website: [www.ADA-IL.org](http://www.ADA-IL.org)

The Illinois ADA Project will serve the state as a resource for information on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Project is guided by a steering committee comprised of representatives from private business, disability-based service organizations, and state and local government service providers. Equip for Equality serves as the fiscal agent for the Illinois ADA Project, which provides the following services: (1) General ADA Information for individuals, businesses, and organizations in the form of Fact Sheets, Outlines, and other documents; (2) Assistance with finding additional ADA Resources; (3) ADA Trainings for individuals, businesses, and organizations. The project is funded by The Great Lakes ADA & Accessible IT Center.

### **ILLINOIS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROJECT**

1 W. Old State Capital Plaza, Suite 100  
Springfield, IL 62701

Voice: (217) 522-7985 or (800) 852-5110  
Fax: (217) 522-8067  
TTY: (217) 522-9966 or (800) 852-5110  
E-Mail: [iatp@iltech.org](mailto:iatp@iltech.org)  
Website: [www.iltech.org](http://www.iltech.org)

The Illinois Assistive Technology Project (IATP) is a statewide, not-for-profit agency, in its twenty-third year of service. It was one of the first nine states funded under the Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Act of 1989, as amended. IATP's mission is to break down barriers that prevent people with disabilities from accessing the assistive technology that lets them learn, work, play and live in the community. IATP's major programs include, information and assistance, an assistive technology demonstration center, an assistive technology device loan program, a low interest cash loan program, a quarterly newsletter; assistive technology trainings, and a policy/systems change program which involves annually monitoring hundreds of bills which affect people with disabilities and keeping consumers informed about these and other state and federal initiatives. Fee for some programs.

### **ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF**

P.O. Box 1275  
Oak Park, IL 60304-1275

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E-Mail: [botz@iadeaf.org](mailto:botz@iadeaf.org)  
Website: [www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org)

The Illinois Association for the Deaf (IAD) is a non-profit corporation

whose members are deaf and hard of hearing adults, parents of deaf or hard of hearing children and professionals in areas of service to deaf and hard of hearing individuals. The IAD strives to promote the social, educational, and economic welfare of the deaf and hard of hearing and to safeguard the civil rights of deaf and hard of hearing Illinois citizens. IAD supports special services such as sign language interpreters, to break down the barriers of activities in society, so that Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals are welcome to participate. IAD organization is affiliated with the National Association of the Deaf ([www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org)).

**ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE –  
DISABILITY RIGHTS BUREAU**

100 W. Randolph, Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 814-5684

Fax: (312) 814-3212

TTY: (800) 964-3013

Website: [illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/disabilityrights.html](http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/rights/disabilityrights.html)

500 S. Second, Springfield, IL 62706

Voice: (217) 524-2660

Fax: (217) 557-5747

TTY: (877) 844-5461

The Disability Rights Bureau of the Illinois Attorney General's Office enforces the Environmental Barriers Act, the Illinois Human Rights Act, and other state and federal laws that protect the rights of individuals with disabilities. The Disability Rights Bureau enforces State and Federal laws that protect the rights of people with disabilities to equal access to buildings, housing, and services. The Bureau resolves accessibility and discrimination violations impacting the people of the state of Illinois through negotiation and litigation. In addition to the Bureau's enforcement work, the Disability Rights Bureau regularly provides technical assistance and referrals to individuals with disabilities and public and private entities seeking to comply with disability rights laws. The Bureau also conducts disability rights training programs for courts, law enforcement, and other groups upon request. The Bureau can also direct callers to the Health Care Bureau, the Consumer Protection Division or the Crime Victim's Assistance Division in the Attorney General's Office.

## **ILLINOIS CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Illinois Centers for Independent Living (CILs) work to increase involvement of persons with disabilities in every aspect of life by providing information and referrals, peer counseling, advocacy, independent living skills training, and other services. The Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL) is the state organization that coordinates activities and efforts of all CILs. To find a CIL in your area, search the list below or contact the INCIL by voice/tty at (217) 525-1308 or (800) 587-1227 or [www.incil.org](http://www.incil.org).

### **Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago**

115 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60654

Voice: (312) 640-2100

Fax: (312) 640-2101

TTY: (312) 640-2102

Website: [www.accessliving.org](http://www.accessliving.org)

\* Serving residents of Chicago, IL

### **Central Illinois Center for Independent Living**

4450 N. Prospect Road, Suite C8, Peoria Heights, IL 61616

Voice: (309) 682-3500 or (877) 501-9808

Fax: (309) 682-3989

TTY: (309) 682-3567

Website: [www.advocatesforaccess.com](http://www.advocatesforaccess.com)

\* Serving residents of Peoria, Fulton, Woodford and Tazewell counties.

### **DuPage Center for Independent Living**

739 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 8, Suite 109

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Voice: (630) 469-2300

Fax: (630) 469-2606

TTY: (630) 469-2300

E-Mail: [dupagecil.org](mailto:dupagecil.org)

\* Serving residents of DuPage county.

### **Site Center**

1230 S. Larkin, Elgin, IL 60123

Voice: (847) 695-5818

Fax: (847) 695-5892

TTY: (847) 695-5868

E-Mail: [FRVCIL@mail.com](mailto:FRVCIL@mail.com)

\* Serving residents of Kane, Kendall and McHenry counties.

### **Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living**

18 Gunia Drive, LaSalle, IL 61301

Voice: (815) 224-3126 or (866) 822-3246

FAX: (815) 224-3576

TTY: (815) 224-3126

E-mail: [ivcil@ivcil.com](mailto:ivcil@ivcil.com)

Website: [www.ivcil.com](http://www.ivcil.com)

\* Serving residents of Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties in Illinois.

### **Illinois-Iowa Independent Living Center**

3708 11<sup>th</sup> Street, P.O. Box 6156, Rock Island, IL 61201

Voice: (309) 793-0090 or (877) 541-2505

Fax: (309) 793-5198

TTY: (309) 793-0090 or (877) 541-2505

E-Mail: [iicil@iicil.com](mailto:iicil@iicil.com)

Website: [www.iicil.com](http://www.iicil.com)

\* Serving residents of Henry, Mercer and Rock Island counties in Illinois.

### **IMPACT-Center for Independent Living**

2735 East Broadway, Alton, IL 62002

Voice: (618) 462-1411

Fax: (618) 474-5309

TTY: (618) 474-5333

E-Mail: [contarino@impactcil.org](mailto:contarino@impactcil.org)

Website: [www.impactcil.org](http://www.impactcil.org)

\* Serving residents of Madison, Greene, Bond, Jersey, Calhoun and Macoupin counties.

### **Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living**

15 Permac Road, Jacksonville, IL 62650-2090

Voice: (217) 245-8371 or (888) 317-3287

Fax: (217) 245-1872

TTY: (217) 408-0567

E-Mail: [info@jacil.org](mailto:info@jacil.org)

Website: [www.jacil.org](http://www.jacil.org)

\* Serving residents of Mason, Scott, Cass and Morgan counties.

### **Lake County Center for Independent Living**

377 N. Seymour Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060

Voice: (847) 949-4440

Fax: (847) 949-4445

TTY: (847) 949-0641

E-Mail: [info@lccil.org](mailto:info@lccil.org)

\* Serving residents of Lake County.

**Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE) Center for Independent Living**

2201 Eastland Drive, Suite 1, Bloomington, IL 61704

Voice: (309) 663-5433 or (888) 543-3245

Fax: (309) 663-7024

TTY: (309) 663-0054 or (888) 543-3245

E-Mail: [lifcil@lifecil.org](mailto:lifcil@lifecil.org)

Website: [brianne@lifecil.org](mailto:brianne@lifecil.org)

\* Serving residents of DeWitt, Ford, Livingston and McLean counties.

**Living Independently Now Center for Independent Living (LINC, Inc.)**

1 Emerald Terrace, Swansea, IL 62226

Voice: (618) 235-9988

Fax: (618) 233-3729

TTY: (618) 235-0451

E-Mail: [info@lincinc.org](mailto:info@lincinc.org)

\* Serving residents of St. Clair, Monroe and Randolph counties.

**Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living**

412 Locust St., Sterling, IL 61081

Voice: (815) 625-7860 or (888) 886-4245

Fax: (815) 625-7876

TTY: (815) 625-7863

\* Serving residents in Carroll, Lee, Ogle, JoDaviess and Whiteside counties.

**Opportunities for Access**

4206 Williamson Place – Suite 3, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Voice: (618) 244-9212

Fax: (618) 244-9310

TTY: (618) 244-9575

E-Mail: [info@ofacil.org](mailto:info@ofacil.org)

Website: [www.ofacil.org](http://www.ofacil.org)

\* Serving residents in Clay, Clinton, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Hamilton, Jasper, Jefferson, Marion, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, and White counties.

**Options Center for Independent Living**

22 Heritage Drive – Suite 107, Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Voice: (815) 936-0100

Fax: (815) 936-0117

TTY: (815) 936-0132

Website: [www.optionscil.com](http://www.optionscil.com)

\* Serving residents in Kankakee and Iroquois counties.



**Persons Assuming Control of Their Environment (PACE, Inc.)**

1317 East Florida Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801

Voice: (217) 344-5433

Fax: (217) 344-2414

TTY: (217) 344-5024

E-Mail: [info@pacecil.org](mailto:info@pacecil.org)

\* Serving residents in Champaign, Douglas, Edgar, Piatt and Vermilion counties.

**Progress Center for Independent Living**

7521 Madison Street, Forest Park, IL 60130

Voice: (708) 209-1500

Fax: (708) 209-1735

TTY: (708) 209-1826

E-Mail: [info@progresscil.org](mailto:info@progresscil.org)

Website: [www.progresscil.org](http://www.progresscil.org)

\* Serving residents in suburban Cook County.

**Regional Access and Mobilization Project (RAMP)**

202 Market Street, Rockford, IL 61107

Voice: (815) 968-7467

Fax: (815) 968-7612

TTY: (815) 968-7467 or (815) 968-2401

E-Mail: [rampcil@rampcil.org](mailto:rampcil@rampcil.org)

Website: [www.rampcil.org](http://www.rampcil.org)

\* Serving Boone, DeKalb, Stephenson and Winnebago counties.

**Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living**

122 South Fourth Street, Springfield, IL 62701

Voice: (618) 457-3318

Fax: (618) 549-0132

TTY: (618) 457-3318

E-Mail: [silc@silcofillinois.org](mailto:silc@silcofillinois.org)

\* Serving residents in Macon, Moultrie, Shelby, Coles, Clark and Cumberland Counties.

**Soyland Access to Independent Living (SAIL)**

2449 Federal Drive, Decatur, IL 62526

Voice: (217) 876-8888 or (800) 358-8080

Fax: (217) 876-7245

TTY: (800) 358-8080

E-Mail: [sail@decatur sail.com](mailto:sail@decatur sail.com)

Website: [www.decatur sail.com](http://www.decatur sail.com)

\* Serving residents in Macon, Moultrie, Shelby, Coles, Clark, and Cumberland Counties.

**Springfield Center for Independent Living**

330 S. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62704

Voice: (217) 523-2587

Fax: (217) 523-0427

TTY: (217) 523-2587

E-mail: [scil@scil.org](mailto:scil@scil.org)

Website: [www.scil.org](http://www.scil.org)

\* Serving residents in Menard, Logan, Sangamon, Christian and Montgomery counties.

**Stone-Hayes Center for Independent Living**

39 N. Prairie, Galesburg, IL 61401

Voice: (309) 344-1306 or (888) 347-4245

Fax: (309) 344-1305

TTY: (309) 344-1306 or (888) 347-4245

E-Mail: [dalep@stone-hayes.org](mailto:dalep@stone-hayes.org)

\* Serving residents in Knox, Henderson and Warren counties.

**West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living (WCICIL)**

639 York St., Suite 204, Quincy, IL 62301

Voice: (217) 223-0400

Fax: (217) 223-0479

TTY: (217) 223-0475

E-Mail: [www.wcicil.org](http://www.wcicil.org)

\* Serving residents of Adams, Pike, Brown, Schuyler, Hancock and McDonough counties.

**Will/Grundy Center for Independent Living**

2415 A West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60435

Voice: (815) 729-0162

Fax: (815) 729-3697

TTY: (815) 729-2085

E-Mail: [pamwgcil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamwgcil@sbcglobal.net)

Website: [www.will-grundycil.org](http://www.will-grundycil.org)

\* Serving residents in Will and Grundy counties.

**ILLINOIS CITIZENS FOR BETTER CARE**

220 S. State Street, Suite 800

Chicago, IL 60604

Voice: (312) 663-5120

Fax: (312) 427-0181

E-Mail: [wmicbc@core.com](mailto:wmicbc@core.com)

Nursing home advocacy group whose purpose is to assist consumers by providing information on nursing homes and assistance in handling com-

plaints. Education seminars are also provided.

## **ILLINOIS COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)**

320 W. Washington St., Suite 700  
Springfield, IL 62701

Voice: (217) 782-6333 or (866) 851-2751  
(Illinois only)  
Fax: (217) 558-4831  
TTY: (800) 545-2455 (Illinois only)  
E-Mail: [director@chip.state.il.us](mailto:director@chip.state.il.us)  
Website: [www.chip.state.il.us](http://www.chip.state.il.us)

State-administered health insurance program for the otherwise un-insurable. CHIP is not an insurance company or an entitlement program. Individuals must qualify for coverage.

## **ILLINOIS COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES** (Chicago Office)

100 West Randolph, Suite 10-600  
Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 814-2080  
Fax: (312) 814-7141  
TTY: (312) 814-7151  
E-Mail: [cwheeler@mail.state.il.us](mailto:cwheeler@mail.state.il.us)  
Website: [www.state.il.us/agency/icdd](http://www.state.il.us/agency/icdd)

(Springfield Office)

830 South Spring Street  
Springfield, IL 62704

Voice: (217) 782-9696  
Fax: (217) 524-5339  
TTY: (888) 261-2717  
Website: [www.state.il.us/agency/icdd](http://www.state.il.us/agency/icdd)

The Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities was created as a result of the Developmental Disabilities and Bill of Rights Act. The mandate of all Councils is “to assure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to culturally competent services, supports, and other assistance and opportunities that promote independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion into the community.” The Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities is comprised of 39 members, 27 who are appointed by the Governor. The

makeup of the Council is unique in that at least half of the members are individuals with developmental disabilities or their families. Other members include representatives of advocacy organizations, higher education, state agencies, and local and other private not for profit groups concerned with services for people with developmental disabilities in the state.

### **ILLINOIS DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING COMMISSION (IDHHC)**

1630 South 6th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703

Voice: (217) 557-4495  
Fax: (217) 557-4492  
TTY: (217) 557-4495; (877) 445-3323  
Videophone: (217) 303-8010  
E-Mail: brandie.belford@illinois.gov

The Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission, as an executive agency of the state, advances the interests of all Illinois citizens with a hearing loss by advocating for systemic improvements, promoting cooperation and coordination among entities serving people who are deaf and hard of hearing, and disseminating information to eliminate negative stereotypes surrounding hearing loss.

### **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

State of Illinois Building  
160 North LaSalle Street, Suite N-700  
Chicago, IL 60601-3031

Voice: (312) 814-2630  
FAX: (312) 814-2916  
Senior Help: (800) 252-8966 (voice and tty)  
E-Mail: [ilsenior@aging.state.il.us](mailto:ilsenior@aging.state.il.us) (senior helpline)  
Website: [www.state.il.us/aging](http://www.state.il.us/aging)

The state agency charged with advocacy and provision of service to senior citizens in Illinois. Administers programs and promotes partnerships that encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life for Illinois seniors.

### **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

James R. Thompson Center  
100 West Randolph, Suite 10-100  
Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 814-6200 or (800) 662-3942  
Fax: (312) 814-1436 (Administration Fax No.)  
TTY: (312) 263-1579  
Website: [www.state.il.us/dhr/](http://www.state.il.us/dhr/)

The Illinois Department of Human Rights takes and investigates charges of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, unfavorable military discharge, physical and mental disabilities and family status. The Department’s mediation program is available to mediate employment charges filed in the Chicago office.

## **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

(Main Offices)

Springfield Office

100 S. Grand Avenue, East

Springfield, IL 62762

Voice:

(800) 843-6154

TTY:

(217) 557-2134

Website:

[www.state.il.us/agency/dhs](http://www.state.il.us/agency/dhs)

Chicago Office

401 South Clinton St.

Chicago, IL 60607

(800) 843-6154

(312) 793-2354

DHS helps Illinois families achieve self-sufficiency, independence and health to the maximum extent possible. DHS improves the quality of life of thousands of Illinois families by providing an array of comprehensive, coordinated services through: Community health and prevention programs: Programs for persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness, or substance abuse problems: Employment, training, and independent living programs for persons with disabilities: Financial support, employment and training programs, child care, and other family services for low-income families.

Bureau of Customer Inquiry and Assistance:

Voice:

(800) 843-6154

TTY:

(800) 447-6404

Bureau of Provider Assistance and Correspondence:

Voice:

(800) 804-3833

TTY:

(800) 877-434-1082

Client Assistance Program (CAP):

100 N. First Street, 1st Floor West

Springfield, IL 62702-5197

Phone:

(800) 641-3929 (voice/TTY) (in-state only)

Phone:

(217) 782-5375 (voice/TTY) (out-of-state)

Fax:

(217) 524-1790

TTY:

(888) 460-5111

E-Mail:

[dhs.cap@illinois.gov](mailto:dhs.cap@illinois.gov)

The Client Assistance Program (CAP) helps people with disabilities receive quality services by providing free advocacy for their interests and helping them identify resources, understand procedures, resolve problems, and protect their rights in the rehabilitation process, employment, and home services.

Help Me Grow:

Voice/TTY: (800) 323-4769

Fees: None

Provides information and referrals to statewide programs in the following areas: health, safety, education, parenting, intergenerational interaction, child abuse prevention, substance abuse prevention, juvenile justice programs, domestic violence shelters, gang and violence prevention, mental health and social services. Also provides information on early intervention screening, KidCare insurance applications and brochures.

Division of Developmental Disabilities:

Chicago: (312) 814-2735

Springfield: (217) 524-7065

TTY: (866) 376-8446

Fax: (217) 557-6856

Services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities are provided to help individuals with developmental disabilities achieve as much independence as possible and to live in their home communities with family and friends. Emphasis is placed on enabling individuals to stay in their own homes, in family homes, or in small-group settings.

*Network Facilitators*-Contact for the specific case coordination unit and for pre-admission screening agency telephone number

Greater Illinois Networks

319 E. Madison, Suite 2M

Springfield, IL 62701

Voice: (217) 524-2515

Fax: (217) 557-7676

TTY: (800) 447-6404

Metro Area Networks

James R. Thompson Center

100 W. Randolph, Suite 6-400

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 814-8327

Fax: (312) 814-3793

TTY: (800) 447-6404

Office of Hispanic/Latino Affairs:

Voice: (312) 793-4306

Fax: (312) 793-7852

TTY: (312) 793-2670

Office of Inspector General:

Hotline: (800) 368-1463 (within Illinois)

The Office of the Inspector General assists individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities by investigating all reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation in order to foster humane and caring treatment of individuals with disabilities. OIG investigates allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults with disabilities (18 - 59 years old). OIG also trains people who work with adults with disabilities and makes site visits to state psychiatric hospitals and developmental centers to assist in preventing abuse and neglect.

Division of Mental Health:

160 North LaSalle, S-1000

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 814-3784

Fax: (312) 814-4832

TTY: (312) 814-2722

100 S. Grand Avenue, East, Harris II, 2nd Floor

Springfield, IL 62762

Voice: (217) 785-6023; (800) 843-6154 (Hotline)

TTY: (800) 447-6404

*Network Managers*

Chicago Region One North

Voice: (773) 794-5525

Chicago Region One South

Voice: (708) 614-4002

Chicago Region One Central

Voice: (708) 338-7400

Chicago Region Two

Voice: (847) 742-1040

Chicago Metro Child and Adolescent

Voice: (773) 794-4895

Division of Rehabilitation Services:

Voice: (800) 641-3929

Fax: (773) 638-3977

TTY: (800) 641-3929

Bureau of Disability Determination Services:

Voice: (800) 225-3607

TTY: (800) 362-7754

Services include: advocacy, alcoholism, disabilities, domestic violence, drug abuse, education-vocational/technical schools, employment-placement, general assistance/public aid, information and referral centers/services, rehabilitation-physical, rehabilitation-speech, rehabilitation-vocational, volunteers.

*Reporting Abuse*

Abuse of Adult in Nursing Home (800) 252-4343  
Report Abuse of Adult with a Disability (800) 368-1463  
Report Child Abuse (800) 25-ABUSE  
TTY: (800) 358-5117

Report Mistreatment by Health Provider  
(217) 785-0800  
or Voice:  
(312) 814-4500

TTY: (217) 524-6735  
Voice: (866) 800-1409  
TTY: (888) 206-1327

Report Elder Abuse

*Services for Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing*

400 W. Lawrence  
P.O. Box 19429  
Springfield, IL 62794-9429  
Voice: (217) 785-9304  
Fax: (217) 785-7798  
TTY: (217) 785-7749 or (217) 785-9304

Serves as a technical resource unit regarding issues related to persons who are deaf/hard of hearing and deaf/blind. Technical Resource related to employment, technology interpreter services, and ADA access.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

535 W. Jefferson St.  
Springfield, IL 62761  
Voice: (217) 782-4977  
Fax: (217) 782-3987  
TTY: (800) 547-0466  
E-Mail: [mailus@idph.state.il.us](mailto:mailus@idph.state.il.us)  
Website: [www.idph.state.il.us](http://www.idph.state.il.us)

122 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Voice: (312) 814-2793



Central Complaint Registry Hotline:  
Voice: (800) 252-4343  
Fax: (217) 524-8885  
TTY: (800) 547-0466

The Central Complaint Registry operates toll-free lines, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week re: emergency abuse, neglect and emergency resident safety issues in long-term facilities. During regular hours M-F, complaints against Hospitals, Home Health, Hospice, and rural health clinics are also taken.

### **ILLINOIS EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION**

Early Childhood and Parenting Collaborative  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Children's Research Center, Room 20  
51 Gerty Drive  
Champaign, IL 61820-7469  
Toll free: (877) 275-3227  
Local: (217) 333-1386  
Fax: (217) 244-7732  
E-Mail: [Illinois-eic@illinois.edu](mailto:Illinois-eic@illinois.edu)  
Website: [www.eicclearinghouse.org](http://www.eicclearinghouse.org)

To make available state-of-the-art library and information resources related to early childhood intervention to the citizens of Illinois.

### **ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

401 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 700  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Voice: (312) 836-5200  
Website: [www.ihda.org](http://www.ihda.org)

The Illinois Housing Development Authority finances the creation and the preservation of affordable housing throughout the state to increase the supply of decent and safe places for people of low or moderate means to live.

### **ILLINOIS LEGAL AID ONLINE**

[www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org) - legal information for the public  
[www.illinoislegaladvocate.org](http://www.illinoislegaladvocate.org) – support for legal advocates  
[www.illinoisprobono.org](http://www.illinoisprobono.org) – tools for volunteer attorneys

Illinois Legal Aid Online develops technology and information to increase access to justice for Illinois residents.

## **ILLINOIS LIFE SPAN PROJECT**

20901 LaGrange Road, Suite #209

Frankfort, IL 60423

Voice: (800) 588-7002 or (815) 464-8647

Fax: (815) 464-5292

Website: [www.illinoislifespan.org](http://www.illinoislifespan.org)

The Illinois Life Span Project is a statewide information and referral service for people with developmental disabilities. Individuals can find advocacy and service provider resources on the Project's website or by calling the toll-free number. Also provides advocacy tools to help families and individuals become better, stronger advocates.

## **ILLINOIS RELAY CENTER**

To use the Illinois Relay Center, dial 711.

Voice: (800) 526-0857

TTY: (800) 526-0844

Voice: (800) 501-0864 (Spanish to Spanish)

TTY: (800) 501-0864

Website: <http://www.illinoisrelay711.com/>

Illinois Relay Service, also known as Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), is a 24-hour-a-day seven-day-a-week service, which provides a communications link between those who use a teletypewriter (TTY) and those who use a standard voice telephone. TTYS are typewriter-style devices used by individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or have a speech disability to communicate over the telephone. See also Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation listing.

## **ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE DEPT. OF SENIOR & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2701 S. Dirksen Parkway

Springfield, IL 62723

Voice: (800) 252-2904 or (217) 785-1440

Fax: (217) 782-8629

TTY: (888) 261-5238

Website: [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

17 N. State St., Suite 1152

Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 793-4946 or (800) 252-2904

Offers information and assistance to people with disabilities, seniors and veterans regarding Secretary of State programs and services including information on obtaining disability license plates and parking placards.

**ILLINOIS SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION**

8765 W. Higgins Rd. Suite 403

Chicago, IL 60631

Voice: (773) 444-0305

E-Mail: [sbail@sbail.org](mailto:sbail@sbail.org)

Website: [sbail.org](http://sbail.org)

The Spina Bifida Association of Illinois (SBAIL) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of people with Spina Bifida through direct services, information, referrals, research, and public awareness.

**ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

100 North First Street

Springfield, IL 62777-0001

Voice: (217) 782-4321 or (866) 262-6663

100 W. Randolph, Suite 14-300

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 814-2220

Website: [www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed](http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed)

The Illinois State Board of Education partners with school districts to provide programs and services for students with specialized educational needs. Special Education Services assures that these programs and services meet state and federal requirements. This involves both compliance and technical assistance functions. Compliance functions include monitoring least restrictive environment compliance, administering due process system, providing mediation services, conducting compliant investigations, approving policies and procedures, conducting focused and comprehensive reviews and approving nonpublic special education facilities. Technical assistance functions involve providing information and guidance on promising practices in educating students with disabilities, including the operation of numerous statewide training and technical assistance initiatives, administering the comprehensive system of personnel development for special education and management of grant programs to schools for special education service delivery.

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY  
TALKING BOOK AND BRAILLE SERVICE**

Gwendolyn Brooks Building  
300 S. Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62701-1796

Voice: (217) 785-5600 or  
Illinois only (800) 665-5576  
TTY: (888) 261-2709

Chicago Public Library Talking Book Center  
Harold Washington Library  
400 S. State Street  
Chicago, IL 60605

Voice: (800) 757-4654 or (312) 747-4001  
Fax: (312) 747-1609  
Website:

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/TBBS/home.html>

Part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a national network of cooperating libraries that administers a free library program of braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers in the United States by postage-free mail.

**ILLINOIS TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS CORPORATION**

3001 Montvale Drive, Suite D  
Springfield, IL 62704

Voice: (217) 698-4170 or (800) 841-6167  
Fax: (217) 698-0942  
Website: [www.itactty.org](http://www.itactty.org)

Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) provides the Illinois Relay Service and free TTY Loan Program to citizens of Illinois who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind or speech-impaired, on behalf of the 100+ telephone carriers in Illinois. Also provides Captioned Telephone loan program, Braille Phone loan program, TTY with Large Visual Display –LCD loan program, and Amplified Telephone voucher program. No fee for service. See also Illinois Relay Center listing.

**INDEPENDENCE CENTER**

2025 Washington  
Waukegan, IL 60085

Voice: (847) 360-1020  
Fax: (847) 360-1065  
Website: [www.icwaukegan.org](http://www.icwaukegan.org)

The mission of the Independence Center is to enhance the quality of life, to promote independent functioning, and to facilitate personal growth for adults with a history of mental illness. To achieve this, the Independence Center provides ongoing social, educational, vocational and housing opportunities.

### **INDEPENDENT MOBILITY SYSTEMS, INC.**

The Braun Corporation  
4100 W. Piedras Street  
Farmington, NM 87401

Voice: (505) 326-4538 or (800) 843-5438

Fax: (505) 326-4846

Website: [www.braunability.com](http://www.braunability.com)

Manufactures minivans for wheelchair accessibility. Network of 150 dealers nationwide.

### **INFINITEC**

Website: [www.infinitec.org](http://www.infinitec.org)

Infinitec.org is a joint effort of United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago and UCP Associations, Inc., Washington, D.C. The UCPA Chicago program sponsors the Infinitec web site and its Infinitec programs. Infinitec brings assistive technology to people with disabilities of all types in the Illinois counties of Cook, DuPage, Lake and Kane. Some of the services include information, access to assistive technology equipment, training, educational programs and specialists.

### **INSTITUTE FOR THERAPY THROUGH THE ARTS**

2008 Dempster Street  
Evanston, IL 60202

Voice: (847) 425-9708

Fax: (847)4235-9728

Website: [www.musicinst.org](http://www.musicinst.org)

Individual and group therapy is provided in music, drama, art and dance to clients of all ages and all levels of functioning. Adaptive instruction is also provided. ITA consults with and provides direct services to community agencies that desire to use expressive arts therapy.

## **INSTITUTE ON DISABILITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

University of Illinois at Chicago  
1640 W. Roosevelt Road, MC 626  
Chicago, IL 60608-6904

Voice: (312) 413-8833  
E-Mail: [idhd@uic.edu](mailto:idhd@uic.edu)  
Website: [www.uic.edu/depts/idhd](http://www.uic.edu/depts/idhd)

The Institute on Disability and Human Development (IDHD), a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service (UCEDD) is dedicated to promoting the independence, productivity and inclusion of people with disabilities into all aspects of society. The mission is addressed by conducting research and disseminating information about disability to academicians, policymakers, businesses, government agencies, service providers and the general public. The IDHD also provides an extensive array of clinical and community service activities and, through the Department of Disability and Human Development and other academic departments, offers interdisciplinary pre-service training. The values of cultural diversity, consumer choice and self-determination are emphasized across the life span in all training, public service, and research activities of the IDHD.

## **INTEGRITY GROUP COMPANIES, INC.**

Illinois Sales & Services Office  
95 Stable Way  
Lindenhurst, IL 60046

North & Northwest Metro

Voice: (847) 513-4868

South Metro

Voice: (708) 373-3500

Southwest Metro

Voice: (630) 715-8400

Chicago City

Voice: (773) 578-7500

Metro Collar Counties

Voice: (815) 277-7500

E-Mail: E-mail through website

Website: [www.integrityisfreedom.com](http://www.integrityisfreedom.com)

For-profit retailer of stairway lifts, wheelchair lifts, access elevators, home elevators and mobility scooters. Residential/Commercial/Institutional.

## **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS**

300 W. 22nd Street

Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

Voice: (630) 571-5466

Fax: (630) 571-5735

Website: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Lions Club International has over 43,000 individual clubs (worldwide) which provide community service and promote better international relations. Contact headquarters office for information regarding clubs within your area. Clubs work with the local communities to provide needed and useful programs for individuals with diabetes, visual impairments and who are deaf or hard of hearing.

## **INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION**

40 York Rd., 4th Floor

Baltimore, MD 21204

Voice: (410) 296-0232 or (800) 222-3123

Fax: (410) 321-5069

Website: [www.interdys.org](http://www.interdys.org)

Information about dyslexia and referrals to testers and tutors in general areas are available by phone or through the mail.

## **INTERNATIONAL HEARING DOG, INC.**

5901 E. 89th Avenue

Henderson, CO 80640

Voice: (303) 287-3277

Fax: (303) 287-3425

TTY: (303) 287-3277

E-Mail: [info@hearingdog.org](mailto:info@hearingdog.org)

Web Page: [www.ihdi.org](http://www.ihdi.org)

Trains dogs to assist persons who are deaf or hard-of hearing, with and without multiple disabilities, at no cost to the recipient.

## **JB I INTERNATIONAL**

110 East 30th Street

New York, NY 10016

Voice: (212) 889-2525 or (800) 433-1531

Fax: (212) 689-3692

Website: [www.jbilibrary.org](http://www.jbilibrary.org)

JBI International (formerly The Jewish Braille Institute of America) seeks the integration of Jews who are blind, visually impaired, reading disabled and physically disabled in the Jewish community and society in general. JBI assists those whom they serve to participate in the religious, educational, cultural and communal life of the Jewish people. Our scope is international and we serve those of all ages and backgrounds.

### **JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES**

216 W. Jackson Suite 700

Chicago, IL 60606

Voice: (312) 673-3400  
Fax: (312) 353-5544  
TTY: (312) 444-2877  
E-Mail: [jvschgo@jvschicago.org](mailto:jvschgo@jvschicago.org)

JVS is a not-for-profit employment and training agency. JVS helps more than 10,000 people annually match their skills to professional or business opportunities through a network of more than 5,000 employers.

### **JOB ACCOMMODATION NETWORK**

P.O. Box 6080

Morgantown, WV 26506-6080

Voice: (800) 526-7234  
Fax: (304) 293-5407  
TTY: (877) 781-9403  
E-Mail: [jan@askjan.org](mailto:jan@askjan.org)  
Website: [askjan.org](http://askjan.org)

Consulting service that provides information about job accommodations for individuals with disabilities.

### **JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL FAIR HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC**

315 South Plymouth Court

Chicago, IL 60604

Voice: (312) 786-2267  
Fax: (312) 427-9438

Provides legal representation in Federal and State court, and all other administrative agencies. Handles issues related to fair housing, housing discrimination and affordable housing. Services are free but income eligibility may apply.



## **LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND**

11 East Adams, Suite 1008

Chicago, IL 60603-6303

Voice: (312) 663-4413

Fax: (312) 663-4307

Website: [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)

National organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and all people with HIV/AIDS through impact litigation, education, and public policy work.

## **LAND OF LINCOLN LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION**

8787 State Street, Suite 201

East St. Louis, IL 62203-2026

Voice: (618) 398-0574

Fax: (618) 398-0681

Website: [www.lollaf.org](http://www.lollaf.org)

Land of Lincoln provides free legal assistance to low-income residents living in Southern and Central Illinois (serving 65 counties). Offices are located in Alton, Carbondale Champaign, East St. Louis and Springfield. Land of Lincoln handles the following types of legal issues: Housing, Family, Consumer, Public Benefits and Health, Services for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons, and Education. Financial eligibility applies but no fee required.

## **LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR BETTER HOUSING**

100 W. Monroe

Chicago, IL 60606

Voice: (312) 347-7600

Fax: (312) 347-7604

E-Mail: [intake@lcbh.org](mailto:intake@lcbh.org) Provides legal representation in the areas of landlord/tenant, unsafe housing, evictions, lockouts and utility shutoffs. Services are free but income eligibility does apply.

## **LEARNING ALLY**

180 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 620

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 236-8715

Fax: (312) 236-8719

Website: [www.learningally.org](http://www.learningally.org)

Learning Ally, formerly known as Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic, is committed to making reading accessible for all who learn differently. Serves a five county area in Chicago and other areas nationwide. Fee for membership.

**LEARNING DISABILITY ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS, INC.**

10101 South Roberts Road, Suite 205  
Palos Hills, IL 60465

Voice: (708) 430-7532  
Fax: (708) 430-4592  
Website: ldail.org

Provides support and information to Illinois parents, professionals and adults with learning disabilities through groups, workshops and local conferences; printed information; public education; telephone support; advocacy; newsletter; referrals to other local organizations in Illinois; some referrals to relevant professionals; and scholarships for post-secondary education to students with learning disabilities.

**LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF METROPOLITAN FAMILY SERVICES**

1 North Dearborn Suite 1000  
Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 986-4000 (general inquiries) or  
(312) 986-4200 (intake)  
Fax: (312) 986-4289  
TTY: (312) 986-4237  
E-Mail: [contacus@metrofamily.org](mailto:contacus@metrofamily.org)

The Legal Aid Society is the legal advocacy arm of Metropolitan Family Services. Staff lawyers and paralegals, assisted by volunteers, provide both legal advice and representation for those who are unable to afford an attorney. Legal services are provided in the family law field in such areas as domestic violence, elder abuse/exploitation, housing, and consumer fraud.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO**

120 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60603

Voice: (312) 341-1070  
Fax: (312) 341-1041  
TTY: (312) 341-1206

Free legal counseling and advocacy on behalf of low-income Cook County residents, including people with disabilities. Legal services provided include help in the areas of family law, domestic violence, housing, public benefits, foreclosures, migrant worker problems, immigration, elder law, crime victims, consumer problems (bankruptcy/medical debt), special education (suspensions/expulsions), employment problems, unemployment, children's law, HIV/AIDS, veteran's problems, and nursing home problems. Bilingual (Spanish/English) staff is available.

**LIFESPAN**

20 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 500  
Chicago, IL 60604

Voice: (312) 408-1210  
Fax: (312) 408-1223  
E-mail: [life-span@life-span.org](mailto:life-span@life-span.org)  
Website: [www.life-span.org](http://www.life-span.org)

Life Span provides comprehensive services for women and children enabling them to stay together without violence, and/or to help women eliminate the abuse from their lives, build upon their strengths, and become self-sufficient. Attorneys provide representation for victims of domestic violence in divorce, custody, visitation, Orders of Protection (OP) and other issues presented in Cook County's Domestic Relations Division. Life Span also provides community education and technical assistance to ensure responsive and appropriate treatment and delivery of public services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

**LITTLE CITY FOUNDATION**

700 N. Sacramento, Suite 220  
Chicago, IL 60612

Voice: (773) 265-1539  
Fax: (847) 358-3291  
Website: [littlecity.org](http://littlecity.org)

Provides a variety of residential services, including group homes in Palatine, and independent living arrangements around the Chicago area. Offers employment programs, social services, medical and dental services, educational opportunities, and recreation. Families One program provides support, therapy, and training for families with a developmentally disabled child.

**LITTLE FRIENDS, INC.**

140 N. Wright Street  
Naperville, IL 60540

Voice: (630) 355-6533  
Fax: (630) 355-3176  
TTY: (630) 355-6533  
Website: [www.littlefriendsinc.org](http://www.littlefriendsinc.org)

Provides programs for children and adults with social or developmental disabilities, including residential facilities, alternative schools, family support, consultation services, and sheltered vocational workshops. The agency's Center for Autism houses an Autism Evaluation Clinic that conducts evaluations for children of all ages, and provides training and consulting on autism for parents, professionals/organizations, and schools. The Center is located at the above address and can be reached by telephone at (630) 305-6039.

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY LAW CENTER**

25 East Pearson  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Voice: (312) 915-7120

Provides legal counseling and direct representation for civil cases only, concentrating in the areas of unemployment insurance, disability, Social Security, tenant/landlord. Services are free but income eligibility may apply.

**LUPUS FOUNDATION OF ILLINOIS**

525 W. Monroe Suite  
900 Chicago, IL 60661  
Voice: (312) 542-0002 or (800) 2-LUPUS-2  
Fax: (312) 255-8020

Works to increase awareness and understanding of lupus. Provides educational programs, informational services and emotional support. Supports research. Educational meetings open to the public. Services include: mutual aid, speaker's bureau, written information, social activities, telephone support, educational program or material, hotline, newsletter.

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF ILLINOIS**

1001 E. Touhy Avenue, Suite 50  
Des Plaines, IL 60018  
Voice: (847) 635-4600  
Fax: (847) 635-6764  
TTY: (847) 390-1409

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a social service ministry organization providing services in foster care, adoption/pregnancy, behavioral health, prison ministry, senior services monitoring/nursing care/housing, crisis intervention programs, residential programs for youth and adults, and community child care with the intention of bringing healing, justice and wholeness to people and communities.

**MANDEL LEGAL AID CLINIC**

University of Chicago  
6020 South University Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60637

Voice: (773) 702-9611  
Fax: (773) 702-2063  
Web Page: [www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel](http://www.law.uchicago.edu/clinics/mandel)

Provides legal counseling and/or representation to selected criminal/juvenile defense representation, employment discrimination, civil rights, victims of police abuse, and advocacy for the rights of the mentally ill. Services are free but income eligibility does apply.

**MARCH OF DIMES-GREATER ILLINOIS CHAPTER**

111 W. Jackson, Suite 2200  
Chicago, IL 60604

Voice: (312) 435-4007  
Fax: (312) 435-0988  
E-Mail: [IL623@marchofdimes.com](mailto:IL623@marchofdimes.com)  
Website: [www.marchofdimes.com/illinois](http://www.marchofdimes.com/illinois)

Since 1938, the March of Dimes has been the number one volunteer service organization dedicated to improving infant and maternal health, first by conquering polio with the Salk and Sabin vaccines, and today by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. This mission is carried out through research, community services, education and advocacy.

**MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF ILLINOIS (MHAI)**

70 E. Lake Street, Suite 900  
Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (312) 368-9070  
Fax: (312) 368-0283

MHAI works to promote mental health, prevent mental illness, and improve the care and treatment of persons with mental and emotional illness. MHAI maintains a variety of activities in support of its mission including

public education campaigns, health fairs at which mental illness screenings are conducted, information library, publication of a statewide directory of self-help groups for all medical conditions, and developing and implementing initiatives that promote good mental health in schools and communities, and developing and supporting policy positions on key mental health issues and serving as a primary source of referral and educational information for family members, mental health professionals, consumers, legislators and the media.

**METRA**

Metra Passenger Services  
547 W. Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60661  
Voice: (312) 322-6777  
TTY: (312) 322-6774  
Website: [www.metrarail.com](http://www.metrarail.com)

Metra has available a 13-minute video to acquaint new customers to the Metra system. The video overviews the changes made to rail cars and stations in order to accommodate individuals with hearing, vision, and mobility disabilities. The video is available to organizations that work on behalf of individuals with disabilities and can be obtained by calling Metra's ADA Specialist at (312) 322-6766.

**MIDWEST CENTER ON LAW AND THE DEAF (MCLD)**

P.O. Box 804297  
Chicago, IL 60680-4104  
Voice: (800) 894-3653  
TTY: (800) 894-3654  
Fax: (312) 873-3813  
Website: [www.mclld.org](http://www.mclld.org)

MCLD works to ensure equal access to the courts and legal system for persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing by providing information and referral, education and training, advocacy, litigation, and legal resources. MCLD serves the following Midwestern states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

## **MINORITY OUTREACH INTERVENTION**

1130 S Wabash Avenue

Chicago, IL 60605

Voice: (312) 986-0661

Fax: (312) 986-0928

A street-based outreach program providing HIV/AIDS prevention to African American and Latino gay and bisexual men. Also provides psychological support services via peer led support groups and educational workshops.

## **MOBILITY WORKS**

155 E. North Avenue

Villa Park, IL 60181

Voice: (877) 275-4930

E-Mail: [ask@mobilityworks.com](mailto:ask@mobilityworks.com)

Offering competitive-priced handicap vans, paratransit vans, stretcher vans, wheelchair vans, scooters and hand controls. National service provides worldwide delivery.

## **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION**

520 W. Erie Street, Suite 2000

Chicago, IL 60654

E-Mail: [Chicago@mdausa.org](mailto:Chicago@mdausa.org)

Offers patient services and clinical care; combats forty neuromuscular diseases; worldwide research program.

## **MYASTHENIA GRAVIS FOUNDATION OF ILLINOIS**

310 W. Lake Street, Suite 111

Elmhurst, IL 60126

Voice: (800) 888-6208 or (630) 835-0153

Fax: (630) 563-9181

E-Mail: [info@myastheniagravis.org](mailto:info@myastheniagravis.org)

Provides educational materials, peer counseling, support group meetings, referrals to those with Myasthenia Gravis.

## **NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OF ILLINOIS**

NAMI Illinois

218 West Lawrence  
Springfield, IL 62704

Voice: (217) 522-1403 or (800) 346-4572

Fax: (217) 522-3598

TTY: (217) 522-1403 or (800) 346-4572

E-Mail: [namiil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:namiil@sbcglobal.net)

Website: [www.il.nami.org](http://www.il.nami.org)

(Greater Chicago Office)  
1536 W. Chicago Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60622

Voice: (312) 563-0445

Fax: (312) 563-0467

E-Mail: [namigc@aol.com](mailto:namigc@aol.com)

Website: [www.namigc.org](http://www.namigc.org)

Provides support services for families with a family member who is mentally ill. Publishes a newsletter, host quarterly general meetings with professionals addressing mental health issues. Offers a family-to-family education course. Can provide information on local chapters across the state.

## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DOWN SYNDROME**

P.O. Box 206  
Wilmette, IL 60091

Voice: (630) 325-9112

E-Mail: [info@nads.org](mailto:info@nads.org)

Parent support group for families who have children and adults with Down Syndrome. Provides information and referrals.

## **NATIONAL BRAILLE PRESS (NBP)**

88 St. Stephen Street  
Boston, MA 02115-4302

Voice: (617) 266-6160 or (888) 965-8965

Fax: (617) 437-0456

E-Mail: [contact@nbp.org](mailto:contact@nbp.org)

NBP is a non-profit organization that produces textbooks, novels, and magazines in Braille for a variety of states and organizations including the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Transcribers and proofreaders are certified in Braille



and Nemeth Braille code by the Library of Congress. The transcribers use software to convert text into Braille. Fee for service may apply.

## **NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI)**

Public Inquiries Office

6116 Executive Boulevard, Suite 300

Bethesda, MD 20892-8322

Voice: (800) 422-6237

E-Mail: form on website

Website: [www.cancer.gov](http://www.cancer.gov)

The NCI, a component of the National Institutes of Health, is the nation's principal agency for cancer research. Patients enrolled in NCI clinical trials at the NIH Clinical Center receive treatment and clinical care at no cost. The hotline provides the latest, most accurate cancer information for patients, their families, the general public and health professionals. Interpreters for Spanish are available.

## **NATIONAL CENTER ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND DISABILITY**

1640 West Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608-6904

Voice and TTY: (800) 900-8086

Fax: (312) 355-4058

E-Mail: [ncpad@uic.edu](mailto:ncpad@uic.edu)

Website: <http://www.ncpad.org/>

The mission of the National Center on Physical Activity and Disability (NCPAD) is to promote substantial health benefits that can be gained from participating in regular physical activity. The slogan of NCPAD is Exercise is for EVERY body, and every person can gain some health benefit from being more physically active. This site provides information and resources that can enable people with disabilities to become as physically active as they choose to be.

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY**

Voice: (202) 272-2004

Fax: (202) 272-2022

TTY: (202) 272-2074

Website: [www.ncd.gov](http://www.ncd.gov)

NCD is an independent federal agency charged with advising the President, Congress, and other federal agencies regarding policies, programs,

practices, and procedures that affect people with disabilities. NCD fulfills its advisory roles regarding disability policies, programs, procedures, and practices that enhance equal opportunity by: convening stakeholders to acquire timely and relevant input for recommendations and action steps; gathering and analyzing data and other information; engaging and influencing current debates and agendas; identifying and formulating solutions to emerging and long-standing challenges; and providing tools to facilitate effective implementation.

## **NATIONAL DISSEMINATION CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

1825 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 700

Washington, DC 20009

Voice: (800) 695-0285 or (202) 884-8200

Fax: (202) 884-8441

TTY: (800) 695-0285 or (202) 884-8200

E-Mail: [nichcy@fhi360.org](mailto:nichcy@fhi360.org)

Website: [www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org)

Provides information on disabilities and disability-related issues for families, educators and other professionals. Its special focus is on children and youth (birth to age 22). It is a federally funded, non-profit center funded through the United States Department of Education Office of Special Education. It provides a wide variety of publications, including fact sheets on specific disabilities, state resource sheets, parent guides, bibliographies and issue papers. No fee for service.

## **NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS**

Nela/Illinois c/o Antoinette Choate

53 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 505

Chicago, IL 60604

E-Mail: see website for e-mail address

Website: [www.nela-illinois.org](http://www.nela-illinois.org)

Operates an attorney referral service for all employment issues including employment disability discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The website will direct you to an attorney in your area that practices in the field that you request.

## **NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING (NIA)—PART OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

31 Center Drive, MSC 2292

Bethesda, MD 20892

Voice: (800) 222-2225  
Fax: (301) 496-1072  
TTY: (800) 222-4225  
E-Mail: E-mail form on website  
Website: [www.nia.nih.gov](http://www.nia.nih.gov)

NIA provides public and professional health information materials on frailty, exercise, and other biomedical, social and behavioral research on aging and the special needs of older people. For information about Alzheimer's disease, call (800)438-4380 (NIA's Alzheimer's Disease & Referral (ADEAR) Center). No fee for service.

### **NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF ILLINOIS**

215 W. Illinois, Suite 1C  
Chicago, IL 60654

Voice: (312) 321-1500  
Fax: (312) 321-1505  
E-Mail: [kidney@nkfi.org](mailto:kidney@nkfi.org)  
Website: [www.nkfi.org](http://www.nkfi.org)

Provides information and resources to patients, healthcare professionals and the community on prevention and kidney failure. Funds education and patient service programs and medical research. Provides telephone support to persons who call and want to speak to someone who shares their concern. Minimal fees for educational programs and materials.

### **NATIONAL LEKOTEK CENTER (PART OF ANIXTER CENTER)**

2001 N. Clybourn  
Chicago, IL 60614

Voice: (773) 528-5766  
Fax: (773) 537-2992  
TTY: (773) 973-2180  
E-Mail: [lekotek@lekotek.org](mailto:lekotek@lekotek.org)  
Website: [www.lekotek.org](http://www.lekotek.org)

Provides play-centered programs, including toy lending libraries, family play sessions and computer play programs, for children with disabilities through a nationwide network of 37 centers. Fees generally low and vary depending upon local affiliate. The various affiliates serve the majority of Illinois.

## **NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY**

733 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10017

Voice: (800) 344-4867 (FIGHTMS)

(Chicago-Greater Illinois Chapter)

525 West Monroe St. Chicago, IL 60661

Voice: (312) 421-4500

Fax: (312) 421-4544

E-Mail: [cgic@ild.nmss.org](mailto:cgic@ild.nmss.org)

Website: [www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/ILD/index.aspx](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/ILD/index.aspx)

Services include advocacy, publications, educational programs, direct assistance programs, peer support, counseling, recreational activities and MS research. Local chapter information available on the website. Administrative offices of Greater Illinois Chapter serves 73 counties in Illinois. Gateway Chapter in St. Louis serves southern Illinois. No fee for service.

## **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON DISABILITY**

5 East 86th Street  
New York, NY 10025

Voice: (202) 293-5960 (Washington, D.C.)  
or (646) 505-1191 (NY)

TTY: (202) 293-5968

E-Mail: [info@nod.org](mailto:info@nod.org)

Website: [www.nod.org](http://www.nod.org)

NOD promotes the full and equal participation of America's 54 million men, women, and children with disabilities in all aspects of life. In 2006, NOD narrowed its focus to increasing employment opportunities for working-age Americans with disabilities who are not employed. No fee for services.

## **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME**

1200 Eton Court NW, Third Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Voice: (202) 785-4585 or (800) 66-NOFAS

Fax: (202) 466-6456

E-Mail: [information@nofas.org](mailto:information@nofas.org)

Website: [www.nofas.org](http://www.nofas.org)

Provides information on fetal alcohol syndrome and other alcohol related

birth defects, including fetal alcohol effect; printed information; public education information; related referrals and referrals relevant to state and local provider organizations. Website has links to local Illinois resources.

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY  
CLAIMANTS' REPRESENTATIVES**

560 Sylvan Avenue, Suite 2200  
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

Voice: (201) 567-4228 or (800) 431-2804  
Fax: (201) 567-1542  
Website: [www.nosscr.org](http://www.nosscr.org)

NOSSCR is a lawyer referral service that refers claimants to a private attorney in their area who specializes in Social Security Disability Law. There is no charge for the referral, but the caller has to discuss the attorney's fees with the attorney.

**NATIONAL REHABILITATION INFORMATION CENTER  
(NARIC)**

8201 Corporate Drive Suite 600  
Landover, MD 20785

Voice: (301) 459-5900 or (800) 346-2742  
TTY: (301) 459-5984  
Fax: (301) 459-4263  
Website: <http://www.naric.com/>

NARIC is a library service and information center focusing on disability and rehabilitation research. Information Specialists provide quick information on a referral, customized database searches and document delivery. There is no fee for information retrieval services, but there is a charge to have articles printed.

**NATIONAL TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS ALLIANCE**

801 Roeder Road, Suite 750  
Silver Spring Road, MD 20910

Voice: (301) 562-9890 or (800) 225-6872  
Fax: (301) 562-9870  
E-Mail: [info@tsalliance.org](mailto:info@tsalliance.org)  
Website: [www.tsalliance.org](http://www.tsalliance.org)

The only voluntary, national non-profit organization that provides support to people with tuberous sclerosis and their families, awards grants to researchers and offers education to the public and professional communities. Fees for some services apply.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES**

1279 N. Milwaukee Ave, 5th Floor

Chicago, IL 60622

Voice: (773) 329-4010

Website: [www.nhschicago.org](http://www.nhschicago.org)

For a list of NHS homes for sale or apartments for rent: (800) 493-8120

NHS is a nonprofit neighborhood revitalization organization committed to helping homeowners and strengthening neighborhoods throughout Chicago & Elgin. Neighborhood Lending Services (NLS), an NHS-affiliated corporation, is Illinois' largest nonprofit lender for homeowners and new home buyers. Services include free homebuyer education classes, fixed-rate loans, loans to fix-up homes, and foreclosure prevention.

## **NORTHEAST DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

1770 W. Centennial Place

Addison, IL 60101-1076

Voice: (630) 620-4500

TTY: (630) 620-7477

Website: [www.nedsra.org](http://www.nedsra.org)

Special recreation association serving the needs of people with disabilities. Communities served include: Addison, Bensenville, Butterfield, Glendale Heights, Itasca, Lombard, Medinah, Oak Brook Terrace, Villa Park, Wooddale, and Schiller Park. There is a graduated fee for services, but fee assistance is available.

## **NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW - ZEKE GIORGI LEGAL CLINIC**

Talcott Building

319 W. State Street

Rockford, IL 61101

Voice: (815) 962-9980

Website: <http://law.niu.edu/law/clinic/index.shtml>

Law School legal clinic that provides free legal representation in a wide range of areas to senior citizens and persons of low-income. Areas of legal representation include: (1) Domestic Abuse (Abuse ranging from physical abuse by a spouse to harassment by a former partner to financial abuse by a family member), (2) Elder Law (Drafting of simple wills, powers of attorney for property, powers of attorney for health care, and living wills), and (3) Mediation (Mediating various types of cases such as disputes involving parties who have never been married but have a child together), misdemeanor criminal offenses, traffic offenses, as well as providing information to people obtaining divorces pro se.

## **NORTHWEST SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

3000 W. Central Road, Suite 205

Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Voice: (847) 392-2848

TTY: (847) 392-2855

Fax: (847) 392-2870

E-Mail: Can send an e-mail directly from website

Website: [www.nwsra.org](http://www.nwsra.org)

Partnership of 17 northwest suburban park districts, providing community recreation programs for children and adults with disabilities. Also facilitates those with disabilities joining regular park-district programs. Registration fee for park programs.

## **NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY BLUHM LEGAL CLINIC**

357 East Chicago Avenue

Chicago, IL 60611

Voice: (312) 503-8576

Fax: (312) 503-8977

TTY: (312) 503-4472

Provides representation on cases involving child abuse and neglect, criminal, death penalty, disability, juvenile delinquency, entrepreneurship, investor protection, appellate court cases, special education, adoption and domestic violence. Additionally, the Civil Litigation Center handles a variety of cases including eviction from public housing, representation of victims of predatory lending, consumer fraud, and journalists seeking FOIA documents. The service is free but income eligibility does apply.

## **OAK-LEYDEN DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES, INC.**

411 Chicago Avenue

Oak Park, IL 60302

Voice: (708) 524-1050

Fax: (708) 524-2469

E-Mail: [batkinson@oak-leyden.org](mailto:batkinson@oak-leyden.org)

Website: [www.oakleyden.org](http://www.oakleyden.org)

Providing an array of residential, vocational, and employment programs, as well as center-based and natural environment early intervention services, Oak/Leyden Developmental Services' mission is to help people with developmental disabilities meet life's challenges and reach their highest potential. Services are tailored to the unique needs and desires of each individual, and are provided throughout the near Chicago's West suburbs. No fees for services.

## **OVER THE RAINBOW ASSOCIATION**

2040 Brown Avenue  
Evanston, IL 60201

Voice: (847) 328-6633  
Fax: (847) 328-1404  
E-Mail: [overtherainbow@earthlink.com](mailto:overtherainbow@earthlink.com)

Not-for-profit organization that provides accessible housing and job opportunities for persons with disabilities. Operates and maintains two award-winning barrier free apartment buildings (one on Chicago's north side, the other in Evanston) designed for independent living for persons with physical disabilities.

## **PACE**

Customer Service  
550 W. Algonquin Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Voice: (847) 364-PACE (7223)  
TTY: (847) 364-5093  
En Español: (847) 228-3575  
E-Mail: [passenger.services@pacebus.com](mailto:passenger.services@pacebus.com)  
Website: [www.pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/default.asp](http://www.pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/default.asp)

Pre-arranged curb-to-curb service for persons with disabilities whose eligibility has been determined by the regional certification process. PACE's ADA Paratransit Services operate in all suburban areas that are within 3/4 mile of Pace's regular fixed routes and during the same days and hours as the regular fixed route service. The Regional Transportation Authority (also listed in this Guide) is responsible for determining eligibility for ADA Paratransit Service in the six county northeastern Illinois region. If you want to apply for ADA Paratransit Service, call the RTA's ADA Paratransit Certification Program at (312) 663-4357 (V) or (312) 913-3122 (TTY). Pace also provides mainline bus service in the suburbs.

## **PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**

2235 Enterprise Drive #3501  
Westchester, IL 60154

Voice: (800) 727-2234 or (708) 947-9790  
Fax: (708) 947-9755  
E-Mail: [pvachvaug@mindspring.com](mailto:pvachvaug@mindspring.com)  
Website: [www.vaughanpva.org](http://www.vaughanpva.org)

Office assists members and eligible veterans, their dependents and survi-



vors to access VA benefits and quality medical care through the VA Hospital system. Also helps with prosthetics, wheelchairs, lifts and other equipment.

### **PARK LAWN SCHOOL & ACTIVITY CENTER**

10833 La Porte

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Voice: (708) 425-3344

Fax: (708) 425-3530

E-Mail: [info@parklawn.com](mailto:info@parklawn.com)

Website: [www.parklawnschool.com](http://www.parklawnschool.com)

Park Lawn is a non-for-profit agency that provides vocational, residential, and support services including physical, occupational, and speech therapy, transportation, counseling, recreational activities, art therapy, supported employment, and other support services.

### **PATHWAYS**

150 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 2100

Chicago, IL 60601

Voice: (800) 955-2445

Fax: (888) 795-5884

TTY: (800) 326-8154

E-Mail: [friends@pathways.org](mailto:friends@pathways.org)

Website: [www.pathways.org](http://www.pathways.org)

A national, non-profit organization established in 1989 that assists parents and health professionals in the areas of early detection, early intervention and inclusion by providing information and resources. Free phone lines are staffed by parents of children who have benefited from early intervention services.

### **PATHWAYS CENTER**

2591 Compass Road

Glenview, IL 60026

Voice: (847) 729-6220

Fax: (847) 729-1116

Sister organization of Pathways Awareness Foundation listed above. Provides outpatient pediatric therapy clinic in Glenview, Illinois.

## **PEOPLE FIRST OF ILLINOIS**

10741 S. Ewing Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60617

Voice: (815) 282-8437  
E-Mail: [peoplefirstofil@att.net](mailto:peoplefirstofil@att.net)  
Website: [www.peoplefirstofillinois.com](http://www.peoplefirstofillinois.com)

A self-advocacy organization run by people with disabilities in Illinois. Publishes a newsletter as well as training on choice-making, rights and responsibilities and generally helping to empower people with disabilities to self-advocate.

## **PILSEN WELLNESS CENTER**

2319 S. Damen  
Chicago, IL 60608-4209

Voice: (773) 579-0832  
Fax: (773) 579-0762  
Website: [www.pilsenwellnesscentermh.org](http://www.pilsenwellnesscentermh.org)

Case management for people with mental illness and their families. Services for Spanish-speaking persons, peer volunteer program, substance abuse and mental health.

## **PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (PWSA)**

National Headquarters  
8588 Potter Park Drive, Suite 500  
Sarasota, FL 34238

Voice: (800) 926-4797  
Fax: (941) 312-0142  
Website: [www.pwsausa.org](http://www.pwsausa.org)

Provides free assistance to parents whose children have been diagnosed with Prader-Willi Syndrome. Offers support through counselors, a director of medical affairs and a parent mentoring program. Has an biannual conference and has state chapters, which may hold mini-conferences. Also provides information and support to professionals including caregivers, social workers, doctors, caseworkers and others.

## **PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES**

303 N. Main Street  
Rockford, IL 61101-1049

Voice: (815) 965-2902 or (800) 892-2985  
Fax: (815) 965-1081  
Website: [www.pslegal.org](http://www.pslegal.org)

Assistance with civil matters such as debt collection, disability, family law, health/insurance, housing discrimination, living wills, powers of attorney, SSI, and unemployment. Thirteen field office in Northern Illinois. Information about field offices is available. Services are free but income eligibility will apply.

### **PROGRESS CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING**

7521 Madison Street  
Forest Park, IL 60130

Voice: (708) 209-1500  
Fax: (708) 209-1735  
TTY: (708) 209-1826  
E-Mail: [info@progresscil.org](mailto:info@progresscil.org)

Progress Center is the Center for Independent Living for Suburban Cook County and helps persons with disabilities establish self-directed lives in the community. It serves and supports disabled individuals who wish to have control over their lives to achieve that goal. No fee for service.

### **PROJECT MOBILITY – CYCLES FOR LIFE**

2930 Campton Hills Drive  
St. Charles, IL 60175

Voice: (630) 762-9807  
Fax: (630) 584-1295  
Website: [www.projectmobility.org](http://www.projectmobility.org)

Project Mobility is a nonprofit organization that offers recreational events using specialized bicycles for people with disabilities. Our professional staff works with families, rehabilitative professionals, and organizations to promote better health, independence, and most of all the freedom of mobility for people with physical disabilities.

### **RAY GRAHAM ASSOCIATION**

901 Warrenville Road, Suite 500  
Lisle, IL 60532

Voice: (630) 620-2222  
Fax: (630) 628-2350  
Website: [www.raygraham.org](http://www.raygraham.org)

Offering a broad array of educational, vocational, community, respite, early intervention, recreational, home-based and residential programs and services, the Ray Graham Association is able to find just the right way to empower each of the amazing, gifted individuals they serve. Empowering people with disabilities has been Ray Graham's mission since 1950.

## **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA)**

Customer Service Center

165 N. Jefferson Street

Chicago, IL 60661

Voice: (312) 913-3110

TTY: (312) 913-3111

Website: [www.rtachicago.com](http://www.rtachicago.com)

Lobby Hours: 8:00AM – 4:30PM (Monday thru Friday)

RTA ADA Certification Program

Helpline Number

Voice: (312) 663-4357

TTY: (312) 913-3122

Travel Information Center

Voice: (312) 836-7000

TTY: (312) 836-4949

The RTA is the financial oversight and regional planning body for the three public transit operators in northeastern Illinois: the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra commuter rail and Pace suburban bus. The RTA determines eligibility for the Reduced Fare, Circuit Ride Free and ADA Paratransit Programs. Seniors (age 65 and older) and persons with disabilities may contact the RTA to determine whether they meet eligibility requirements, or if they have other questions about accessibility or other travel issues.

## **REHABILITATION INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**

343 E. Superior Street

Chicago, IL 60611

Voice: (800) 354-REHAB

Website: [www.RIC.org](http://www.RIC.org)

The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (RIC) is the nation's #1-ranked provider of comprehensive physical medicine and rehabilitation care to patients from around the world and is the leader in research and development of the cutting-edge treatments and technologies in its field. Through aggressive medical protocols, RIC guides the patient care process toward a better outcome.

## **REHABILITATION INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**

Adaptive Sports and Fitness Center

541 North Fairbanks Court

Chicago, IL 60611

Voice: (312) 238-5001

Website: [www.ric.org/sports](http://www.ric.org/sports)

Through the Helen M. Galvin Health and Fitness Center & the Virginia Wadsworth Wirtz Sports Program, the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago provides a place for people with physical disabilities -- both adults and children -- to embrace healthy lifestyles, whether it be through fitness, recreation or competitive sports.

**REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (RSA)**

550 12th Street, SW

Washington, D.C. 20202-2800

Voice: (202) 245-6638

Fax: (202)245-7590

Website: [www.rsa.ed.gov](http://www.rsa.ed.gov)

RSA's mission is to provide leadership and resources to assist state and other agencies in providing vocational rehabilitation, independent living and other services to individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment, independence and integration into the community and competitive labor market. RSA is charged with administering formula and discretionary grant programs authorized by Congress; evaluating, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of Federal policy and programs and the effectiveness of vocational rehabilitation, supported employment, independent living and other related programs for individuals with disabilities; coordinating with other Federal agencies, states' agencies, and the private sector including professional organizations, service providers and organizations of persons with disabilities for the review of program planning, implementation and monitoring issues.

**REHABILITATION ENGINEERING & ASSISTIVE  
TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA (RESNA)**

1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1540

Arlington, VA 22209-1903

Voice: (703) 524-6686

Fax: (703) 524-6630

TTY: (703) 524-6639

RESNA is an interdisciplinary association of people with a common interest in technology and disability. RESNA's purpose is to improve the potential of people with disabilities to achieve their goals through the use of technology. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Assistive Technology. Membership in RESNA provides an opportunity for active participation in promotion and support of AT research and development dissemination of vital information, and integration of new knowledge with practical applications. Further, RESNA works to bring appropriate recognition to individuals employed in the field of AT service delivery.

## **RESOURCES FOR REHABILITATION**

22 Bonad Road  
Winchester, MA 01890

Voice: (781) 368-9080  
Fax: (781) 368-9096

Publishes resource guides that enable individuals with disabilities to locate services and products that promote independence. Fees may apply.

## **RESPIRATORY HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN CHICAGO (RHMACH)**

1440 West Washington Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60607

Voice: (888) 880-LUNG  
E-mail: [info@lungchicago.org](mailto:info@lungchicago.org)  
Website: [www.lungchicago.org](http://www.lungchicago.org)

RHMACH addresses asthma, COPD, lung cancer, tobacco control and air quality with a comprehensive approach involving research, education and advocacy activities.

## **SARGENT SHRIVER NATIONAL CENTER ON POVERTY LAW**

50 East Washington Street, Suite 500  
Chicago, IL 60602

Voice: (312) 263-3830  
Fax: (312) 263-3846  
Website: [www.povertylaw.org](http://www.povertylaw.org)

The Poverty Law Project represents the poor through legislative and administrative advocacy and through class action and individual cases that have broad policy implications. Its attorneys, who are nationally known experts on welfare and housing policy, combine community organizing and legal services to effect policy changes at the local and national levels. Services are free but income eligibility will apply.

## **SCHWAB REHABILITATION HOSPITAL**

1401 South California Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60608

Voice: (773) 522-2010  
TTY: (773) 522-2032  
E-Mail: [schwabinquiries@sinai.org](mailto:schwabinquiries@sinai.org)  
Website: <http://www.sinai.org/rehabilitation/index2.asp>

Schwab provides inpatient, acute, subacute, outpatient, and extended services in rehabilitation for people with diagnoses of stroke, spinal cord injury, brain injury, amputation, lower extremity fractures, and hip/knee replacement. Physical, art, and occupational therapy; case management; vocational rehabilitation; and speciality medical management are available.

### **SCR MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

8801-25 S. Greenwood Avenue  
Chicago IL 60619

Voice: (773) 768-7000  
TTY: (773) 768-7320  
Fax: (773) 768-7099

SCR offers 24-hour radio-dispatched medi-cars with wheelchair lifts in Cook County. Private trips are available utilizing limousines, town cars, 15-passenger vans, and mini-buses. Fee for services.

### **SEGUIN SERVICES, INC.**

3100 S. Central Avenue  
Cicero, IL 60804

Voice: (708) 863-3803  
TTY: (708) 863-7653  
Fax: (708) 863-3863  
E-Mail: [info@seguin.org](mailto:info@seguin.org)  
Website: [www.seguin.org](http://www.seguin.org)

Seguin Services is a not-for-profit social service organization, serving children and adults with disabilities and special needs throughout metropolitan Chicago (Cook, Kane, Will, and DuPage Counties). Seguin Services is devoted to enriching the lives of children and adults with disabilities. Working with local communities, Seguin Services creates job opportunities and housing options that lead to greater independence for adults with disabilities. In addition, a specialized foster care program matches children who have disabilities and serious medical conditions with caring foster parents or permanent homes.

### **SERENITY HOUSE**

891 South Rohlwing Road  
Addison, IL 60101

Voice: (630) 620-6616  
Fax: (630) 620-7924  
E-Mail: [serenity@serenityhouse.com](mailto:serenity@serenityhouse.com)  
Website: [www.serenityhouse.com](http://www.serenityhouse.com)

Serenity House provides counseling and housing for persons with substance addictions. Located in DuPage County, will provide services to individuals from other counties as well. Fee for Services.

### **SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN CHICAGO**

2211 N. Oak Park Ave.

Chicago, IL 60707

Voice: (773) 622-5400

TTY: (773) 385-5453

Fax: (773) 385-5453

E-Mail: [ewachspress@shrinenet.org](mailto:ewachspress@shrinenet.org)

Website: [www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/chicago](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/chicago)

The Chicago Shriners Hospital is a leading Midwest children's hospital providing high quality pediatric orthopedic surgery; plastic, reconstructive, and craniofacial surgery; and spinal cord injury care. Located on the northwest side of Chicago, the hospital is a short term, 60-bed facility that combines quality medical care with innovative education and research. **At Shriners Hospitals, there is no charge to the patient, parent, or any third party.**

### **SICKLE CELL DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS (SCDAI)**

8100 S. Western Avenue

Chicago, IL 60620

Voice: (866) 798-1097; (773) 526-5016

Fax: (773) 526-5012

E-Mail: [sicklecelldisease-illinois@scdai.org](mailto:sicklecelldisease-illinois@scdai.org)

Website: [www.sicklecelldisease-illinois.org](http://www.sicklecelldisease-illinois.org)

SCDAI's primary mission is to enhance the quality of life of those with sickle cell disease and their families. To effectively achieve this goal, SCDAI acts as an advocate for improved healthcare and services for sickle cell patients by educating and informing the community through outreach programs. SCDAI provides information for people of all ages to prepare them for life with sickle cell disease, including information for self-advocacy. SCDAI offers summer camps for children ages 7-13 and 13-18 with sickle cell disease. Primarily serves Cook County residents, but also sends information to people outside of Cook. No fee for services.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**

Voice: (800) 772-1213

TTY: (800) 325-0778

Website: [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)



Federal government agency that provides information about and administers Social Security benefits. There are many office locations throughout Illinois. Use the telephone number or website above to find the office closest to you.

## **SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – LEGAL CLINICS**

1150 Douglas Drive, Mailcode 6804  
Carbondale, IL 62901-6812

Voice: (618) 536-4423  
E-Mail: [clinic@siu.edu](mailto:clinic@siu.edu)  
Website: [www.law.siu.edu/Current%20Students/  
clinics1.php](http://www.law.siu.edu/Current%20Students/clinics1.php)

Elder Law Clinic: (800) 673-6130

The Elderly Clinic provides free legal service to persons sixty and over who live in the thirteen southernmost counties in Illinois. Typical cases within the Elderly Clinic include drafting wills, powers of attorney for health care and property, and representing clients in guardianship proceedings.

Domestic Violence Clinic: (618) 536-4423

Students in the Domestic Violence Clinic represent victims of domestic violence in select counties in southern Illinois. In a typical case, the student interviews the victim, conducts research, prepares for trial, and represents the victim in obtaining a court order of protection.

Juvenile Justice Clinic:

Students enrolled in the Juvenile Justice Clinic work with an experienced clinic attorney and perform legal services and duties to minors for whom the clinic attorney has been appointed guardian ad litem. The guardian ad litem represents the best interests of these minors for whom neglect, abuse or dependency petitions have been filed in Jackson County, Illinois.

## **SOUTHSTAR SERVICES**

1005 W. End Avenue  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Voice: (708) 755-8030  
TTY: (708) 755-2161  
Fax: (708) 755-8047  
E-Mail: see website for appropriate e-mail address  
Website: [www.southstarservices.org](http://www.southstarservices.org)

Southstar Services provides choices and opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities that enrich their lives and maximize independence in the pursuit of vocation, community living, and social integration.

Southstar also provides developmental training, supportive employment, job placement services, community living, and home-based support services service facilitation. Must be over 21 and have a developmental disability. Serves individuals in Cook and Will counties. Apply for funding through your local PAS agency: PAS agency in Cook County- Suburban Access - (708) 799-9190; PAS agency in Will County–Services Inc.–(815) 741-0800.

**SPECTRUM VOCATIONAL SERVICES**

2302 Wisconsin Avenue  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Voice: (630) 852-7520  
TTY: (630) 852-7520  
Fax: (630) 929-2772  
Website: [www.lilfriends.com](http://www.lilfriends.com)

A division of Little Friends agency. Spectrum provides vocational rehabilitation services for adults with disabilities. These services include community placement, job training, and development of social skills. Serves individuals primarily in DuPage, Western Cook, and Northern Will counties. Typically there is no fee for services, except for transportation costs.

**SPINAL CORD INJURY ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS**

1032 S. LaGrange Road  
LaGrange, IL 60525

Voice: (708) 352-6223  
Fax: (708) 352-9065  
E-Mail: [SCIInjury@aol.com](mailto:SCIInjury@aol.com)  
Website: [www.sci-illinois.org](http://www.sci-illinois.org)

The Spinal Cord Injury Association of Illinois is a resource for people affected by paralysis due to trauma and conditions of the central nervous system. Information and referral, peer support, and literature are among the services provided. No fee for services.

**STARLIGHT CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION MIDWEST**

30 East Adams, Suite 1020  
Chicago, IL 60603

Voice: (312) 251-7827 (STAR)  
Fax: (312) 251-7825  
E-Mail: [info@starlightmidwest.org](mailto:info@starlightmidwest.org)  
Website: [www.starlightmidwest.org](http://www.starlightmidwest.org)

Starlight Children’s Foundation Midwest brightens the lives of seriously ill children and their families through innovative programs that educate, empower, entertain, and inspire. Serving Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. No fee for services.

**STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS (SILC)**

510 E. Monroe, 3rd Floor  
Springfield, IL 62701

Voice: (217) 744-7777  
Fax: (217) 744-7744  
TTY: (217) 744-7777  
E-Mail: [William@silcofillinois.org](mailto:William@silcofillinois.org)

The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois (SILC) is a not-for-profit statewide planning organization. Its mission is to provide leadership, research, planning and education to support independent living services across Illinois. By federal law, the SILC is charged with developing a state plan addressing the provision of statewide independent living services, the development and support of a statewide network of Centers for Independent Living, and the monitoring, review and evaluation of the implementation of the state plan.

**TEST POSITIVE AWARE NETWORK (TPAN)**

5537 N. Broadway Street  
Chicago, IL 60640-1405

Voice: (773) 989-9400  
Fax: (773) 989-9494  
E-Mail: [tpan@tpan.com](mailto:tpan@tpan.com)  
Website: [www.tpan.com](http://www.tpan.com)

TPAN empowers everyone living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS to live open, healthy, and productive lives. TPAN innovates to deliver peer-led support programs and collaborative wellness services and to communicate comprehensive information. TPAN will do so until HIV/AIDS is eradicated. TPAN meets the individualized needs of Chicago’s HIV-positive community through a wide spectrum of interrelated programming, providing each client with a Total Care Portal that includes: Prevention Outreach; Intake/Assessment; Information and Referral Services; HIV Testing/Counseling; Needle Exchange; Hepatitis/STI Screening; Clinical Services (via its on-site partner, ACCESS @ TPAN) and Alternative Therapies; Case Management; Treatment Education; One-to-One and Group-Level Psychosocial Support; Substance Abuse Services; and Information Dissemination. Serves primarily Chicagoland, however, TPAN’s publications are distributed worldwide.

**Office Hours:**

M-Th: 9am-9pm

Friday: 9am-6pm

Access Community Health Network (Access) offers HIV and syphilis testing, as well as a wide range of services for people living with HIV. The primary focus of the health center is testing and consultation related to HIV. ACCESS at TPAN is conveniently adjoined to TPAN offices, but is run solely by Access Community Health Network, independently of TPAN. Access accepts Medicaid, Medicare, All Kids, Family Care and most major health insurance plans. Title I, Title III and Title IV funding is also available for eligible patients. If uninsured, Access offers a sliding scale based on ability to pay. Appointments are required and can be made by calling ACCESS at TPAN at (773) 271-1437.

**THRESHOLDS**

4101 North Ravenswood Avenue

Chicago, IL 60613

Voice: (773) 572-5500

Central Intake Line: (773) 572-5400

TTY: (773) 880-6263

Fax: (773) 880-6279

E-Mail: [Thresholds@thresholds.org](mailto:Thresholds@thresholds.org)

Website: [www.thresholds.org](http://www.thresholds.org)

Thresholds is a psychosocial rehabilitation agency that provides an array of vocational, residential, education, social, and health services with a primary focus on prevention of unnecessary hospitalization for people with mental illness. Serving Cook, Kankakee, and McHenry counties.

**TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION, INC. OF ILLINOIS**

800 E. Roosevelt Rd, Suite A-10

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Voice: (630) 790-8083

Fax: (630) 790-8084

E-Mail: [tsaillinois@yahoo.com](mailto:tsaillinois@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.tsa-illinois.org](http://www.tsa-illinois.org)

Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc. of Illinois provides services to Illinois residents who have Tourette Syndrome. It also provides services to their families and the educational and medical professionals working with them. The association provides: up-to date literature, books, and videos for loan or purchase; in-service for school personnel and medical profession-

als; physician referral list; quarterly general meetings with informational speakers; quarterly chapter newsletter; bi-annual day long conferences for professionals and families; support groups; children's summer camp; annual family picnic; annual golf-outing; and other related services and programs.

### **TRILOGY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE**

1400 W. Greenleaf  
Chicago, IL 60626

Voice: (773) 508-6100  
Crisis Intervention: (800) 322-8400  
TTY: (773) 508-4276  
Fax: (773) 262-4841  
E-Mail: [info@trilogyinc.org](mailto:info@trilogyinc.org)  
Website: [www.trilogyinc.org](http://www.trilogyinc.org)

Trilogy provides rehabilitation services for individuals in Cook County with severe and/or persistent mental illnesses. It offers a variety of services to assist these individuals in their efforts to be as self-sufficient as possible. Services include intake/assessment; case management; residential, psychosocial, and vocational rehabilitation; respite; and counseling. Fees for services may apply on sliding scale.

### **UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF GREATER CHICAGO**

Downtown Office  
547 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 225  
Chicago, IL 60661

Voice: (312) 765-0419  
Fax: (312) 765-0503  
E-Mail: [info@ucpnet.org](mailto:info@ucpnet.org)  
Website: [www.ucpnet.org](http://www.ucpnet.org)

Business Office  
7550 W. 183rd Street  
Tinley Park, IL 60304  
(708) 444-8460  
(800) 476-2836 (toll-free)

Information and Referral Services  
(708) 383-8887 X 14, Cheryl Deardorff

UCP Chicago provides assistive technology training, early intervention services, employment placement, job readiness, and recreation information and resources. Serves individuals in Cook, DuPage, Lake, and Kane Counties. No fee for services. See also Infinitect listing.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS**

Chicago Office  
Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Education  
Citigroup Center  
500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475  
Chicago, IL 60661-4544

Voice: (312) 730-1560  
Fax: (312) 730-1576  
TTY: (877) 521-2172  
E-Mail: [OCR.Chicago@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.Chicago@ed.gov)  
Website: [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html)

Federal agency responsible for enforcing civil rights regulations, which prohibit discrimination, based on race, color, national origin, disability or age. It provides information on the requirements for the evaluation and placement of students with disabilities. It also receives and investigates complaints from individuals who believe that an educational institution that receives federal financial assistance has discriminated against someone on the basis detailed above. The complaint must be filed within 180 calendar days of the date of the alleged discrimination, unless the time for filing is extended by OCR for good cause.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES - OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS**

233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Voice: (312) 886-2359  
Fax: (312) 886-1807  
TTY: (312) 353-5693  
Website: [www.hhs.gov/ocr/](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/)

OCR is the designated agency, under Title II of the ADA, for complaints of discrimination based on disability in health and human service programs operated by state and local governmental entities.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)**

(Chicago Office)

Metcalfe Federal Building

77 West Jackson Boulevard

Chicago, IL 60604

Voice: (312) 353-5680

Fax: (312) 886-2729

TTD: (312) 261-5944

Website: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

(Springfield Office)

500 West Monroe Street - Suite 1 SW

Springfield, IL 62704

Voice: (217) 492-4120

Fax: (217) 492-4154

TTY: (217) 492-4101

Website: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

HUD's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. HUD will investigate complaints of housing discrimination under federal housing law as well as assist individuals who are trying to buy or rent a home.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DISABILITY RIGHTS SECTION - CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, NYA

Washington, DC 20530

Voice: (800) 514-0301

Fax: (202) 307-1197

TTY: (800) 514-0383

Website: [www.ada.gov](http://www.ada.gov)

The Disability Rights Section of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division is responsible for enforcement of Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local governments, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation and telecommunications. The office operates a toll-free information line that provides technical assistance on the ADA and how to file ADA complaints.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR—OFFICE OF  
FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS**

(Regional Chicago Office)

230 S. Dearborn, Room 434

Chicago, IL 60604

Voice: (312) 596-7045

Fax: (312) 596-7085

Website: <http://www.dol.gov/ofccp/>

Ensures that employers that are doing business with the federal government abide by laws and regulations requiring equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. Conducts compliance evaluations of federal contractor affirmative action programs and investigates complaints of discrimination on the basis of race, gender, national origin, disability, or veteran status.

**UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
COMMISSION**

500 West Madison Street, Suite 2000

Chicago, IL 60661

Voice: (312) 353-2713 or (800) 669-4000

Fax: (312) 869-8220

TTY: (312) 869-8001

Website: [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)

Enforces federal civil rights laws in employment with respect to race, sex, national origin, religion, color, age and disability.

**UNITED STATES PARALYMPICS**

One Olympic Plaza

Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

Voice: (719) 866-2030

Fax: (719) 866-2029

Website: <http://www.usparalympics.org/>

U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, was created in May 2001 to focus efforts on enhancing programs, funding and opportunities for persons with physical disabilities to participate in Paralympic sport. The U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) is a non-profit tax-exempt organization based in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The USOC works with more than 50 member organizations to provide programs and services to develop athletes and coaches that one day dream of participating in the Olympic, Paralympic and Pan Am Games and to promote the Olympic and Paralympic ideals throughout the United States.



**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS PROGRAM**

Department of Psychiatry  
5841 S. Maryland Avenue, MC 3077  
Chicago, IL 60637

Voice: (773) 702-3858  
Fax: (773) 834-3477

The Neurodevelopmental Disorders Program is a collaboration with pediatric neurology, developmental pediatrics, genetics and pediatric neuropsychology. Patients with Autistic Disorder or other pervasive developmental disorders undergo a comprehensive evaluation and are given treatment recommendations. When appropriate, patients are followed in the clinic for medication management.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS – AUTISM CLINIC**

University of Illinois Medical Center  
1640 W. Roosevelt Road - MC 626  
Chicago, IL 60608

Voice: (312) 413-4624  
Website: <http://www.idhd.org/TAP.html>

The University of Illinois Autism Clinic offers a multidisciplinary evaluation for infants, children and adults. Appointments must be scheduled in advance by telephone. No walk-ins accepted. There is a fee for services. See website for other specialized clinics served by the University of Illinois.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW  
LEGAL CLINIC**

504 East Pennsylvania Avenue  
Champaign, IL 61820

Voice: (217) 244-9494  
Fax: (217) 333-5775  
E-Mail: [clinic@law.illinois.edu](mailto:clinic@law.illinois.edu)  
Website: <http://www.law.illinois.edu/clinical-programs/>

The Legal Clinic provides free representation in a wide range of areas, including divorce, child custody and visitation with only divorce cases, orders of protection, landlord and tenant issues, debt issues, and evictions.

## **UPTOWN PEOPLE'S LAW CENTER**

4413 North Sheridan  
Chicago, IL 60640

Voice: (773) 769-1411  
Fax: (773) 769-2224

Serves Chicago's Uptown neighborhood on legal issues, including Social Security/welfare defense and education; housing and tenant rights; domestic violence; and prisoner rights.

## **VITAL BRIDGES**

5543 N Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60640

Voice: (773) 271-5110  
Fax: (773) 271-5185  
Website: [www.vitalbridges.org](http://www.vitalbridges.org)

Vital Bridges helps people throughout metropolitan Chicago impacted by HIV and AIDS to improve their health and build self-sufficiency by providing food, nutrition, housing, case management and prevention services. Vital Bridges serves people impacted by HIV and AIDS throughout the metropolitan area through sites in Englewood, Edgewater, Garfield Park, Oak Park, and Elk Grove Village.

## **WEST SUBURBAN SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION (WSSRA)**

2915 Maple Street  
Franklin Park, IL 60131

Voice: (847) 455-2100  
TTY: (847) 455-2100  
Fax: (847) 455-2157  
E-Mail: [wssra@wssra.net](mailto:wssra@wssra.net)  
Website: [www.wssra.net](http://www.wssra.net)

WSSRA provides community-based therapeutic recreation for individuals of all ages with any kind of disability. Athletic, fitness, art, social, camping and travel programs are offered. Serves Western suburbs in Cook County. Fee for program applies.

## **Y-ME NATIONAL BREAST CANCER ORGANIZATION**

135 South LaSalle Street, Suite 2000  
Chicago, IL 60603

Voice: (312) 986-8338

24-hour Hotline: (800) 221-2141 (English) or  
(800) 986-9505 (Español)  
Fax: (312) 294-8597  
E-Mail: See website for contacts.  
Website: [www.y-me.org](http://www.y-me.org)

The mission of Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization is to ensure, through information, empowerment, and peer support, that no one faces breast cancer alone. Serves individuals throughout Illinois. No fee for services.

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE GOVERNMENT AGENCY LISTINGS

### **City of Chicago 311**

Chicago has a centralized complaint system. Any consumer seeking help with a city service should call 311. Services include assistance with building violations, consumer fraud, emergency food, fire safety, and housing complaints, etc.

### **Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities**

312-744-4601 (V) / 312-744-4964 (TTY)

### **Chicago Commission on Human Relations**

312-744-4111 (V) / 312-744-1088 (TTY)

### **Cook County Commission on Human Rights**

312-603-1100 (V) / 312-603-1101 (TTY)

### **Illinois Attorney General's Office**

Consumer Fraud: 800-386-5438 (V) / 800-964-3013 (TTY)

Disability Rights: 312-814-5684 (V) / 800-964-3013 (TTY)

Health Care: 877-305-5145 (V) / 800-964-3013 (TTY)

Crime Victims: 800-228-3368 (V) / 877-398-1130 (TTY)

**Illinois Department on Aging** (312) 814-2630

Senior Helpline (60 and older) (800) 252-8966

Elder Abuse After-Hours Hotline (800) 279-0400

**Illinois Department of Children and Family Services**

To report abuse of a minor:

800-25-ABUSE (V) / 800-358-5117 (TTY)

**Illinois Department of Human Rights**

312-814-6200 (V) / 866-740-3953 (TTY)

**Illinois Department of Human Services**

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) (800) 368-1463 (V)

Contact OIG to report abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of individuals with disabilities, ages 18 to 59.

General information on DHS services:

800-843-6154 (V) / 800-447-6404 (TTY)

**Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG)**

To report welfare and medical fraud:

Voice: (217) 524-8414 or

Fraud Hotline / Illinois Department of Human Services Helpline

Voice: (800) 252-8903 or (800) 843-6154

TTY: (800) 447-6404

**Illinois Department of Public Health**

800-252-4343 (V) / 800-547-0466 (TTY)

To report abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of any nursing home resident or hospital patient.

**Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission**

Human Rights Authority

866-274-8023 (V) / 866-333-3362 (TTY)

Investigates human rights violations by service providers.



THE CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION

321 S. Plymouth Ct.

Chicago, IL 60604

Phone: (312) 554-2000

Fax: (312) 554-2054

[www.chicagobar.org](http://www.chicagobar.org)