Will-Grundy Counties Resource Directory

Advocacy Resources

CAP – Client Assistance Program

Client Assistance Program Illinois Department of Human Services 100 N. First Street, 1st Floor West Springfield, IL 62702-5197

Phone: 800-641-3929 (V/TTY) Email: dhscap@dhs.state.il.us Webiste: http://www.dhs.state.il.us/ page.aspx?item=37637

CAP – Client Assistance Program

CAP helps you understand your rights and services from the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Rehabilitation Services.

Equip for Equality

20 North Michigan Ave., Suite 300 Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: 312-341-0022 Phone: 800-537-2632 Fax: 312-341-0295 TTY: 800-610-2779 Online intake forms

Website: www.equipforequality.org

Equip for Equality

Provides self-advocacy, legal services, training on disability rights, public policy programs and abuse investigations for children and adults with disabilities.

Great Lakes ADA

Great Lakes ADA Center University of Illinois at Chicago Institute on Disability & Human Development (MC 728)

1640 West Roosevelt Road, Room 405

Chicago, IL 60608

Phone: 312-413-1407/800-949-4232 (V/TTY)

Fax: 312-413-1856

Website: www.adagreatlakes.org

Great Lakes ADA

A disability and business technical assistance center covering ADA issues related to employment, public services and public accommodations. Great Lakes ADA Center provides information, materials, technical assistance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission

West Suburban Regional Office

P.O. Box 7009 Hines, IL 60141

Phone: 866-274-8023 TTY: 866-333-3362

Website: illinois.gov/sites/gac/Pages/default.aspx

Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission

State of Illinois Commission developed to assist people with issues of guardianship for adults with disabilities.

Service of Will, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Inc.

1740 McDonough Street Joliet, IL 60436

Phone: 815-741-0800 Fax: 815-741-1678 800-244-8008

Child & Familiy Connections,

2300 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, IL 60435 Phone: 815-730-2617 Fax 815-730-2650

Web site: www.swgk.org

Service of Will, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Inc.

<u>Child & Family Connections-</u> 0- 3 Children With developmental delays and/or disabilities. Resources/support to maximize each child's development.

Children & Adults Developmental Disabilities
Seeking services and supports, Enrollment on
State's Wait List, PUNS; Information &
Referral; Determination of Eligibility/
Assessments; Referral to Service Providers; Help
in obtaining funding from the State; Ongoing
Advocacy

Prairie State Legal Services

5 E. Van Buren St., Suite 310 Joliet, IL 60432

Phone: 815-727-5123 Fax: 815-727-5152

Website: willcountybar.org/publicsection/prairie-state-legal-services

Formerly Will County Legal Assistance Program

Provides civil legal services to low income and indigent residents of Will County. Eligibility is determined over the phone.

Disability Resource Center

Will County Office 77 N. 129th Infantry Drive Joliet, IL, 60435

Phone: 815-729-0162 TTY: 815-729-2085 Fax: 815-729-3697

Video phone: 815-768-2582

Website: drcjoliet.org

The Arc of Illinois The Arc of Illinois

20901 LaGrange Rd., Suite #209 Frankfort, IL 60423

Phone: 815-464-1832 Fax: 815-464-5292

Website: www.thearcofil.org

The Arc of Illinois is committed to empowering persons with disabilities to achieve full participation in community life through informed choices.

Disability Resource Center – Formerly Will-Grundy Center for Independent Living

Operating since 1985 - provides assistance for

The center also can locate and secure housing in

special needs. This organization provides advocacy, help in explaining and filling out forms, information referrals, and peer counseling.

appropriate setting.

Assistive Technology

Illinois Assistive Technology Program

1020 South Spring Street Springfield, IL 62704

Phone: 217-522-7985 Voice Phone: 217-522-9966 TTY Phone: 800-852-5110 (V/TTY)

Fax: 217-522-8067 Email: iatp@iltech.org

Website: www.iltech.org

Illinois Assistive Technology Program

Serves people with disabilites as they find & use technology that promotes living, working & playing with greater independence.

TechConnect

A program of the Illinois Assistive Technology Project that serves people with disabilites as they find & use technology that promotes living, working & playing with greater independence.

Infinite Potential Through Technology (**Infinitec**)

7550 W. 183rd Street Tinley Park, IL 60477

Assistive Technology Exchange Network (ATEN)

http://www.infinitec.org/

Durable Medical Equipment Website Website: http://www.infinitecdme.org/

Infinite Potential Through Technology (Infinitec)

Infinite provides assistive technology equipment through the Assistive Technology Exchange Network (ATEN).

Assistive tech program of UCP Seguin

Autism Resources

Autism Society of Illinois

Phone: 630-691-1270 Toll Free: 888-691-1270 Fax: 630-932-5620

Email: info@autismillinois.org

Website: http://www.autismillinois.org/

Natural Learning Concepts

Phone: 800-823-3430

Website: www.nlconcepts.com

Autism Society of Illinois

To improve the lives of Illinois Individuals and families affected by autism spectrum disorders.

Natural Learning Concepts

Products and resources for persons with special needs and on the autism spectrum.

Turning Pointe Career College

Ketra Kuniej Career College Director/HR Ph:630-615-6032 Fax:630-615-6050

1500 W. Ogden Ave. Naperville, IL 60540

kkuniej@turningpointeaf.org

The Turning Pointe Career College is an educational and career exploration opportunity for adults with ASD and other social and communication disorders. Our goal at the Career College is independent employment for all graduates. We offer a highly individualized learning and training environment focusing on individual strengths, skills and areas of challenge. The Career College format is based on our C.O.P.E.S. model of instruction. These core components (Communication, Organization, Positive Behavior Supports, Emotional Regulation, Social Skills and Sensory Needs) are the focus of our curriculum. We also offer a Summer C.O.P.E.S.© Course that is open to students entering their final year of high school and beyond.

Benefits Planning

Life's Plan, Inc.

901 Warrenville Road – Suite 500 Lisle, IL 60532

Phone: 630-628-7169 Fax: 630-628-2350

Email: See web site for directory

www.lifesplaninc.org

Life's Plan, Inc.

Provides trust options, case management and tax services for people with disabilities. This is a private company.

Park Lawn

Professional Support Services

5040 W. 111th Street Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Direct Line (708) 237-7341

Phone (708) 425-7377, Ext 232

Fax (708) 425-7899 Website: www.parklawn.com

Sharon Butterfield, MSW

Licensed Social Worker

Helping families navigate the funding maze, services, and post high school options.

Sage Planning

910 Skokie Blvd, Suite 102 Northbrook, IL 60062

Phone: 847-509-4300 Fax: 847-272-0212

Website: www.sageplanning4life.com

Sage Planning

Guides families through the maze of financial issues for individuals with special needs and their families. This is a private company.

Social Security Administration

552 Houbolt Ave. Joliet, IL 60431

Phone: 800-772-1213 TTY 800-325-0778

Website: www.ssa.gov

Social Security Administration

Publishes "Red Book on Work Incentives" and "Understanding Supplemental Security Income". Benefits available for disability retirement and survivor benefits; free booklet available that highlights range of benefits.

HDA - Health and Disability Advocates

205 West Randolph, Suite 510 Chicago, IL 60606

Phone: 312-223-9600 Fax: 312-223-9600

Website: www.hdadvocates.org

Provide information on SSI and SSDI. SSI Advocates for policies that promote economic security and health coverage. They also provide direct legal services for issues of disability and medicaid eligibility. Their website includes a area called Help for Parents with information on specific programs.

(Nonprofit)

Illinois Benefits Planning Projects City of Chicago

Phone: 800-322-3722 TTY 217-785-4828

Website: dscc.uic.edu

Illinois Benefits Planning Projects City of Chicago

This group works in tandem with the City of Chicago's Mayoral office for citizens with disabilities to develop programs which match peer groups of children with appropriate social, recreational, and educational programs.

The Dignity Group

Thomas J. Reilly 1163 East Ogden Avenue Suite - 705 Naperville Illinois 60563

Phone: 630-681-1119

The Dignity Group

Resource planning for families with disabled family members. This organization aids in establishing secure plans for current and future needs.

Family Benefit Solutions Sherri Schneider, President

1110 W. Lake Cook Road – Suite 150 Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Phone: 847-279-8506 Fax: 847-279-8507

Family Benefit Solutions

Offers assistance with financial planning.

College Resources

Joliet Junior College

Disability Services

Joliet Junior College (A-1125) Main Campus 1215 Houbolt Road Joliet, IL 60431

Romeoville Campus RMA-1037 Phone: 815-280-2230 Offices

Fax: 815-280-2820

Phone: 815-280-2230 Office

Fax: 815-280-2820

Email: DisabilityServices@jjc.edu Website: www.jjc.edu/disability-services

Joliet Junior College

Formerly StAR - Department that assists students with the appropriate documentation with special needs services.

Approves and ensures necessary accommodations are in place to implement students' needs based on ADA & Rehabilitation Act 504.

Joliet Junior College

Academic Skills Center:

Academic Skills Supervisor, Reading specialist

Placement Testing (COMPASS): COMPASS Test Coordinator

1215 Houbolt Road (A-1138) Joliet, IL 60431

Phone: 815-280-2261 or 815-280-2284

Email: academicskillscenter@jjc.edu

Website: www.jjc.edu/info/academic-skills-

center/Pages/default.aspx

Joliet Junior College

Coordinates testing in order to help determine placement of student-based on skills measured.

Joliet Junior College

Director of Financial Aid Financial Aid Office (A-1020) 1215 Houbolt Road Joliet, IL 60431

Phone: 815- 280-2528 Fax: 815-280-2547

Email: finaid@jjc.edu

Website: www.jjc.edu/financial-

aid/Pages/default.aspx

Joliet Junior College

Contact at Joliet Junior College for all facets of financial aid.

College of Dupage (COD)

Center for Access and Accommodations Student Services Center – Room 3249

Phone: 630-942-2154, 630-942-4260

TTY: 630-858-9692 Fax: 630-942-2071

Website:

 $www.cod.edu/student_life/student_services/access$

_acccommodations/index.aspx

College of Dupage (COD)

The community college providing services to people in DuPage County. This is the office for persons with special needs.

Morraine Valley Community College

Center for Disability Services Building S, Room S114 Palos Hills, Il 60465-0937

Phone: 708-974-5711 Fax: 708-974-8330 TTY: 708-974-9556

Website: www.morainevalley.edu/ student-success/disability_services

Morraine Valley Community College

A community college in Cook County. This is the office for persons with special needs.

Counseling Services

Bridges to a New Day

215 West Romeo Road Romeoville, IL 60446

Phone: 815-838-2690 Fax: 815-838-2692

Website: www.bridgestoanewday.org

Bridges to a New Day

This is a charitable organization providing prevention, intervention and educational services which foster non-violence in the lives of children and adults.

Cornerstone Behavioral Health Services

800 Black Road Joliet, IL 60435

Phone: 815-727-6667

Website: www.cornerstoneservices.org

Cornerstone Behavioral Health Services

Provides assessment, case management, community housing, outpatient services, vocational rehabilitation and crisis intervention. Call to determine eligibility and availability.

Trinity Services, Inc. Behavioral Health

301 Veterans Parkway New Lenox, IL

Phone: 815-717-1700

Website: www.trinity-services.org

Trinity Services, Inc. Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health Program is designed to assist individuals with mental illness to live independent lives. The program has three major components: Day Treatment Services, Community Living Programs, and the Centers for Dual Diagnosis.

Will County Mental Health Services

Main Office 501 Ella Avenue Joliet, IL 60433

Phone: 815-727-8521 Fax: 815-725-8484

Website: www.willcountyhealth.org

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center (Joliet Service)

Office:

409 West Jefferson Joliet Illinois 60435

Phone: 815-768-8750

Website: www.auntmarthas.org

Will County Mental Health Services

Provides community mental health services for persons with mental illnesses and addictions.

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center (Joliet Service)

Assists family and youth in crisis. (Housing, Relationships, Homeless Youth, Youth Needing Family Intervention, Counseling)

Employment Resources

Career Access Network (A Division of Trinity Services, Inc.)

Career Access Network 352 W. Maple Suite C New Lenox, IL 60451

Phone: 815-462-3652

Website: www.trinity-services.org

Career Access Network (A Division of Trinity Services, Inc.)

Career Access Network provides organized and planned services to assist persons with disabilities in securing career employment. Helps to assess skills and aid in placement of an appropriate job. Acts as initial contact for client and employer. Provides support for client, on-site if needed. Funded by Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Career Solutions (A Division of Cornerstone Services, Inc.)

2174 Oneida Street Joliet, IL 60435

Phone: 815-727-6665

Website: www.cornerstoneservices.org

Career Solutions (A Division of Cornerstone Services, Inc.)

Helps to assess skills and aid in placement of an appropriate job. Acts as initial contact for client and employer. Can accompany client on an interview and aid employers in understanding of clients strengths and weaknesses. Provides support for client, on-site if needed. Funded by Department of Rehabilitation Services.

Illinois Department of Employment Security

Apprenticeship Information Hire the Future

2400 Glenwood Ave. Joliet, IL 60435 Phone: 312-793-9290

Website: www.ides.illinois.gov

Illinois Department of Employment Security

Provides linkages and resources for the local apprenticeship programs. IDES is your direct link to Illinois workforce

services: job placement and referrals, unemployment insurance, employment and training programs, career and labor market information, payroll tax filing, and more!

Illinois Job Link Website: www.illinoisjoblink.com

Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

Rehabilitation Counselor 1617 W. Jefferson Street Joliet Illinois 60435

Phone: 815 730-4200 TTY: 888- 472-0932 Fax: 815 730-4224

Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services Employment /Training Assistance

Acts as a liaison by meeting with client's families. Aids in integrating services with employment and further education programs after high school.

Insite Training Systems (A Division of Insite Training Systems (A Division of Sertoma Centre) **Sertoma Centre**) Assistant Director of Employment Services Helps to assess skills and aid in placement of an 9730 South Western, Suite 204 appropriate job. Acts as initial contact for client and employer. Can accompany client on an Evergreen Park, IL 60805 interview and aid employers in understanding of Phone: 708-371-9790 clients strengths and weaknesses. Provides Fax: 708-499-6177 support for client, on-site if needed. Funded by Department of Rehabilitation Services. Job Corps **Job Corps** 1101 Mills Road Job Corps provides academic, vocational, and Joliet, IL 60433 social skills training. Job Corps also evaluates needs of individuals on a case-by-case basis for those with mental health, behavior, or learning Phone: 815-727-7677 815-727-7052 needs to ensure these needs can be Fax: Phone: 800-733-5627 - nation wide accommodated and provided. This program is government funded and free to participants. Website: http://www.jobcorps.gov **Ray Graham Association Ray Graham Association** 901 Warrenville Road - Suite 500 Supporting adults with disabilities to find employment. Funded by Department of Lisle, IL 60532 Rehabilitation Services. Phone: 630-620-2222 IL Relay 711 Website: www.ray-graham.org Illinois workNet: Workforce Services Division Illinois workNet: Workforce Services Division of Will County of Will County 2400 Glenwood Ave. Employment services for individuals, seeking Joliet, IL 60435 training or support. Must test at 7th grade reading and math level to Phone: 815-727-4444 815-727-1276 access services. Fax:

Website: www.jobs4people.org

Sertoma Centre, Inc. Insite Training Systems

Administrative Offices & Employment Training 4343 W. 123rd Street Alsip, IL 60803

Phone: 708-371-9700 Fax: 708-371-9747

Email:info@sertomacentre.org Website: sertomacentre.org

Sertoma Centre, Inc.

Offers a sheltered workshop environment where clients go to work with supervision in a supportive setting. For the client in need of additional help for success.

Insite Training Systems

Community-based assessment is conducted on the actual job site, allowing an individual to "try out" a job and demonstrate to employers their work ethic.

Health Resources

All Kids Program

Phone: 866-ALL-KIDS (1-866-255-5437)

TTY: 877-204-1012

Website: www.allkids.com

All Kids Program

Complete healthcare program available to children age 18 or younger. All Kids is based on family income and can pay for doctors visits, hospital visits, dental care, vision care, prescription drugs, medical equipment, mental health services and more.

The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center

20901 LaGrange Rd., Suite #209 Frankfort, IL 60423

Phone: 815-464-8247 Toll Free: 866-931-1110 Fax: 708-206-1171 Illinois Relay: Dial 711

Website: familyvoicesillinois.org

The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information and Education Center

This is a free service for families of children and youth with special needs, providing referrals, trainings, and linkages.

Illinois Department of Human Services Illinois Department of Human Services Home Services Program Division of Rehabilitation Services Home Services 1617 W. Jefferson Street Joliet, IL 60435 Assessment and reassessment for home service programs. Provide services to individuals with severe disabilities so they can remain in their Phone: 800-843-6154 Fax: 815 730-4224 homes and be as independent as possible. Website: www.dhs.state.il.us Aunt Martha's West Joliet Community Health **Aunt Martha's Health Centers** Center Aunt Martha's has partnered with Provena Saint 333 N. Madison – Suite 150 Joseph to provide primary care, pediatrics and women's health services to families in need. Joliet, IL 60435 Phone: 877-692-8686 Also the East Joliet Community Health Center 1200 Eagle Street Joliet, IL University of Illinois at Chicago; Division of University of Illinois at Chicago; **Division of Specialized Care for Children** Specialized Care for Children (UIC/DSCC) Chicago Administrative Office Serving children with special health care needs. 1919 W. Taylor Street Chicago, IL 60612 Phone: 800-322-DSCC(3722). Fax: 217-558-0773 TTY 217-785-4828 Website: dscc.uic.edu Will County Health Department **Will County Health Department** Main Office Provides comprehensive public health programs 501 Ella Avenue and primary health care and dental services for medically under-served residents. Joliet, IL 60433 Phone: 815-727-8480 Fax: 815-725-8484

National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability - NCHPAD

1640 W. Roosevelt - Suite 711 Chicago, IL 60608-6904

Phone: 800-900-8086 (voice/TTY)

Fax: 312-355-4058 Email: ncpad@uic.edu

Website: http://www.nchpad.org/

National Center on Physical Activity and Disability

This site provides information and resources that can enable people with disabilities to become as physically active as they choose to be.

Recreation Resources

Plainfield Park District

23729 W. Ottawa St. Plainfield, IL 60544

Phone: 815-436-8812

Website: www.plfdparks.org

Plainfield Park District

Plainfield Park District provides recreational opportunities for all residents, as well as offers diversified programs and activities that provide personal enjoyment, contribute to a sense of self-fulfillment, and enhance the quality of life of its residents.

Tri County Special Recreation

201 Normantown Road Suite LL East Romeoville, IL 60441

Phone: 815-407-1819 Fax: 815-407-1829

Website: www.tricountysra.org

Tri County Special Recreation

To serve the community & enhance quality of life by providing opportunities that enhance an individual's spiritual, mental, physical, & emotional well being.

Special Rec. of Joliet and Channahon (SRJC)

3000 W. Jefferson Street Joliet, IL 60435

Phone: 815-741-7275 Ext. 169

Fax: 815-741-3082

Website: www.jolietpark.org

Special Rec. of Joliet and Channahon (SRJC)

Recreational programs for special needs individuals of all ages. Extension of the Park Districts of Joliet and Channahon.

Provides programs through reciprocity with Joliet Special Recreation. Students from Plainfield receive 70% fee reimbursement.

Lily Cache Special Recreation Association (LCSRA - Bolingbrook Park District)

201 Recreation Drives Bolingbrook IL 60440

Phone: 630-739-1124 TTY: (630) 739-2286

Website: www.bolingbrookparks.org/en/lcsra

Formerly Joliet/Bolingbrook Special Rec. Assoc. (JBSRA)

Recreational programs for special needs individuals of all ages. An extension of the Bolingbrook Park District.

Bolingbrook Park District

To serve the community & enhance quality of life by providing opportunities that enhance an individual's spiritual, mental, physical, & emotional well being.

Lockport Township Park District

1911 S. Lawrence Ave. Lockport, IL 60441

Phone: 815-838-1183

Website: www.lockportpark.org

Lockport Township Park District

Lockport Township Park District has an array of recreational opportunities available, meeting the recreational needs of residents.

Residential Resources

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center (Joliet Service)

409 West Jefferson Street Joliet, IL 60435

Phone: 815-722768-8750 Fax: 815-722-4201

Website: www.auntmarthas.org

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center (Joliet Service)

Assists family and youth in crisis. (Housing, Relationships, Homeless Youth, Youth Needing Family Intervention, Counseling)

Beverly Farm Foundation, Inc.

6301 Humbert Road Godfrey, IL 62035

Phone: 618-466-0367 Fax: 618-466-3642

Website: www.beverlyfarm.org

Beverly Farm Foundation, Inc.

Private, nonprofit residential and training center for people age 18 or older with developmental disabilities, physical, health and behavioral challenges.

Catholic Charities Daybreak Center – Homeless Shelter	Catholic Charities Daybreak Center – Homeless Shelter
611 East Cass St. Joliet, IL 60432 Phone: 815-774-4663 ext. 206 Website: catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/daybreak-center/	Operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Also provides transitional housing for homeless female head of households.
Community Living (Narvick House) 1015 Oriole Drive Morris, IL 60450 815-942-6702	Provides support and guidance to adults in cooking, budgeting, banking, shopping, other daily living activities, and community integration. The goal of this program is to obtain independent living skills.
Cornerstone Services, Inc.	Cornerstone Services, Inc.
Director of Residential Alternatives 777 Joyce Road Joliet, IL 60436	Provides residential assistance to persons with DHS approval and funding. Person must have documented developmental disability
Phone: 815-727-6666 Fax: 815-723-1177	
Website: www.cornerstoneservices.org	
Easter Seals	Easter Seals
212 Barney Dr. Joliet, IL 60435 Phone: 815-725-2194 Fax: 815-725-5150	Provides residential assistance to persons with DHS approval and funding. Person must have documented developmental disability
Website: www.easterseals.com/joliet/	
Housing Authority of Joliet	Housing Authority of Joliet
6 S. Broadway Joliet, IL 60436	This is a public housing program.
Phone: 815-727-0611, ext. 100 Fax: 815-727-2073	
Website: www.hajoliet.org	

The State of Illinois,

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS),

Division of Rehabilitation Services,

Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education Roosevelt (ICRE-R)

1950 West Roosevelt Road

Chicago, IL 60608 Phone: 312 433-3125

Email: susan.devitt@illinois.gov
Website: www.icre-roosevelt.org

ICRE-Roosevelt (ICRE-R) Transition Program is for students with a physical disability ages18-22 years. Students complete their high school credits and bank their diploma. The Program focuses on: Independent Living, Post-Secondary Education/Vocational Training, and Pre-Employment with dormitory living provided Monday – Friday. The student returns home each weekend, at no cost to the family. Students must

Trinity Services, Inc.

301 Veterans Parkway New Lenox, IL 60451

Phone: 815-485-4781 Fax: 815-485-5975

Trinity Services, Inc.

Provides residential assistance to persons with DHS approval and funding. Person must have documented developmental disability

Transportation Resources

Regional Transportational Authority

Cityu Hall Room 100 121 North LaSalle Street Chicago, IL

Northeast Senior Center (Levy Center) 2019 W. Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL

Southeast Senior Center (Atlas Center) 1767 E. 79th Street Chicago, IL

Phone: 312-663-HELP (4357) Website: www.rtachicago.org

Regional Transportational Authority

Ensures that issues relating to accessibility by those with special needs are addressed. Aids in enabling access via modifications.

RTA Reduced Fair Program

Phone: 312-913-3110 (To request an application) Website: www.rtachicago.com (To print an application)

Ride Free Program

Phone: 312-913-3110 (To find a Ride Free registration site)

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) ADA Paratransit Certification Program

Phone: 312-663-HELP (4357 voice) TTY: 312-913-3122

RTA Reduced Fair Program and Ride Free Program

The RTA Reduced Fare Program offers reduced fare on fixed-route transprotation services for qualified individuals on CTA, Pace, and Metra. Qualified individuals are 65 years of age or older or have a qualifying disability.

The RTA Ride Free Program offers free rides on CTA, Pace, and Metra fixed-route for older adults and people with disabilities who meet income eligibility requirements through the State of Illinois' Benefit Access Program.

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) ADA Paratransit Certification Program

ADA Paratransit is a shared ride, advanced reservation, origin-to-destination service for persons with disabilities who are unable to use the regular fixed route public transit service because of their disability.

Visual / Deaf Resources

The Chicago Lighthouse The Chicago Lighthouse Youth Transition Coordinator Comprehensive program for people who are blind 1850 W. Roosevelt Road or visually impaired. Chicago, IL 60608 Phone: 312-666-1331 Fax: 312-243-8359 TTY: 312-666-8874 Website: www.chicagolighthouse.org **Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center Formerly Voices of Vision** 125 Tower Drive Provides books on tape and the equipment to Burr Ridge, IL 60527 listen to them free of charge for persons with visual deficits or reading disabilities. Requires Phone: 800-426-0709 signed affidavit from Illinois licensed healthcare provider. Website: www.illinoistalkingbooks.org Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission 528 South Fifth Street – Suite 209 Springfield Illinois 62701 Provides support system for the Hearing Impaired Phone: 877-455-3323 V/TTY: 877-261-2698

Fax: 217 557-4492

www.illinoios.gov/idhcc