



**A Transition Resource Guide  
for  
Professionals, Individuals and Their Families**

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# Advocacy/Family Services

## **ASPIRE**

Westchester, IL

Aspire Living helps adults across Chicagoland ages 18 and up who have autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome or other disabilities to achieve greater levels of independence through formal, informal and real life experiences.

Phone: 708.547.3955

[www.aspirechicago.org](http://www.aspirechicago.org)

## **Autism Home Support Services**

Northbrook, IL

Support for students with ASD across multiple disciplines

Phone: 847.564.0822

[www.autismhomesupport.com](http://www.autismhomesupport.com)

## **Connect to Community**

Connect to Community is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to finding and facilitating purposeful employment and enjoyment for adults with developmental disabilities.

Email: [ConnectToCommunityInc@gmail.com](mailto:ConnectToCommunityInc@gmail.com)

<http://www.connecttocommunityinc.org/>

## **Equip for Equality**

Chicago, IL

Advancing the civil and human rights of people with disabilities in Illinois

Contact: Rachel Weisberg

[rachelw@equipforequality.org](mailto:rachelw@equipforequality.org)

Phone: 312.341.0022

<https://www.equipforequality.org/>

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**From Advocacy to Action**

Special Education Advocacy Services

Contact: Pam Labellarte

Email: [plabellarte@gmail.com](mailto:plabellarte@gmail.com)

Phone: 847.401.5053

**Gigi's Playhouse**

Changing the way the world views Down syndrome and sending a global message of acceptance for all.

Contact: Jean Boyle

Email: [jboyle@gigisplayhouse.org](mailto:jboyle@gigisplayhouse.org)

Phone: 847.885.6149

<https://gigisplayhouse.org/>

**Have Dreams**

Evanston, Illinois

Autism Resource Agency

Contact: Bobbi Goldman, Sara Lamontagne

Email: [slamontagne@havedreams.org](mailto:slamontagne@havedreams.org)

Phone: 847.905.0702

**Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission**

Des Plaines, IL

Protects the rights and promotes the welfare of persons with disabilities

Contact: Susan Creighton

Phone: 312.793.5900

Email: [susan.creighton@illinois.gov](mailto:susan.creighton@illinois.gov)

<http://www.illinois.gov/sites/gac/Pages/default.aspx>

**Illinois Spina Bifida Association**

Improves the quality of life of children, adults and families living with spina bifida

Contact: Matt Larsen

773.444.0305

Email: [info@i-sba.org](mailto:info@i-sba.org)

<https://www.i-sba.org/>

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**Jewish Child & Family Services**

Develops individualized care for children, teens and adults with autism, advanced illness, special education, individual and family counseling and more.

Contact: Lori Bell

Phone: 773.467.3838

Email: [LoriBell@jcfs.org](mailto:LoriBell@jcfs.org)

<https://www.jcfs.org/>

**JJ's List**

Evanston, IL

Where businesses and people with disabilities connect

Phone: 847-869-0000

<https://www.jjslist.com/>

**Mano a Mano Family Resource Center**

Non-Profit Human/Public Services

Contact: Astrid Martinez

Email: [amartinez@mamfrc.org](mailto:amartinez@mamfrc.org)

Phone: 847.502.0679

**National Association of Down Syndrome**

NADS

Contact: Chris Newlon

Email: [cnewlon@nads.org](mailto:cnewlon@nads.org)

Phone: 847-644-9010

**Protected Tomorrows**

Lincolnshire, IL

Plan a brighter, better future for your loved ones with special needs

Contact: Roberta Costion

Phone: 847.522.8086

Email: [rcostion@protectedtomorrows.com](mailto:rcostion@protectedtomorrows.com)

<https://protectedtomorrows.com/>

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**Supported Futures, Inc.**

Oakbrook, IL

Contact: Andrew Daly

Phone: 630.518.9095 ext. 703

Email: [adaly@supportedfutures.com](mailto:adaly@supportedfutures.com)

[www.supportedfutures.com](http://www.supportedfutures.com)

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# Educational & Transition Programs

## **Bethesda College at Concordia University Wisconsin**

Bethesda College is a unique, exciting, two-year postsecondary certificate program designed to meet the higher education

Contact: Carol J. Burns

Email: [carol.burns@cuw.edu](mailto:carol.burns@cuw.edu)

Phone: 262.243.2712 or 847.224.0637

## **Beyond Akeela**

Quirky teen summer camp - Beyond Akeela is held at Camp Akeela Wisconsin located on the campus of Lawrence University.

Email: [Kevin@campakeela.com](mailto:Kevin@campakeela.com)

Phone: 866.680.4744

<http://beyondakeela.com>

## **CIP (College Internship Program)**

Post-secondary transition program that provides individualized college academic, career, and independent living support for young adults with High-Functioning ASD, ADHD, and other learning differences.

Contact: Ashley Sullivan

Email: [asullivan@cipbloomington.org](mailto:asullivan@cipbloomington.org)

Phone: 765.618.6803

## **Clemson Life**

Clemson, SC

Contact: Sarah Henderson

Phone: 864-656-0501

Email: [shende5@clemson.edu](mailto:shende5@clemson.edu)

<https://www.clemson.edu/education/culife/about/index.html>

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**College of Lake County - Office for Students with Disabilities**

Grayslake, IL

Accommodations at the College Level

Contact: Michalina Ostrander

Email: [mdubay@clcollinois.edu](mailto:mdubay@clcollinois.edu)

Phone: 847.543.2782

[www.osd.clcollinois.edu](http://www.osd.clcollinois.edu)

**College of Lake County - Personal Success Program**

Community College/ Professional Development Department

Contact: Sandy Schwab

Email: [sschwab@clcollinois.edu](mailto:sschwab@clcollinois.edu)

Phone: 847.543.2990

<http://wpdi.clcollinois.edu/professional/personalSuccess.asp>

**Elmhurst Learning & Success Academy (ELSA) at Elmhurst College**

ELSA is a four-year college experience program for young adults with differing abilities.

Contact: Tim Ahlberg

Email: [ahlbergt@elmhurst.edu](mailto:ahlbergt@elmhurst.edu)

Phone: 630.617.3309

<http://www.elmhurst.edu/elsa>

**Harper College**

Career Skills Institute

Contact: Linda Hoeck

Email: [lhoeck@harpercollege.edu](mailto:lhoeck@harpercollege.edu)

Phone: 847.925.6000 x2076

[www.harpercollege.edu](http://www.harpercollege.edu)

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**Judson University - RISE Program**

Through the RISE Program, we give students with intellectual disabilities the college life experience in a Christian community and build upon strengths for independent living and customized employment.

Contact: Andrew Burless

Email: [andrew.burless@judsonu.edu](mailto:andrew.burless@judsonu.edu)

Phone: 847.628.2525

Website: <http://www.judsonu.edu/RISE/>

**Lindamood Bell Learning Processes**

Assistance with reading and comprehension

740 N. Waukegan Road, Suite 207

Deerfield, IL 60015

(additional locations as well)

Contact: Stephanie Lobraco

Phone: 847.914.0771

Email: [stephanie.lobraco@lindamoodbell.com](mailto:stephanie.lobraco@lindamoodbell.com)

<https://lindamoodbell.com/>

**Orchard Village**

Contact: Nancy J. Otter

Phone: 847.976.1800 ext. 130

Email: [nancy\\_otter@orchardvillage.org](mailto:nancy_otter@orchardvillage.org)

**No Boundaries/SEARCH Inc.**

Supporting people with intellectual disabilities in the area of building job-readiness skills

No Boundaries: Evanston, IL

SEARCH Inc.: Mt. Prospect, IL

Phone: 847.869.0000

Contact: Tricia Luzadder

Email: [tluzadder@search-inc.org](mailto:tluzadder@search-inc.org)

<https://search-inc.org/>

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### **Options for College Success**

Options for College Success is a non-profit organization that supports learning challenged post-secondary students to develop the skills, confidence and courage necessary to transition into living independently and working productively. To do this we provide individualized support in the following areas: Academics, Career, Independent Living Skills, Social Skills/Social Activities and Finance Management.

Contact: Shoshana Axler

Email: [snaxler@optionsforcollegesuccess.org](mailto:snaxler@optionsforcollegesuccess.org)

Phone: 847.425.4797

[www.optionsforcollegesuccess.org](http://www.optionsforcollegesuccess.org)

### **P.A.C.E. at National Louis University**

Path to Academics, Community and Employment (P.A.C.E) is a three-year, post-secondary certificate program designed to meet the transitional needs for young adults with multiple intellectual, learning and developmental disabilities.

Contact: Mallory Pratt

Email: [mpratt6@nl.edu](mailto:mpratt6@nl.edu)

Phone: 312.261.3281

[www.nl.edu/pace](http://www.nl.edu/pace)

### **Shepherds College**

Union Grove, WI

Shepherds College (SC) is a fully accredited, three-year, post-secondary program for students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) that trains and equips students through the development of vocational, social and life skills. SC offers accredited certificate programs in the following specialty majors; Technology, Culinary Arts and Horticulture. Students live on campus as they transition through three phases of residential housing including dorms, houses and apartments. The aim of both the occupational and residential training programs is to equip students for a lifetime of gainful employment, increased independence and community inclusion.

Contact: Eric Lindsay

Email: [elindsay@shepherdscollege.edu](mailto:elindsay@shepherdscollege.edu)

Phone: 262.878.6359

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### **UI REACH Program at the University of Iowa**

The University of Iowa REACH Program is a two-year, transition, certificate program for college students with disabilities, including but not limited to; autism, learning disabilities, down syndrome, and intellectual disabilities. UI REACH provides a Big Ten college experience to empower young adults to become independent, engaged members of the community. Courses, campus life, and career preparation assist students in reaching their full potential. UI REACH strives to maintain contact with alumni to encourage them to become independent adults by utilizing the independent living and career-related skills they learned in the program.

Contact: Michael Petkewec

Email: [michael-petkewec@uiowa.edu](mailto:michael-petkewec@uiowa.edu)

Phone: 319.384.2127

<http://www.education.uiowa.edu/services/reach>

### **University of Illinois Extension 4H Youth Development**

Grayslake, IL

Extension provides practical education you can trust to help people, businesses, and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future. U of I Extension offers educational programs in five broad areas: energy and environmental stewardship, food safety and security, economic development and workforce preparedness, family health, financial security and wellness and youth development

Contact: Sandra Pez

Email: [kstee2@illinois.edu](mailto:kstee2@illinois.edu)

Phone: 847-223-8627

<http://web.extension.illinois.ed/lm/>

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# Government Services, Financial, & Legal/Guardianship

## **AllKids**

Healthcare coverage options for kids

866.255.5437

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1601>

## **Asian Human Services**

We are a state-certified facilitator that specializes in adult employment and youth transition services for individuals living with physical, cognitive and mental disabilities. Our case managers encourage clients to discover their potential, cultivate job-readiness, and guide them through the employment process. We adapt our services to meet each client's strengths, goals, and ambitions.

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Email: [info@ahschicago.org](mailto:info@ahschicago.org)

Phone: 847.720.3504

<https://www.ahschicago.org/>

## **Community Alternatives Unlimited**

Individual Service Coordination agency

Contact: Stephen Joseph

Email: [sjoseph@cau.org](mailto:sjoseph@cau.org)

Phone: 773.867.4000

[www.cau.org](http://www.cau.org)

## **Benefit Boost**

Benefit Advocacy SSI, Medicaid assist

Contact: Teri Bodeman

Email: [tbodeman@benefitboost.net](mailto:tbodeman@benefitboost.net)

Phone: 847.561.1722

## **Bureau of Blind Services- Division of Rehabilitation Services**

Specialized services for persons who are blind or visually impaired

Contact: Regina Cook-Glanton

Email: [regina.cook-glanton@illinois.gov](mailto:regina.cook-glanton@illinois.gov)

Phone: 815.967.3774

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**DayOne PACT**

DayOne PACT is a non-profit social service organization founded in 1981. Our Life Management Services® division provides guardianship, trusteeship, and private case management services to individuals with disabilities throughout Northeastern Illinois as well as in other states. The service areas include: Guardianship of Person and/or Estate, Power of Attorney for Healthcare and/or Property, Executor of Estate, Trusteeship and individualized case management. We serve individuals of all ages with an array of disabilities including developmental disabilities, mental illness, brain injuries, and issues of aging. Our Life Management Services® division is a fee-for service program.

Contact: Missy Mrkvicka

Email: [mmrkvicka@dayonepact.org](mailto:mmrkvicka@dayonepact.org)

Phone: 331.481.4231

**Family Benefit Solution**

Helps families with Government Benefits and future planning

Contact: Sherri Schneider

Email: [benefithelp@aol.com](mailto:benefithelp@aol.com)

Phone: 847.279.8506

**Life's Plan Inc.**

Provide Trust services to individuals with disabilities and their families

Contact: Scott Nixon

Email: [snixon@lifesplaninc.org](mailto:snixon@lifesplaninc.org)

Phone: 630.628.7189

[www.lifesplaninc.org](http://www.lifesplaninc.org)

**Rimland Services**

Evanston, IL

Services for people with autism including: residential, health & wellness, community inclusion and developmental (work) training.

Contact: Tina Jones

Phone: 847.328.4090 ext. 233

Email: [tjones@rimland.org](mailto:tjones@rimland.org)

<https://www.rimland.org/>

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# Health & Mental Health

## **Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois**

Chicago, Illinois

A managed care organization, has retail, and Medicare products.

Contact: Margaret Sugrue

Email: [margaret\\_sugrue@bcbsil.com](mailto:margaret_sugrue@bcbsil.com)

Phone: 312-653-2341

## **Clinical Connections, Inc.**

Bannockburn, IL

To provide Comprehensive Clinical Services fostering relationship- based communication, learning, and imagination in a custom designed environment with quality materials. Therapies include: developmental, speech, occupational and physical.

Contact: Kari Becker

Email: [karibccx@gmail.com](mailto:karibccx@gmail.com)

Phone: 847.234.0688

<http://www.theclinicalconnections.com>

## **Erie Family Health Center**

Motivated by the belief that healthcare is a human right, we provide high quality, affordable care to support healthier people, families and communities.

Contact: Gerry Linda

Email: [glinda@eriefamilyhealth.org](mailto:glinda@eriefamilyhealth.org)

<https://www.eriefamilyhealth.org/>

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### **Health Care and Family Services**

Chicago, Illinois

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is responsible for providing healthcare coverage for adults and children who qualify for Medicaid, and for providing child support services to help ensure that Illinois children receive financial support from both parents.

Contact: John Hoffman

Email: [John.K.Hoffman@illinois.gov](mailto:John.K.Hoffman@illinois.gov)

Phone: 866-311-1119

Website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/agencies/hfs>

### **Independence Center, Inc.**

Social service agency, providing mental health services to adults age 18 and older

Contact: Nasrullah Khan

Email: [nkhan@icwaukegan.org](mailto:nkhan@icwaukegan.org)

Phone: 847.360.1020 x1032

### **Josselyn Center**

Social service agency in Northfield, IL., providing mental health services.

Contact: Robin Doerge

Phone: 847.441.5600

Email: [info@josselyn.org](mailto:info@josselyn.org)

<https://www.josselyn.org/>

### **Kadima**

Synagogue in Deerfield, serving surrounding communities

Phone: 847.229.9500

<http://www.nrck.org/events>

### **Keshet**

Northbrook, IL

Contact: Jen Phillips

Email: [jphillips@keshet.org](mailto:jphillips@keshet.org)

847.877.6320

[www.keshet.org](http://www.keshet.org)

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**Lake County Health Department**

Lake County Substance Abuse and Mental Health services.

Contact: Tisha Eisenmenger

Email: [teisenmenger@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:teisenmenger@lakecountyil.gov)

Phone: 847.377.8214

**NAMI**

Mental health organization

Contact: Nancy Sussman

Phone: 847.951.4168

Email: [csomervill@namiccns.org](mailto:csomervill@namiccns.org)

We educate, advocate, listen, & lead.

<https://www.nami.org>

**New Transitions Counseling Center**

Therapy & counseling services in Palatine, IL

Email: [info@new-transitions.com](mailto:info@new-transitions.com)

Contact: Trent Culver

Phone: 847-416-0593

Email: [tculver@new-transitions.com](mailto:tculver@new-transitions.com)

<http://www.new-transitions.com>

**Nicasa Behavioral Health Services**

We are a social service agency that provides addiction and mental health prevention, intervention and treatment services throughout Lake County.

Contact: Elizabeth Thielen

Email: [ethielen@nicasa.org](mailto:ethielen@nicasa.org)

Phone: 847.201.7099

**Thresholds**

Thresholds provides healthcare, housing, and hope for thousands of persons with mental illnesses and substance use disorders

Contact: Amanda Billings

Email: [amanda.billings@thresholds.org](mailto:amanda.billings@thresholds.org)

<http://www.thresholds.org>

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**UIC Division of Specialized Care for Children**

DSCC is a statewide program that partners with Illinois families and communities to help children with special healthcare needs connect to services and resources.

Contact: Tresa Gille and Yolanda Peterson

Email: [ypeters@uic.edu](mailto:ypeters@uic.edu)

Phone: 217.558.2350

**Yellow Brick Program**

Therapeutic services in Evanston, IL.

Contact: Jung Mi Yi

Phone: 847-869-1500 ext. 233

<https://www.yellowbrickprogram.com>

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# Independent Living

## **Anixter: Adult Community Transition (ACT Program in Highland Park)**

Community-based day program for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

847.266.0052

[www.anixter.org](http://www.anixter.org)

## **Clearbrook**

Arlington Heights, IL

Nonprofit organization provides services to children, adults and families impacted by developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Contact: Hollis Gorrie

Email: [klynch@clearbrook.org](mailto:klynch@clearbrook.org), [dboggs@clearbrook.org](mailto:dboggs@clearbrook.org), [hgorrie@clearbrook.org](mailto:hgorrie@clearbrook.org)

Phone: 847.870-7711

## **Clearbrook Home-Based Services**

Arlington Heights, IL

Contact: Melinda Meyer

Phone: 847-385-5328

Email: [mmeyer@clearbrook.org](mailto:mmeyer@clearbrook.org)

## **Countryside Association Lakeside Center (Little City)**

Serving children and adults impacted by developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Contact: Joanne Kuhstoss

Email: [jkuhstoss@littlecity.org](mailto:jkuhstoss@littlecity.org)

Phone: (847) 540-3761 or 847-336-1700

## **Enriched Lifestyles for Adults (ELA)**

Run by NSSRA at the Center for Enriched Living in Riverwoods, IL

Day program for individuals with disabilities who are 22 years old or older

Contact: Becca Zajler

Email: [bzajler@nssra.org](mailto:bzajler@nssra.org)

Phone: 847.509.9400 ext. 6823 or 847.948.7001

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### **Helping Hand Rehab Center**

A nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with disabilities in Cook County and greater Chicagoland communities. We offer a wide range of person-centered programs and services that enhance the educational, therapeutic, residential, and employment opportunities for those we serve. Our programs and services include a school for children with autism, an outpatient clinic, high school transition services, community living homes, adult day and after-hours programming, and employment services.

Contact: Ceana Gates

Email: [Ceana.gates@hhcenter.org](mailto:Ceana.gates@hhcenter.org)

<https://www.hhcenter.org>

### **Independence Center**

Provides comprehensive mental health services and supported housing with people with mental illness, located in Waukegan, IL.

Contact: Gene Maceron

Phone: 847.360.1020

Email: [GMaceron@icwaukegan.org](mailto:GMaceron@icwaukegan.org)

<https://icwaukegan.org>

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

Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL) is a non-residential, cross-disability organization governed and staffed by a majority of people with disabilities. We advocate for a fully accessible society that is inclusive of everyone. LCCIL believes that the disability community must have the freedom and opportunity to control our own lives.

Contact: Jenny Farley

Email: [jenny@lccil.org](mailto:jenny@lccil.org)

Phone: (847) 949-4440

<https://www.lccil.org/>

### **Little City**

Palatine, IL

Contact: Tim Gavin

Phone: 847-358-5510

Email: [tgavin@littlecity.org](mailto:tgavin@littlecity.org)

[www.littlecity.org](http://www.littlecity.org)

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**NorthPointe Resources**

NorthPointe's mission is to serve and to empower people with disabilities and/or mental illness to achieve their dreams. Our quality programs and services include; Adult Day Services, Home Based Support Services, Employment Services, Residential Services, and SOARR behavioral health services.

Contact: Anne Fahey

Email: [afahey@nri1953.org](mailto:afahey@nri1953.org)

Phone: 847.731.5753

**Search, Inc.**

Mount Prospect, IL

Supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in the areas of: Live, Learn, Work, Play  
Day services, employment, residential, after-school classes

Phone: 847.789.7155

<https://search-inc.org/>

**SHORE Community Services**

Skokie, IL

Adult day programming, vocational services & in-home support for adults and children with developmental disabilities.

Contact: Lisa Wright

Phone: 847.581.0200

Email: [lwright@shoreservices.org](mailto:lwright@shoreservices.org)

[www.shoreinc.org](http://www.shoreinc.org)

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# Recreational

## **Arts of Life**

We advance the creative arts community by providing artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities a collective space to expand their practice and strengthen their leadership

Contact: Hilary Marshall

Email: [hmarshall@artsoflife.org](mailto:hmarshall@artsoflife.org)

Phone: 847.486.0808

## **Best Buddies Illinois**

Contact: Jamie Davis

Email: [JameDavis@bestbuddies.org](mailto:JameDavis@bestbuddies.org)

Phone: 312.828.9313

[www.bestbuddiesillinois.org](http://www.bestbuddiesillinois.org)

## **Camp Red Leaf**

Ingleside, IL

Respite weekends and summer camps

Contact: Lauren Malecki

Phone: 847-740-5010 ext. 2224

Email: [Lmalecki@jcys.org](mailto:Lmalecki@jcys.org)

<https://jcys.org/camp-red-leaf/>

## **Center for Enriched Living (CEL)**

The Center for Enriched Living exists to enhance and enrich the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities – from youth through adulthood. CEL’s programs provide opportunities for our members to learn, grow and connect to the community in our newly renovated Universally Designed building in Riverwoods. CEL has been designated as a 4-star charity by Charity Navigator for 4 consecutive years. More information available at

Contact: April and Sierra Shum

Email: [April@CenterForEnrichedLiving.org](mailto:April@CenterForEnrichedLiving.org)

Phone: 847.315.9921

[www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org](http://www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org)

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**Chicago Blackhawks Special Hockey**

Contact: Melanie Freeman

Email: [chicagotomahawks@gmail.com](mailto:chicagotomahawks@gmail.com)

[www.chicagospecialhockey.com](http://www.chicagospecialhockey.com)

**City of Evanston - Special Recreation**

Evanston, IL

847-448-4311

<http://cityofevanston.org/parks-recreation/recreation/special-recreation>

**Equestrian Connection**

Lake Forest, IL

Therapeutic horseback riding

847-615-8696

[www.equestrianconnection.org](http://www.equestrianconnection.org)

**GLASA (Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association)**

Lake Forest, IL

Phone: 847.283.0908

Email: [info@glasa.org](mailto:info@glasa.org)

[www.glasa.org](http://www.glasa.org)

**Horsefeathers Equestrian Therapy at Liberty Farms**

Lake Forest, IL

Phone: 847.234.2411

Email: [info@horsefeatherscenter.org](mailto:info@horsefeatherscenter.org)

[www.horsefeatherscenter.org](http://www.horsefeatherscenter.org)

**Institute for Therapy Through the Arts**

Evanston, Highland Park, Lake Forest, Winnetka

847.905.1500

[www.musicinstituteofchicago.org](http://www.musicinstituteofchicago.org)

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**Camp Negeela Midwest**

Summer camp

Contact: Lauren Maleck, Graham Little and Jim Bueche

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Phone: 847.740.5010

**Misericordia**

Chicago, IL

773.273.4744

[www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com)

**Mundelein Area AYSO Very Important Player (VIP) Special Recreation Soccer**

Our VIP Soccer program is a not-for-profit award-winning program which provides a community-based recreational soccer experience for players ages 4-adult with special needs. Players are coaches and supported by certified Coaches and Referees and trained Youth and Young Adult Buddies. We offer outdoor seasons in the Fall and Spring, and Indoor options in the Winter. Mundelein Area VIP Soccer Program is proud to be celebrating our 15th Anniversary this year!

Contact: Valerie Walker

Email: [vipsoccer@earthlink.net](mailto:vipsoccer@earthlink.net)

Phone: 847.721.9246

[www.ayso372.org](http://www.ayso372.org)

**No Wall Too Tall**

I advocate on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and offer a rock climbing retreat weekend at Devil's Lake, WI to help develop independent living skills and confidence while learning how to overcome obstacles. For more information please visit

[www.NoWallTooTall.com](http://www.NoWallTooTall.com)

Contact: Steve Cerve

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Phone: 224.406.5882

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**Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA)**

Crystal Lake area, IL

Contact: Sarah Holcombe

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815.459.0737

<https://www.nisra.org>

**Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA)**

NSSRA provides and facilitates year-round recreation programs and services for people with disabilities who live in the partner communities. NSSRA is an extension of the Park Districts of Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Lake Bluff, Northbrook, Northfield, Wilmette and Winnetka; the Cities of Highwood and Lake Forest; and the Village of Riverwoods. Enriched Lifestyles for Adults (ELA) is a year-round day program for individuals with disabilities who are 22 years of age and older. ELA was created to enhance the quality of life and offer well-rounded daytime program options for adults with disabilities.

Contact: Becca Zajler

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Phone: 847.509.9401 ext. 6824

[www.nssra.org](http://www.nssra.org)

**Our Place of New Trier Township**

Winnetka, IL

Vocational and recreational programs/services

847.446.6773

[www.ourplaceofnewtrier.org](http://www.ourplaceofnewtrier.org)

**Special Gifts Theater, Inc.**

Northbrook, IL

847.564.7704

[www.specialgiftstheatre.org](http://www.specialgiftstheatre.org)

**Special Olympics of Illinois**

Lincolnshire, IL

Contact: Brenden Cannon

Email: [bcannon@soill.org](mailto:bcannon@soill.org)

224.377.8378

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**Special Recreation of Central Lake County**

Vernon Hills, IL

Contact: Courtney Rutkowski

Email: [crutkowski@sraclc.org](mailto:crutkowski@sraclc.org)

Phone: 847-816-4866

<https://sraclc.org>

**Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County**

Waukegan, Illinois

Contact: Jenny Simpson

Email: [jsimpson@rlapd.org](mailto:jsimpson@rlapd.org)

Phone: 847.740.9828

<http://www.waukeganparks.org/sprecrec.html>

**Special Recreation Services of Northern Illinois**

Year round community recreation programming for individuals with a disability or special need.

Contact: Kari Robinson/Katie Kozuch/Jessica Findley

Email: [jschneider@waukeganparks.org](mailto:jschneider@waukeganparks.org)

Phone: 847.360.4762

**Total Link 2 Community**

Northbrook, IL

Customized employment services and recreational program

Contact: Drew Philips

Phone: 847.899.1212

Email: [dphilips@totallink2.org](mailto:dphilips@totallink2.org)

[www.totallink2.org](http://www.totallink2.org)

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**Youthage Culinary**

Mundelein, IL

Our culinary program is designed to give youth an opportunity to experience hands on training while preparing them for real life experiences involving food service. The students will also learn Leadership Skills, Organizational Skills, and how to live healthier life styles.

Contact: Robert Collins

Phone: 847.865.1010

Email: [youthageculinary@gmail.com](mailto:youthageculinary@gmail.com)

<http://www.youthageculinary.com/>

**Warren Special Recreation**

Recreational activities in the Gurnee, IL area

Contact: Susan Markey

Phone: 847-244-6619

Email: [smarket@warrentownship.net](mailto:smarket@warrentownship.net)

[www.warrentownship.net/wrsa](http://www.warrentownship.net/wrsa)

**Young Life Capernaum**

Libertyville, IL

Social/recreational organization (faith-based)- club, camp, buddies

Contact: Tasha Taylor

Email: [taylortasha4@gmail.com](mailto:taylortasha4@gmail.com)

Phone: 847.735.9595

[www.lakecountyyounglifecapernaum.com](http://www.lakecountyyounglifecapernaum.com)

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# Residential

## **Avenues to Independence**

Day Programs, employment and residential programs

Phone: 847.541.5250 ext 108 or 847.292.0870

Email: [admissions@avenuestoindependence.org](mailto:admissions@avenuestoindependence.org) or [avenues@avenuestoindependence.org](mailto:avenues@avenuestoindependence.org)

<https://avenuestoindependence.org/>

## **Center for Independent Futures**

Support individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities to live independently in the community.

Contact: Margaret Tanenberg

Email: [MTanenberg@independentfutures.com](mailto:MTanenberg@independentfutures.com)

Phone: 847.328.2044

## **Day One Pact**

Lisle, IL

Residential, employment services for people with developmental disabilities

Contact: Melissa MrKvicka

Email: [mmrkvicka@dayonepact.org](mailto:mmrkvicka@dayonepact.org)

[www.dayonepact.org](http://www.dayonepact.org)

## **DD Homes/Frances House (Homewood)**

DD Homes is a quality-focused network dedicated to providing exceptional residential services to adults with developmental disabilities and other cognitive impairments.

Contact: Colleen Brooks

Email: [cbrooks@ddhomes.net](mailto:cbrooks@ddhomes.net)

Phone: 708.922.9722

<http://ddhomes.net>

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**Glenkirk**

Northbrook, IL

Clinical, healthcare, residential, vocational services.

Contact: Barbara Adenekan

Phone: 847.272.5111 ext. 716

Email: [badenekan@glenkirk.org](mailto:badenekan@glenkirk.org)

<https://glenkirk.org>

**Lamb's Farm**

Supporting people with developmental disabilities in the area of vocational, recreational and residential.

Contact: Kris Buckley

Email: [kbuckley@lambsfarm.org](mailto:kbuckley@lambsfarm.org)

<https://www.lambsfarm.org>

**Little City Foundation**

Residential and day programs for Children and adults with disabilities

Contact: Lori Clark

Email: [lclark@littlecity.org](mailto:lclark@littlecity.org)

Phone: 847.221.7804

**Misericordia**

Located in Chicago's north-side, Misericordia's provides residential, employment, recreational, health services, etc. to people with developmental disabilities.

Contact: Therese Loftus

773.973.6300

Email: [tloftus@misericordia.com](mailto:tloftus@misericordia.com)

<https://www.misericordia.com>

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**NorthPointe Resources**

NorthPointe's mission is to serve and to empower people with disabilities and/or mental illness to achieve their dreams. Our quality programs and services include; Adult Day Services, Home Based Support Services, Employment Services, Residential Services, and SOARR behavioral health services.

Contact: Anne Fahey

Email: [afahey@nri1953.org](mailto:afahey@nri1953.org)

Phone: 847.731.5753

[www.northpointeresources.org](http://www.northpointeresources.org)

**Orchard Village**

Skokie, IL

Orchard Village partners with families and communities to optimize personal outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities through a community-integrated approach.

Contact: 847.967.1800

Email: [ov@orchardvillage.org](mailto:ov@orchardvillage.org)

<https://orchardvillage.org/>

**Ray Graham Association**

Provides residential, independent living, life skills training, family support and recreational services for people with developmental disabilities.

Contact: Kristen Garcia

Email: [kristeng@raygraham.org](mailto:kristeng@raygraham.org)

Phone: 630.279.7106 ext. 152

<https://www.ray-graham.org>

**Resources for Community Living****Rolling Meadows, IL**

Housing/ support services

Contact: Karen Asta

Email: [Rclkaren@aol.com](mailto:Rclkaren@aol.com)

Phone: 847.701.1554

<http://rcl2bindependent.org/>

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**UCP Seguin**

Provides independent living, vocational and residential services to people with disabilities.

Contact: Karen Baltrus

Email: [kbaltrus@seguin.org](mailto:kbaltrus@seguin.org)

<https://ucpseguin.org/>

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# Transportation

## **PACE Suburban Bus**

Public transportation

Contact: Tim Dilsaver

Email: [timothy.dilsaver@pacebus.com](mailto:timothy.dilsaver@pacebus.com)

Phone: 847.224.4282

[www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com)

## **Regional Transportation Authority - RTA Public Transit Training Orientation**

Public Transportation provider

Contact: Jillian McClain

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Phone: 312.913.3114

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# Vocational

## **Anixter Center North**

We offer many programs that support people with disabilities in a variety of ways: Community support, educational services, job training, employment, health and behavioral health services and residential & housing support.

Contact: Caren Kaplan, Cindy Krebbs, Stephen Stocker

Email: [askanixter@anixter.org](mailto:askanixter@anixter.org)

<http://www.anixter.org/>

## **The Evaluation Center**

We provide Vocational/Transitional Evaluations

Contact: Lisa Byrne, Tami Sherman

Email: [lisa.byrne@theevalcenter.org](mailto:lisa.byrne@theevalcenter.org)

Phone: 630.202.7907

## **Goodwill Great Lakes**

The U.S. Navy, Goodwill and SourceAmerica (formerly NISH) are partnered at Great Lakes through the AbilityOne Program (formerly JWOD). This program provides good employment opportunities for people with disabilities to overcome barriers to employment through training so that they become independent and self-sustaining individuals who contribute to their communities. Goodwill provides trained professionals who work directly and closely with individuals with severe disabilities.

Contact: Anka Starke

Email: [anka.starke@goodwillsew.com](mailto:anka.starke@goodwillsew.com); [sarah.heisler@goodwillsew.com](mailto:sarah.heisler@goodwillsew.com)

Phone: 847.774.3002

## **Jewish Vocational Services**

Supporting people with disabilities in the area of vocational training and placement.

Contact: Nanette Cohen

Phone: 312.673.3404

Email: [nanettecohen@jvschicago.org](mailto:nanettecohen@jvschicago.org)

[www.jvschicago.org](http://www.jvschicago.org)

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**Lamb's Farm**

Supporting people with developmental disabilities in the area of vocational, recreational and residential.

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