

DayOneNetwork

CAS Resource List

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Advocacy

- FITE Center for Independent Living – advocacy, info & referral, peer counseling, independent skill training – 630-264-4349 105 East Galena Blvd., Aurora 60505 (for Kane and Kendall counties) or 847-695-5818 730 West Chicago St., Elgin 60123 (for Northern Kane and McHenry counties) www.fitecil.org
- Equip for Equality – Self-Advocacy Assistance Program, Legal Services Program, Training Institute on Disability Rights, Public Policy Program, Abuse Investigation Unit – 20 North Michigan Ave, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602 312-341-0022 or 800-537-2632
- Legal (See Legal Assistance)
- School (See School Advocates)
- Abuse/Violation of Rights
Office of the Inspector General – 901 Southwind Rd., Springfield, 62703
800-368-1463
Department of Children and Family Services – 1-800-252-2873
Department of Public Health
Guardianship and Advocacy – State of Illinois Building – 160 North LaSalle Suite S-500, Chicago, IL 60601 312-793-5900
- The Dignity Group – 402 Orleans Ave, Naperville 60565 630-681-1119
- Adults with Disabilities, Domestic Abuse Program Investigation 800-368-1463 or dhsig2s@dhs.state.il.us
- Parents Anonymous - Jan Welch, 7431 Astor Ave., Hanover Park 60103 630-837-6445 or jwelch@nc.chas1.org
- Life Care Innovations, Inc. – advocates for medical management/bill payment, etc. (fees for service average \$75+/ hour)
- Advocates Network of Kane/Kendall Counties – This group is affiliated with the Arc of Illinois and works on legislative advocacy to provide housing, transportation, recreation and day programs for multi-need children and adults. www.advocatesnetwork.net advocates4disabled@yahoo.com contact Gina Richter 847-515-8998

Assistive Technology

- Illinois Assistive Technology Program – Springfield 217-522-7985, www.iltech.org (Extensive guide to obtaining technology online! – Illinois Assistive Technology Program Funding Manual)
- Creative Mobility – 2930 Campton Hills Road, St. Charles 60175 630-587-8100 adaptive bikes and wheelchairs

Autism

- Little Friends – Life Skills Basics for children 3-10, contact Patti Boheme at 630-281-1895 or Mary Crissman at 630-281-1897
- The Autism Program – University of Illinois at Chicago, 1747 W. Roosevelt Road, Room 155, Chicago, IL 60608 312-413-4624 www.theautismprogram.org diagnosis & treatment services

- Autism Society of America – Far west Suburban IL chapter, P.O. Box 9166, Downers Grove, 630-969-1094
- Spectrum (Support for Individuals with Autism) 630-552-7906
- Kane County Autism Information and Support Group – kanecountyautism@hotmail.com Karen Lotito 630-299-7932
- Premier Gymnastics – Open gym time for children with Autism 9-10:30 a.m. \$10 2066 Mitchell Dr., Oswego
- TACA-Illinois – tacanow.org/Illinois
- Meet Up Mothers of Autism (Asp., SPD, PDD-Nos) www.meetup.com/autismmoms/ Shari 630-946-6159
- The Morris Autism Meet up Group <http://autism.meetup.com/242/>
- Charlie’s Gift – Behavioral/Counseling Services, OT, PT, ST, Social Skills Groups, Parent Support Groups, Sibling Support Groups, IEP Support and Information, Summer Camp – Support for children and families facing Autism, Sensory Processing, and Related Disorders. 1048 W. Ogden Ave., Suite 130, Downers Grove, IL 60515 630-810-1200

Behavioral Counseling

- Dr. Tim Wahlberg – 630-845-9644 www.tcpsych.com
- AID – 1230 N. Highland, Aurora 60506 630-859-1291
- Child Behavior Clinic (UIC) – 1640 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago 60608 312-413-1871

Camps

- Trips, Inc. – www.tripsinc.com or 1-800-686-1013 P.O. Box 10885, Eugene, OR 97440
- The Guided Tour, Inc. – www.guidedtour.com or 7900 Old York Rd., Suite 111-B, Elkins Park, PA 19027-2310
- Able Trek Tours – www.abletrektours.com or 800-205-6713 P.O. Box 384, Reedsburg, WI 53959
- Camp Little Giant – Carbondale, IL 618-453-1121
- Camp Hope – Lake Forest, IL 312-401-4673 – children through young adults
- Farm and Ranch Camps at The Center – Palos Park, IL 708-361-3650
- Camp Red Leaf – summer camp, respite weekends, travel camp – children and adults
- Easter Seals camping programs – 309-365-8021 – Hudson, IL
- Walcamp Outdoor Ministries – Kingston, IL 815-784-5141
- Camp Forever – AID 630-966-4252
- Special Outdoor Adaptive Recreation (SOAR) – Camp Algonquin, Algonquin, IL 60102 312-726-4011 or www.childstudy.org/campsoar Outdoor and recreational opportunities for children and teens ages 7-19 with any physical and/or cognitive special needs.
- Camp Courageous Monticello Iowa www.campcourageous.org
- <http://nichcy.org/publications/camps>

Cerebral Palsy

- Parent Association for CP Children – 708-532-1916

Counseling

- AID – 400 Highland Ave., Aurora 60506 630-966-4000
- Dr. Tim Wahlberg – 630-845-9644 www.tcpsych.com
- Ecker Center – crisis intervention, medication management, psychiatric diagnosis, recovery programs, supportive residences – 1845 Grandstand Place, Elgin, IL 60123 847-695-0484 or crisis services at 847-888-2211
- FITE Center for Independent Living – peer counseling 630-264-4349 105 East Galena Blvd., Aurora 60505 (for Kane and Kendall counties) or 847-695-5818 730 West Chicago St., Elgin 60123 (for Northern Kane and McHenry counties) www.fitecil.org
- Andrea Lea Goudy – social worker, 106 W. Wilson St., Batavia, IL 60510-1975 630-879-9132
- Sexuality/dating – Robert Crown Center for Health Education 630-325-1900 or www.health-ed.org
- Larkin Center – two parenting groups for families with children/adolescents that have noncompliant behaviors/defiant. One group for parents of children 6-12, another for parents of children 13-18.
- Mary B. McMillan, LCSW 630-399-2935 <http://marymcmillan.com>
- Jessica Dyrek – counselor w/ experience working with adults with developmental disabilities www.jessicadyrek.com, 630-272-4966 Hinsdale, IL
- Dr. Terrance Cozad – 847 N. Center St., Naperville 630-527-6322
- Dr. David Goodman – Psychologist Associates 405 Illinois Ave, Unit 2C, St. Charles, IL 60174 630-377-3535 (adults)
- Edgewood Clinical Services – 1288 Rickert Dr., Suite 120, Naperville, 14722 S. Naperville Rd., Suite 112, Plainfield 60544

Dentists

- College of DuPage Dental Hygienist Clinic- \$60 deep cleaning – (not covered by Public Aid), general exams and other treatments
- Illinois Masonic Dental Clinic – 773-871-1461 811 West Wellington, Chicago, 60657 accepts Medicaid
- Milestone Dental Clinic – 275 North Phelps, Rockford, IL 61108 815-484-8678, all ages, individuals with developmental disabilities only, Public Aid, private insurance, sliding fees
- Northgate Dental 630-892-0015
- Dr. Albert Andrew – 630-554-0445 Oswego
- Dr. Robert Hren – 630-665-8330
- Dr. Robert Rada – 708-482-3636 1415 West 47th St., LaGrange, 60525 – Public aid
- Dr. Sameera Hussain & Associates - 1264 North Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60505 630-901-9028 Medicaid accepted, fluent in English and Spanish

- Dr. Rita Tamulis-Shea – 3290 Executive Dr., Joliet 60431 815-729-2277 specializes in treating individuals with developmental disabilities
- Dr. Silfies – dental checkup and cleaning \$25 847-888-2332
- Loyola Dental School – reduced rates
- Smiles Forever, 137 E. Lake St., Bartlett, IL 60103 630-540-1177 (takes Medicaid)
- Fairview Dental in Aurora – provides free dental work on “poverty days” a few days a month. <http://www.fairviewdental.net/>

Down Syndrome

- Down Syndrome Parent Group – (Elgin) 847-885-6216
- Ups for Downs (parent group) – 708-795-7470
- Nuestros Angelos – Fox Valley, Aurora Hispanic play group for children with Down Syndrome that meets once a month at GiGi’s playhouse. 630-778-PLAY foxvalley@gigisplayhouse.org

Education

- Sex education curriculum for individuals with developmental disabilities – <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/ppnne/development-disabilities-sexuality-31307.htm>

Epilepsy

- Epilepsy Support Group 630-289-5577, 630-933-3907 (Winfield)

Financial Assistance (rent, bills, benefits, etc.)

- Mulliganeers (kids) www.mulliganeers.org charity for children
- Free cell phone program – for anyone who is already qualified for Medicaid, Federal Public Housing, Section 8, Low Income Energy Assistance, Free School Lunch Programs, SSI, food stamps, Temporary Assistance and must have a valid mailing address with no one else in the home using this service. Free cell phone with 60 free minutes per month. No contract/fees. <https://www.safelinkwireless.com/EnrollmentPublic/benefits.aspx>
- Family Benefit Solutions – Assistance/guidance in obtaining and planning for government benefits – Buffalo Grove, 847-279-8506 or benefithelp@aol.com
- Two Rivers Head Start –
1455 Sullivan Ave., Aurora 60506 630-907-9522
222 E. Wilson St., Batavia 60510 630-406-1444
620 Wing St., Elgin 60123 847-717-6048
- Kendall County Health/Human Services – 811 W. John St., Yorkville 60560 630-553-9100
- Subsidized Housing Authority – 1630 W. Plum St., Aurora 60506 630-859-7210
- Elgin Housing Authority – 12 S. State St., Elgin 60123 847-742-3853
- Section 8 Housing – Kendall county – 811 W. John St., Yorkville, 60560 630-553-8036

- Red Cross – 121 N. 2nd St. #G, St. Charles 60174 630-443-8844
- Township Offices – Kane County

Aurora- 80 N. Broadway Ave., Aurora 60505	630-897-8777
Batavia- 100 N. Island Ave., Batavia 60510	630-879-1392
Big Rock- 408 Rhodes St., Big Rock, 60511	630-556-4340
Blackberry- 43W390 Main St. Rd., Elburn 60119	630-365-6568
Burlington- 434 S. Main St., Burlington 60109	847-683-2555
Campton- 4N498 Town Hall Rd., St. Charles 60175	630-377-5705
Dundee- 557 Barrington Ave., Dundee 60118	847-426-9717
Elgin- 729 S. McLean Blvd., Elgin 60123	847-741-2045
Geneva- 2202 Gary Ln., Geneva 60134	630-232-3604
Hampshire- 193 N. State St., Hampshire 60140	847-683-4480
Kaneville, 2S101 Harter Rd., Kaneville, 60144	630-557-2858
Plato, 10N924 Rippburger Rd., Plato Center 60170	847-464-5121
Rutland, 16N491 Powers Rd., Gilberts	847-428-6560
St. Charles, 1725 Dean St., St. Charles, 60174	630-584-3942
Sugar Grove, 70 First St., Sugar Grove, 60554	630-466-4283
Virgil Township, 302 Willow St., Maple Park, 60151	815-827-3383
- Consumer Credit Counseling
 - Family Counseling Service – 70 S. River St., Aurora 60506 630-844-3327
 - Family Service Association of Greater Elgin – 847-695-3680 22 S. Spring St, Elgin 60120
- Joseph Cooperation- 630-906-9400 x20 Build/rehab for safe and livable housing for low/middle income families
- Telephone bill reduction
 - Ameritech – 1-888-256-5378
 - Verizon – 1-800-483-4600
- Kendall Grundy Community Action – Home services for low income families 630-553-9100 x805
- DHS – assistance with child care payments – based on income- for Kendall county call the Child Care Resource & Referral in Joliet at 1-800-641-4622, for Kane county call YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral in Glen Ellyn at 630-790-8137, for Cook county call Day Care Action Council of Illinois in Chicago at 773-769-8000
- Energy Assistance (electric & gas) 630-232-9530
- United Health Care Children’s Foundation – grants up to \$5,000 awarded to parents and legal guardians of disabled children for health care services and medical equipment inadequately covered by insurance. www.uhccf.org
- Angel Food Ministries – purchase box of food at ½ the grocery store price, orders placed at Caring Hands Thrift Shop in Yorkville, pick up in Oswego one Saturday per month
- The Simple Gifts Foundation – www.thesimplegiftsfoundation.org Assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities in DuPage county and surrounding communities
- Schering-Plough Cares – provides low-income patients w/out commercial prescriptions drug insurance coverage access to Schering-Plough allergy, asthma,

dermatology and cardiovascular prescription products. Application completion needed by patient and physician 1-800-656-9485

Future Planning/Trusts

- DayOne Reliance, Inc. – 630-879-2277 ext. 113 or 630-208-5555 Bonnie McCrary bmccrary@dayonereliance.org
- Strohschein Law Group – Linda Strohschein 630-377-3241 40W310 LaFox Rd. Suite I-2, St. Charles, 60175 www.StrohscheinLawGroup.com
- The Law Offices of Brian Rubin & Associates 1110 W. Lake Cook Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-1997 847-279-7999 or toll free 866-867-8246 email@SNFP.net
- Rick L. Law, attorney at law - 1225 Corporate Dr., suite 104 Aurora, IL 60505 800-810-3100 www.lawelderlaw.com
- Theresa M. Varnet, Spain, Spain & Varnet P.C., Attorneys at Law Suite 2220 33 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60602 312-220-9112 www.spainpainvarnet.com
- Law offices of Charles G. Rose – Sycamore, IL 815-756-2000

Guardianship

- DayOne Reliance, Inc. – can refer to lawyer – 630-879-2277 ext. 113 or 630-208-5555 Bonnie McCrary bmccrary@dayonereliance.org
- Strohschein Law Group – Linda Strohschein 630-377-3241 40W310 LaFox Rd. Suite I-2, St. Charles, 60175 www.StrohscheinLawGroup.com
- The Law Offices of Brian Rubin & Associates 1110 W. Lake Cook Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-1997 847-279-7999 or toll free 866-867-8246 email@SNFP.net
- Rick L. Law, attorney at law - 1225 Corporate Dr., suite 104 Aurora, IL 60505 800-810-3100 www.lawelderlaw.com
- Theresa M. Varnet, Spain, Spain & Varnet P.C., Attorneys at Law Suite 2220 33 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60602 312-220-9112 www.spainpainvarnet.com
- Everyone is Welcome - Mark Doyle 630-584-0970
- Prairie State Legal Services - 10 E. State Avenue, St. Charles, IL 60174 630-232-9415
- The Law Office of Amy Handler Kasallis 847-940-0044
- Wayne F. Weiler – 1700 N. Farnsworth Ave. Suite 25, Aurora, IL 60505 630-820-8989 (does some pro bono)

Government programs

- Social Security Administration – 1325 North Lake St., Aurora 630-264-2683 790 Fletcher Dr., Elgin 60123 847-742-5096 www.ssa.gov
- DRS – Personal Assistants, Homemaker Services, Maintenance Home Health, Electronic Home Response, Home Delivered Meals, Adult Day Care, Assistive

Equipment, Environmental Modification, Respite Services - 630-892-7417
Aurora, 847-931-2360 Elgin

- Public Aid – 361 W. Indian Trail, Aurora 60506 630-844-7400, 600 S. State Street, Elgin 60123 847-931-2700, 1304 Game Farm Rd, Yorkville 630-553-7743, Hoffman Estates – Cook Co. 847-843-1400 link to Medicaid application <http://health.illinois.gov/hfs.html>
- FITE Center for Independent Living – advocacy, info & referral, peer counseling, independent skill training – 630-264-4349 105 East Galena Blvd., Aurora 60505 (for Kane and Kendall counties) or 847-695-5818 730 West Chicago St., Elgin 60123 (for Northern Kane and McHenry counties) www.fitecil.org Will assist with Circuit Breaker Application/Ride Free benefits for people with disabilities, Will assist with applications for Social Security, Medicaid, and LIHEAP (Gas and Energy)
- www.DisabilitySecrets.com – questions/answers regarding benefits

Homeless Shelter

- Wayside Cross Mission – 215 E. New York St., Aurora, IL 630-892-4239
- Wayside Cross Mission – 441 Dundee Ave., Elgin 847-695-4405 – daytime shelter
- Hessed House – 659 S. River St., Aurora 630-897-2156
- Lazarus House – 214 Walnut St., St. Charles 630-587-2144
- PADS of Elgin – open Oct. 1 – April 30 – 164 Division St., Elgin 847-608-9744
- Kendall County PADS – operates mid October – April. Various churches throughout the county provide shelter on designated days of the week. www.kendallcares.org

Home Health Care/Visiting Nurses

- Visiting Nurse Association of Fox Valley – 1245 Corporate Blvd., Aurora 60504 630-978-2532 or 115 S. Grove St., Ste. 206, Elgin 60120 630-978-2532

Housing

- DayOneNetwork - assistance in finding providers and funding for housing for individuals with developmental disabilities. Children's Residential, CILA, Intermittent CILA, ICF/DD Availability dependent on various factors including but not limited to eligibility per federal and state regulations, DHS funding crisis criteria, PUNS selection, Medicaid, agency openings, etc. 630-879-2277
- Rental Housing Support Program for Kane County, Illinois – see attached information
- FITE Center for Independent Living – advocacy, info & referral, peer counseling, independent skill training – 630-264-4349 105 East Galena Blvd., Aurora 60505 (for Kane and Kendall counties) or 847-695-5818 730 West Chicago St., Elgin 60123 (for Northern Kane and McHenry counties) www.fitecil.org Will assist searching for housing in an independent setting – Section 8 and subsidized housing. Also assists in searching for roommates.

- Canterbury Place Apartments – affordable housing for people with special needs – 615 Meadow Creek Drive, DeKalb, IL 60115 815-748-4433

Immigrants and Refugee assistance

- World Relief 630-906-9546
- Centro De Informacion 847-695-9050 28 N. Grove Ave, Elgin, IL 60120 – will assist w/ various needs including citizenship

Internet Resources

- www.uhccf.org
- www.kanecountyresourceguide.org
- www.illinoislifespan.org
- www.lifeteamassociates.com (Brian King)
- www.abilitations.com
- www.oneplaceforspecialneeds.com

Legal Assistance

- Dignity Group – 630-681-1119
- Prairie State Legal Services – 630-232-6925, 847-662-6925, for those in Kendall county call 815-935-2750
- Legal Assist Foundation – 847-475-3703
- Wayne F. Weiler – 1700 N. Farnsworth Ave. Suite 25, Aurora, IL 60505 630-820-8989 (does some pro bono)
- Kane County States Attorney – Mary Moon 630-208-5324
- Kendall County States Attorney – Eric Weis
- Pro Bono Advocates Legal Services 312-325-9155
- Elder Law - 1225 Corporate Dr., suite 104, Aurora, IL 60505 800-810-3100
www.lawelderlaw.com
- Equip for Equality - 20 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602 312-341-0022
- Farley Law - 1155 S. Washington St., Suite 202, Naperville, IL 60540 630-368-0103 FarleyLaw@aol.com
- Special Education Advocacy Clinic (part of the DePaul University College of Law) – Nelly Aguilar (contact) – 312-362-5856 – provides legal representation to financially distressed parents of children with DD. The clinic’s clients will be represented by law students under the supervision of a clinical law instructor. The clinic also conducts special education law trainings for families, professionals and students.
- www.illinoislegalaid.org

Medical Supplies

- Shield Healthcare – 747 Church Road, Suite G11, Elmhurst, IL 60126 800-675-8847 provides diapers and other medical equipment such as that needed for tube

feeding for individuals with Medicaid eligibility – up to 10 diaper changes per day for individuals over 3 years of age

Mental Illness

- AID – 1230 N. Highland, Aurora 630-859-1291
- Ecker Center – crisis intervention, medication management, psychiatric diagnosis, recovery programs, supportive residences – 1845 Grandstand Place, Elgin, IL 60123 847-695-0484 or crisis services at 847-888-2211
- Gateway
- Larkin Center – counseling, residential services, therapeutic day school for individuals with mental illness
- SASS Cares for KIDS Crisis Mental Health Services – provides mental health services for children and youth who may need hospitalization for mental health care 1-800-345-9049

Parent Groups

- Parents As Advocates – support group for parents raising children with special needs. Meets on the second Saturday of each month to network, socialize and hear presentations from guest speakers. Contact info: Carrie Capes capfamily@verizon.net or 815-827-4902
- Advocates Network of Kane/Kendall Counties – This group is affiliated with the Arc of Illinois and works on legislative advocacy to provide housing, transportation, recreation and day programs for multi-need children and adults. www.advocatesnetwork.net advocates4disabled@yahoo.com contact Gina Richter 847-515-8998
- Summit School – Parent Café Support Group – This is a support group for parents that have a child on the autism spectrum. Contact – Jennifer Glim 847-488-9207 ext. 233 jglim@summitelgin.org
- Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities – Connects parents in Illinois who are working toward creative solutions to the issues facing children with developmental disabilities: employment, volunteering or other day programming, housing, finding and funding personal supports for our children throughout their days, transportation, etc. <http://health.roups.yahoo.com/group/IPADDUnite/> email jeruefamily@comcast.net (Naperville based)
- MUMS of Southern Fox Valley (Mothers United for Moral Support) – Members are in the Oswego/Aurora area and share information pertaining to special needs children email – foxvalleymums@yahoogroups.com
- Celebrate Differences – Celebrate Differences is committed to supporting individuals with disabilities in reaching their fullest potential by providing positive resources and information to families, communities and health care providers while promoting a competent level of awareness and understanding. Parent group, scholarships, library, information. Rebecca Christiansen 630-885-3006 admin@celebratedifferences.org 2758 B Route 34 Suite 327, Oswego, IL 60543

- U46 graduates (special ed) and their parents – graduate ages currently 17-40, cheryl082@sbcglobal.net
- District 300 parent group – Judy Ruffulo 847-551-1780 (part of ISBE Parent Mentor Project, www.pepartnership.org)

Physicians that accept Medicaid

- TriCity Health Partnership – 318 Walnut St., St. Charles, 630-377-9277 free physical for residents of Batavia, Geneva, and St. Charles
- Rush Copley Family Practice – Aurora, IL 630-879-4850
- Aunt Martha's
101 S. Broadway, Aurora 60505 630-896-7900
3003 Wakefield, Carpentersville 60110 847-851-8600
- Greater Elgin Family Care Center – 370 Summit St., Elgin 60120 847-608-1344
- North Aurora Orthopedic – free orthopedic shoes for individuals with Diabetes
- Internet physician search for Fox Valley area – www.foxdocs.com
- www.illinoishealthconnect.com
- Dr. Peter Heydemann – pediatric neurologist 2000 Ogden Ave., Aurora, IL 60504 312-942-4036 (In Aurora only one Wednesday per month, otherwise Chicago)

Post Secondary Education

- Elmhurst College – Elmhurst Life Skills Academy – 190 Prospect Ave., Elmhurst 60126 630-617-3752 elsa@elmhurst.edu four year full-time program
- PACE program – National-Louis University, Evanston – 2 year program for those with IQs of 70-90
- Waubensee Community College – Rt. 47 @ Harter Rd., Sugar Grove, IL 60554 630-466-7900, downtown Aurora satellite and Copley satellite offices
- College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 630-942-2567
- Elgin Community College – 1700 Spartan Dr., Elgin, IL 60123 847-607-1000
- Joshua O'Neill and Zeshan Tabani Enrichment Fund – financial assistance to young adults with Down Syndrome who wish to take post secondary classes or other classes to gain a variety of skills – Erin Geller egeller@ndss.org or visit National Down Syndrome Society website
- Shepherds College – Union Grove, WI www.shepherdscollege.org

Recreation

- Fox Valley Special Recreation Association – 2121 West Indian Trail, Aurora 60506 630-907-1114 or www.fvsra.org
- Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association – 815-459-0737 www.nisra.org
- Adaptasplash – 1900 Ogden Ave., Aurora, 60546 630-978-6280 swim program for children with physical disabilities
- Batavia Youth Baseball – P.O. Box 575, Batavia 630-406-8652 baseball teams for individuals with disabilities

- Best Buddies – 350 N. Orleans, Suite 9313, Chicago, IL 312-828-9313 1:1 friendships to people with cognitive disabilities
- Kendall County Special Olympics – 201 Garden St., Yorkville, 60560 630-553-5833
- Music Programs at Wheaton College Community School of the Arts – 630-752-5567 or www.wheaton.edu/csa The college provides two music programs for children with mild to profound physical and cognitive disabilities. Early childhood class for children ages 4-6 together with a caregiver or private piano lessons are available for children 7-12.
- National Sports Center for the Disabled – soccer development league for children ages 10-18 with physical challenges. Several Chicagoland locations Contact Scott Dameron 800-289-2071 or sdameron@nscd.org
- Ortho Kids – 302 Randall Rd., Geneva 630-208-3000 swim program for children with physical disabilities
- Pin Pal Bowling – 99 Ashlawn Ave., Oswego 60543 630-554-1719 bowling team for people with disabilities
- Sam’s Tae Kwon Do - 67 Boulder Hill Pass, Montgomery 60538 630-801-5183 Tae Kwon Do classes for individuals with disabilities
- Top Soccer – 39 Oswego Plains Dr., Oswego 60543 630-301-1985 or www.illinoistopsoccer.org National program created to bring soccer to children with special needs. There are several teams in the area to choose from. Each player will be assigned a buddy to assist them with practice and games.
- Voices of Vision – Talking Book Center, 127 S. First St., Geneva 800-227-0625 or <http://dupagels.lib.il.us/pages/voices.html> Talking books, Braille books, web-Braille, and catalogs are provided free of charge to anyone who cannot read conventional print because of a visual impairment or cannot hold the book due to a physical disability.
- Nuestros Angelos – Fox Valley, Aurora Hispanic play group for children with Down Syndrome that meets once a month at GiGi’s playhouse. 630-778-PLAY foxvalley@gigisplayhouse.org
- Premier Gymnastics – Open gym time for children with Autism 9-10:30 a.m. \$10 2066 Mitchell Dr., Oswego
- Haley’s Playground, Inc. – Sensory experiences through exercise, play, activities, sports, and dance. Classes for children, teens, and young adults. Class locations in Aurora and North Aurora www.haleysplayground.com contact Jackie Olson 630-777-5045

Residential

- For residential services for individuals w/ developmental disabilities (CILA, Intermittent CILA, ICF/DD, children’s residential) contact DAYONENETWORK
- Rental Housing Support Program for Kane County, IL - Subsidized apartments for extremely low and severely low income households in Kane County. Northern Kane County served by Ecker Center 847-695-0484 and The Association for Individual Development 847-931-6283; Central Kane County served by Lazarus House 630-587-5872; Southern Kane County served by Public

Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) 630-897-2165 and The Association for Individual Development 847-931-6283

Respite

- The Association for Individual Development – Carolyn Sharp 630-966-4100
- Visiting Angels – 21+ years of age needing assistance with medical issues and respite on a regular basis 630-879-5555
- Alden of Naperville – Chris Patton @ 630-983-0300 1525 Oxford Lane, Naperville – overnight, weekend, extended weekend, or week (not covered by Medicaid – try Senior Services’ Caregiver Relief Program) cost \$150/night
- Anixter – 773-465-3195
- Glenkirk – 847-998-8380
- Orchard Village – 847-967-1800
- Ray Graham – 630-620-2222
- Bednorz children’s Respite Home – 630-628-7252 Carolyn Eckert, children 6-18 can stay up to two weeks
- Trinity – 815-485-6197
- Little Friends – Saturday Respite Program for adolescents (12-16) with Asperger’s/High Functioning Autism, Lauren Friedrich – Respite Coordinator @ 630-939-2005
- United Cerebral Palsy – after-school respite, group respite and in-home respite
- DRS – Personal Assistants, Homemaker Services, Maintenance Home Health, Electronic Home Response, Home Delivered Meals, Adult Day Care, Assistive Equipment, Environmental Modification, Respite Services - 630-892-7417 Aurora, 847-931-2360 Elgin
- Marklund – Geneva, IL
- Our Children’s Homestead – DD funded respite or DCFS funded respite for children who are adopted or are in foster care 387 Shuman Blvd. Suite 335W, Naperville, IL 60563 630-369-0004
- New Era Support Services Inc. – offering services in the areas of personal care, homemaker, companion, etc. Services may be paid for using respite or DRS funding. 630-636-6892 Christianah@NESS-InhomeNonmedicalCare.com
NESS-InhomeNonmedicalCare.com

School Advocates

- Precision Education – education planning, parent coaching, IEP guidance, advocacy – 3714 Pandola Ave., Joliet 1-800-432-0170
info@PrecisionEducation.com Catherine Witcher, M. Ed, Founder
- George Akron – 815-455-7010 4615 Tile Line Rd., Crystal Lake, IL 60012 special education and SS Disability rep.
- Jude De Angelo – 630-801-3423 (for MI)
- My Child’s Advocate – Dick Winnchell 630-362-8691
- Everyone is Welcome – Mark Doyle – 630-584-0970
- Special Education Advocacy Clinic (part of the DePaul University College of Law) – Nelly Aguilar (contact) – 312-362-5856 –. The clinic conducts special

education law trainings for families, professionals and students. It also provides legal representation to financially distressed parents of children with DD. The clinic's clients will be represented by law students under the supervision of a clinical law instructor

- Tammera L. Lawson – parent/child advocate 48 Pembroke Rd., Montgomery, IL 60538 630-966-0927 tammera2526@aol.com professional advocate for Kendall, Kane, DeKalb, Will and DuPage counties. No due process.
- Dr. Jean M. Hess, Educational Spectrum of Services, edsosinfo@gmail.com, P.O. Box 7963, Aurora, IL 60507 859-536-2539
- Karen Mabie, Educational consultant – help in finding private school placement and residential services. Private pay. www.theschoolsolution.com
- Special Education Advocacy Center NFP – 2118 Plum Grove Rd., PMB#274, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 847-397-7011 www.specialedadvocacycenter.org seac@specialedadvocacycenter.org free legal services to low-income parents and caregivers of children w/ disabilities seeking to obtain appropriate educational services Service area: Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties.
- Law offices of Charles P. Fox – 847-205-9897 due process, legal representation in school meetings, educate parents 3700 Commercial Ave. Suite 6, Northbrook, IL 60062

Service Dogs

- Dogs for Disabilities, Inc. – 630-879-9561 P.O. Box 537, Batavia, IL 60519 www.dogsfordisabilities.com

Sibling Programs

- Giant Steps – www.giantstepsillinois.org Sibshop Workshops for siblings age 7-12 of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Nicole Allgood 630-455-5730, 8320 S. Madison, Burr Ridge, IL 60527
- Little Friends, Inc. Naperville Sibling Support Groups call 630-355-6533
- Communication Clubhouse in Downers Grove www.communicationclubhouse.com
- Community Therapy Services, Geneva, IL 630-208-8880 Super Sibs – recreational/therapeutic group for siblings of children who have special needs. Children ages 9-12
- Arlington Pediatric Therapy - Groups for 5-9 year olds and 10-13 year olds 847-255-8690
- Supporting Illinois Brothers and Sisters – www.sibsnetwork.org support organization for siblings of individuals with disabilities

Sign Language Interpreters

- Becky Charlton – 224-623-4358
- Dale Izenstark – 630-336-6166
- Sheila Kettring – 630-818-7804

- Connie Gush – 630-308-0684
- Web site www.idhhc.state.il.us

Skill Development (Adults)

- FITE Center for Independent Living – advocacy, info & referral, peer counseling, independent skill training – 630-264-4349 105 East Galena Blvd., Aurora 60505 (for Kane and Kendall counties) or 847-695-5818 730 West Chicago St., Elgin 60123 (for Northern Kane and McHenry counties) www.fitecil.org Time recognition and management, financial skills (learning values, budgeting, credit reports), math, spelling, reading, computer proficiency, job interview skills, rules of the road and road signs, PACE bus routes and schedules.

Specialized Health Care for Children

- Coach Care Center – children with chronic medical conditions only (see website)- Services: transitional care between home and hospital, medical day care, short-term respite care, private duty nursing care, diagnostic studies, sibling workshops, family fun days, health education camps, 7S. 721 Rt. 53, Naperville, 60540 630-271-9155 www.coachcarecenter.org
- DSCC – DuPage Regional Office 8205 South Cass Ave, Suite 110, Darien, IL 60561-5319 630-964-9887 or 1-800-455-2639 financial assistance for medical needs for children with a physical defect, disability or chronic illness

Support Groups

- Advocates Network of Kane/Kendall Counties - This group is affiliated with Arc of Illinois and works on legislative advocacy to provide housing, transportation, recreation and day programs for multi-need children and adults www.advocatesnetwork.net
- Alzheimer's Support Group 888-301-1819, Yorkville 630-553-5111, Geneva 630-262-3900
- Aphasia Support Group (unable to comprehend words) 630-462-5546
- Asperger's and Autism Group (Sandwich) 815-786-2703
- Autism Society of America – Far west suburban IL chapter P.O. Box 9166, Downers Grove, 630-969-1094
- Brain Tumor Support Group (Winfield) 630-933-6955
- Caregiver Support Group (Yorkville) 630-553-9100 ext. 112
- Caring Hearts and Loving Souls (elder care) 630-761-9750
- CHADD (ADD/ADHD) Sandwich 815-786-6341
- Child Play & Parents Support Group (amputees) 312-908-5478
- Compassionate Friends (bereavement parents) 630-553-2132
- DBSA (Depressive and Bipolar Support Alliance) 630-653-3560
- Diabetes Support Group (Geneva) 630-208-3345
- Down Syndrome Parent Group (Elgin) 847-885-6216
- Epilepsy Support Group 630-289-5577, (Winfield) 630-933-3907

- Grief Share (Kaneville) 630-365-2880
- High Hopes Brain Injury (Wheaton) 630-462-4124
- Illinois Spina Bifida Association 630-637-1050
- Kane County Autism Information and Support Group – kanecountyautism@hotmail.com Karen Lotito 630-299-7932
- La Leche League (Geneva) 630-232-2739
- Lupus Support Group (Wheaton) 630-293-1727
- Lymph edema Support Group(Geneva) 630-208-4592
- Managing Multiples (Naperville) 630-527-5369
- Meet Up Mothers of Autism (Asp., SPD, PDD-Nos) www.meetup.com/autismmoms/ Shari 630-946-6159
- The Morris Autism Meet up Group <http://autism.meetup.com/242/>
- MUMS (Mothers United for Moral Support for Children w/ Disabilities) 630-554-8989
- Parent Association for CP Children 708-532-1916
- Parents as Advocates [parentsasadvocates@homestead.com](http://parentsasadvocates.homestead.com) families of special needs children in Kaneland school district
- Parkinson's Support Group 630-761-9750
- PROUDD, Parent Resource Organization for the Understanding of Developmental Disabilities – Non profit organization that does education, training and support for anyone living or working with a child with a developmental, emotional or learning disability. Wide array of programs including conferences, social groups and camps. www.proudd1.webs.com 560 Waterbury Dr., Aurora, IL 60504 Carla Oldham, President 630-991-1156 prouddparents@aol.com
- Raising Our Celiac Kids (R.O.C.K.) (DeKalb) 815-756-2606
- Spectrum (Support for Individuals with Autism) 630-552-7906
- Special Education Parents Group families of special needs children in district #303 www.sepq-d303.org
- Special Needs Dads Group – Matt Lautourette 650-930-0263 or Matt.latourette@yahoo.com, group meets monthly at Tommy Nevins Pub in library room at 3032 English Rows, Naperville
- Super Sibs (Program for children who have a disabled sibling) 630-365-5550
- Summit School – Parent Café Support Group – This is a support group for parents that have a child on the autism spectrum. Contact – Jennifer Glim 847-488-9207 ext. 233 jglim@summitelgin.org
- Trichotillomania (Chronic hair puller) 815-712-9022
- Tourette Syndrome Association 847-585-8229
- Ups for Downs (parent group Down Syndrome) 708-795-7470
- Wheaton Gluten Free Support Group 630-357-4463
- Y.A.N.A. – You are not Alone – Batavia Special Ed. Parent group (others from out of area are welcome) 630-879-0076

Therapies

- Community Therapy Services – 40 W 310 La Fox Rd., A1, St. Charles, 60175 630-444-0077 (OT, ST, PT, Music Therapy)
- Easter Seals – 698 S. Route 59, Naperville, 60504 630-357-9699 (OT, PT, ST, assistive tech, audiology services, nutrition therapies)
- Rainbow Center – 1245 Corporate Blvd. #101, Aurora 60505 630-898-2200
- Blazing Prairie Stars – Maple Park 630-375-5550 Hippotherapy - therapeutic riding, therapeutic driving, sibling workshops, grief support, and friendship groups - scholarships available
- Little Friends Therapy Center – speech therapy and occupational therapy for those on the Autism spectrum Contact Dinah 630-305-4196
- By Your Side – speech and language therapy center 361 Frontage Rd, Burr Ridge 888-288-7667 www.ByYourSideAutismCenter.com

Transportation

- Ride in Kane – contact township office (see attached information)
- PACE – 847-364-7223
- Dial a Ride – Aurora 630-892-1999, St. Charles/Geneva 630-584-1719, Elgin 847-931-6755, Batavia 630-892-1999, Hanover Township 630-830-9444
- Adaptive Driver’s Education Department at Marionjoy Rehab Hospital, 26 W 171 Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton 60189 630-462-4000 driver’s education for individuals with disabilities
- Free Rides Program – enroll in Circuit Breaker to ride free on public transportation fixed route system to apply for Circuit Breaker visit www.cbrx.il.gov or call 1-800-624-2459 (FITE Center will assist with this application if desired – see their information under “Advocacy”.)
- Care Cruisers – Non-emergency travel for seniors and the disabled (no lift van) 630-777-1205
- Fox Valley Older Adult Services – Sandwich 815-786-9404 serves the Plano and Sandwich areas
- Kendall Area Transit – Curb-to-curb or Door-to-door transportation service for seniors and disabled in Kendall County. Call 1-877-IGO-4KAT to register

Vocational Programs/Support

- DRS – job coaching/job placement (contracts w/ AID) Aurora # 630-892-7417 or Elgin# 847-931-2360
- AID – 309 W. New Indian Trail Ct., Aurora, IL 60506 630-966-4100 Day programs in Yorkville, Aurora, Batavia, and Elgin.
- Valley Sheltered Workshop- 325 W. Main St., Batavia 60510 630-879-2359
- We Grow Dreams – West Chicago – 630-293-1510
- Open Door – 405 S. Wells, Sandwich, IL 60548 815-786-8468
- Countryside Association – 21154 W. Shirley Rd., Palatine, IL 60074 847-438-8855

- DONKA - computer training and job placement to persons with physical and visual disabilities (not limited to only those with disabilities), 400 N. county Farm Rd., Wheaton 60187 630-665-8169
- Marklund – 1 S. 450 Wyatt Drive, Geneva 60134 630-593-5501
www.marklund.org
- JVS – job placement/coaching services and educational tutoring for individuals 16-21 living in Kane County 312-502-4112 www.jvschicago.org
jvselgin@jvschicago.org
- Specialisterne – www.Aspiritech.org software testing company that employs individuals on the Autism spectrum who have good computer skills