The Disability Access Commission’s Mission:
To advise the Village in facilitating full participation in community activities by persons with disabilities, to bring persons with disabilities into the mainstream of Oak Park life by recognizing that persons with disabilities can lead proud and productive lives, to promote universal access throughout the Village, and to heighten public awareness to the needs of Villagers with disabilities.
The Village of Oak Park Disability Access Commission (DAC) is pleased to offer you this booklet of information and resources for individuals with disabilities and those who care for them. The DAC, formerly the Universal Access Commission, has been serving the needs of people with disabilities in Oak Park for approximately 18 years. The DAC is one of about 20 citizen advisory commissions in the Village of Oak Park.

Our commission strongly believes that the needs and concerns of people with disabilities in the Village of Oak Park need to be heard, considered, and addressed. As of 2000, 6.4 percent of Oak Park residents between the ages of 5 and 20, 8.7 percent of residents between the ages of 21 and 64, and 37.3 percent of residents age 65 older reported having a disability. Additionally, with its significant tourism industry, our Village serves the needs of an even broader population of people with disabilities.

The DAC has compiled this informational guidebook in an effort to heighten public awareness of the needs of people with disabilities in Oak Park, as well as to provide a comprehensive, quick resource guide for people with disabilities. We sincerely hope you find this to be a useful and beneficial tool.

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Please Join Us!

If you are interested in serving the needs of your community and promoting the full participation and enjoyment of it by individuals with disabilities, please join our commission! Applications can be found online at www.oak-park.us/volunteer. We welcome you to attend one of our monthly meetings. We typically meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Oak Park Main Library at 7 p.m.
Comprehensive Services for People with Disabilities and Seniors

Ada S. McKinley Community Service
Location: 1359 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607
Phone: (312) 554-0600 / Fax: (312) 554-0292
Website: www.adasmckinley.org
Services for children, youth, adults and seniors with disabilities or other limiting conditions: Head Start, child care, after-school activities, summer programs, foster care, therapeutic/educational services, counseling for youth and family, recreational programs, vocational rehabilitation services, tutoring, food pantry. Services in Spanish available.

AgeOptions
Location: 1048 Lake St., Suite 300, Oak Park, IL 60301
Phone: (708) 383-0258 / (800) 699-9043 / TTY: (708) 524-1653
Fax: (708) 524-0870
Website: www.ageoptions.org
Designated area agency on aging which connects older adults with a wide range of services and programs including in-home care and adult day services, telephone and in-person assistance, resources and education, nutrition/health care programs, advocacy, congregate meals, consumer information/protection, employment referrals, homemakers, respite care, case management, legal services, information and referrals.

Anixter Center
Location: 2001 N. Clybourn Ave., 3rd floor, Chicago, IL 60614
Phone: (773) 973-7900 / TTY: (773) 973-2180 / Fax: (773) 973-5268
Website: www.anixter.org
Job placement, employment, residential, educational, health care and other services to enhance the ability of people with disabilities to live successfully in the community.

Aspire of Illinois
Location: 9901 Derby Lane, Westchester, IL 60154
Phone: (708) 547-3550 / Fax: (708) 547-4067
Website: www.aspireofillinois.org
Quality lifetime, neighborhood-based services at 21 facilities in west suburban Chicago for people with developmental disabilities; residential placement for persons with severe developmental disabilities.

Catholic Charities West Regional Services
Location: 1400 S. Austin Blvd, Cicero IL 60804
Phone: (708) 222-1491
Website: www.catholiccharities.net
Each regional office offers a standard menu of services, as well as unique programming specific to the needs of that region. The best way to start is to call the West Regional office directly.

Easter Seal Society of Metropolitan Chicago
Location: 1939 W. 13th St., Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60608
Phone: (312) 491-4110 / Fax: (312) 733-0247
Website: chicago.easterseals.com
Comprehensive services for individuals with disabilities including autism therapeutic schools; Early Intervention, Early Head Start, Head Start and state pre-kindergarten; after school, dental services; adult vocational; as well as services for youth to develop a plan for the future, obtain career building skills, and gain paid work experience.

Handicapped Helpline
Phone: (951) 791-0050
Website: www.ahandicappedhelpline.org
A California-based nonprofit organization that can assist with referrals, guidance and listening with care.

Little City
Location: 700 N. Sacramento Blvd. #220, Chicago, IL 60612
Phone: (773) 265-1539
Website: www.littlecity.org
Services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; mental retardation, Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and other disabilities, as well as visual, behavioral, hearing and emotional disabilities. Residential, vocational, foster care and adoption services; in-home services to families who prefer to keep their child at home; an award-winning arts program; recreational therapy and Special Olympics competition.

Oak Leyden Developmental Services
Location: 411 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 524-1050 / Fax: (708) 524-2469
Website: www.oak-leyden.org
Early intervention services for infants and children age 3 and younger and their families, comprehensive work training and placement services, long-term supported housing options and a specialized multidisciplinary clinic that addresses the total physical and behavioral needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Progress Center for Independent Living
Location: 7521 Madison St., Forest Park, IL 60130
Phone: (708) 209-1500 / Fax: (708) 209-1735
Website: www.progresscil.org
Non-residential, service and advocacy organization. Training on living independently, including budgeting, traveling, personal assistant management, job seeking, information and referral, peer counseling, housing issues, community reintegration, and presentations to community groups about independent living, disability rights and disability culture.

Ray Graham Association
Location: 901 Warrenville Rd., Lisle, IL 60532
Phone: (630) 620-2222
Website: www.ray-graham.org
Early intervention, education, preschool, developmental training, vocational services for people with developmental, physical, social, and emotional disabilities.

Seguin Services
Location: 3100 S. Central Ave., Cicero, IL 60804
Phone: (708) 863-3803 / Fax: (708) 863-3863
Website: www.seguin.org
Educational, vocational, employment and housing for adults and children with developmental disabilities; family support services and specialized foster care for children.

Disability Specific Services

American Cancer Society
Location: 225 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (312) 228-0318
Website: www.cancer.org
Research and education, speakers, films, and educational materials free of charge to prevent cancer and to reduce its effects. Information and guidance, sick-room equipment loan, transportation assistance; visiting program for breast cancer patients.

American Heart Association Greater Midwest Affiliate
Location: 208 S. La Salle St., Chicago, IL 60604
Phone: (312) 346-4675
Website: www.heart.org
Research, public awareness and education to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Autism Society of Illinois
Location: 2200 S. Main St., Lombard, IL 60148
Phone: (630) 691-1270 / Fax: (630) 932-5620
Website: www.autismillinois.org
Information and referral about community resources, educational programs for parents and professionals, parent support groups, legislative network, and educational materials related to autism.

CFS, Fibromyalgia and Chemical Sensitivity Coalition of Chicago (CFCCC)
Location: PO Box 277, Wilmette, IL 60091
Phone: (773) 650-1332
Website: www.cfccc.net
Information and resources; medical, legal and social services for people with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Multiple Chemical Sensitivities. Regular support group meetings. Quarterly newsletter. Lending library for members.

Chicago Lighthouse
Location: 1850 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608
Phone: (312) 666-1331 / Fax: (312) 243-8539
Website: www.thechicagolighthouse.org
Educational, clinical, vocational and rehabilitation services for children, youth and adults who are blind or visually impaired, including deaf-blind and multi-disabled.

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
Location: 150 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (312) 236-4491 / Fax: (312) 236-2797
Website: www.cff.org
Support groups and educational seminars for people with cystic fibrosis.
Les Turner Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Foundation
Location: 5550 W. Touhy Ave, Skokie, IL 60077
Phone: (847) 679-3311 / Fax: (847) 679-9109
Website: www.lesturnerals.org
Publicly funded organization devoted to research, treatment and elimina-
tion of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig’s disease.
Treatment at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, including home
visits and transportation to and from the clinic.

Multiple Sclerosis Society Greater Illinois Chapter
Location: 525 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60661
Phone: (312) 421-4500 / Fax: (312) 421-4544
Website: www.nationalmssociety.org
Research, advocacy, professional education, and programs for people
with MS and their families. Information and tips on how to maintain qual-
ity of life; strategies and support services aimed at enhancing health and
wellness, maximizing productivity and independence, and helping to deal
with emotional, social, financial, and vocational challenges.

Muscular Dystrophy Association
Location: 520 W. Erie St., Chicago, IL 60654
Phone: (312) 254-0632
Website: mdausa.org
Resource links, publications, webinars, advocacy, support groups, sum-
mer camp, and clinics at Northwestern Memorial Faculty Foundation and
Shriners Hospital for Children.

Parents Allied with Children and Teachers for Tomorrow
Location: 7101 N. Greenview Ave., Chicago, IL 60626
Phone: (773) 338-9102
Website: www.pactt.org
Operates two children’s group homes in Oak Park and Elmwood Park.
Each home serves six young people with autism.

Prevent Blindness America
Location: 211 W. Wacker Dr, Ste. 1700, Chicago, IL 60606
Phone: (312) 363-6001
Website: www.preventblindness.org
Professional and public education programs in eye health and safety.

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago (West Suburbs)
Location: 332 W. Harrison St., Oak Park, IL 60304
Phone: (708) 383-8887
Website: www.ucpnet.org
Advances independence and promotes inclusive opportunities through
assistive technology. Services for infants and toddlers, family supports,
adapted toy lending library, independent living skills development,
employment training, information services, education and training for
educators, professionals and parents.

Wellness Place
Location: 131 N. County Line Rd., Hinsdale, IL 60521
Phone: (630) 323-5150 / Fax: (630) 654-5345
Website: www.wellnesshouse.org
Counseling, education and support at no cost for people with cancer, their
families, friends and caregivers.

Medical & Therapy Services

Access to Care
Location: 2225 Enterprise Dr., Westchester, IL 60154
Phone: (708) 531-0680 / Fax: (708) 531-0686
Website: www.accesstocare.org
Primary health care for individuals and families without public or private
health insurance (All Kids, FamilyCare, Medicaid, Medicare). Affordable
diagnosis and treatment for a small co-payment per visit, procedure or
prescription medication. Apply at Oak Park Health Department, Village
Hall, 123 Madison St., Oak Park, (708) 383-6400.

Central Illinois Riding Therapy
Location: 305 Neumann Dr., East Peoria, IL 61611
Phone: (309) 699-3710
Website: www.cirt.info
Rehabilitative therapy through equine activities for persons age 3 or older
with physical or mental disabilities.

Community Health
Location: 2611 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622
Phone: (773) 395-9900
Website: www.communityhealth.org
Volunteer-based, free medical facility that provides comprehensive medi-
cal and therapeutic services for uninsured people in the Chicago area.

**Division of Specialized Care for Children—UIC**  
**Location:** 1919 W. Taylor St., Chicago, IL 60612  
**Phone:** (312) 996-6380 / Fax: (312) 413-0367  
**Website:** www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc

Specialized medical care at reduced or no-cost. A child must have a treatable chronic medical condition in one of the following categories to be "medically eligible" for services: orthopedic, heart, hearing, speech, eye, neurological, urinary; certain birth and disfiguring defects, chronic and metabolic disorders.

**Hines VA Hospital**  
**Location:** 5000 S. 5th Ave., Hines, IL 60141  
**Phone:** (708) 202-8387  
**Website:** www.hines.va.gov

Provides combat veterans with free health care for conditions potentially related to their combat service for up to five years following their separation from active duty. Primary and specialty medical care; dental, pharmacy, audiology, speech and prosthetics services; polytrauma and traumatic brain injury screenings and services; rehabilitation medicine; combat stress and trauma services; sexual trauma counseling; Women Veterans programs; post-deployment mental health services; alcohol and drug dependency treatment; readjustment and transition programs.

**Infant Welfare Society of Oak Park/River Forest**  
**Location:** 320 W. Lake St., Oak Park, IL 60302  
**Phone:** (708) 848-0528 / Fax: (708) 848-5855  
**Website:** www.childrenscliniciws.org

Dental examinations and treatment, physical examinations, health histories, school and sports physicals, immunizations, selected laboratory testing, development and growth assessments, asthma education, counseling and referral assistance.

**La Rabida Children’s Hospital**  
**Location:** 6501 S. Promontory Dr., Chicago, IL 60649  
**Phone:** (773) 363-6700  
**Website:** www.larabida.org

Specialty children’s hospital providing comprehensive, interdisciplinary inpatient and outpatient care for children with asthma and pulmonary disorders, arthritis, burn trauma, developmental disabilities, diabetes, cerebral palsy, failure-to-thrive, and Down Syndrome. Children’s Advocacy Center provides services for children who have been sexually or physically abused, have experienced a trauma, or have sexual behavior problems. Fit Matters childhood obesity program for ages 8 to 18.

**PCC Family Health Center**  
**Location:** 14 W. Lake St., Oak Park, IL 60302  
**Phone:** (708) 383-0113 / Fax: (708) 383-9911  
**Website:** www.pccwellness.org

Primary health care services to the community with particular focus upon medically underserved populations. Sliding scale, Medicaid, Medicare. Transportation assistance (CTA passes) to clinic appointments, cab service if it’s a medical emergency.

**Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago**  
**Location:** 1440 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607  
**Phone:** (312) 243-2000 / Fax: (312) 243-3954  
**Website:** www.lungchicago.org

Prevention and control of lung diseases with emphasis on emphysema, chronic bronchitis, tuberculosis, asthma, lung cancer, and tobacco cessation.

**Ronald McDonald House**  
**Location:** 2160 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL 60141  
**Phone:** (708) 327-2273  
**Website:** www.rmhccni.org

A haven for families of children undergoing treatment for serious illnesses or injuries at Loyola and other hospitals in the Chicagoland area, particularly those in the western suburbs. The House is open to families with children who are hospitalized and also to those whose children are being treated as outpatients.

**Assistive Devices & Accessibility**

**Dogs for the Deaf**  
**Location:** 10175 Wheeler Rd., Central Point, OR 97502  
**Phone:** (541) 826-9220  
**Website:** www.dogsforthedeaf.org

Rescues and professionally trains dogs from shelters to assist hard of hearing and deaf individuals at no charge.
Service Dogs for America
Location: 920 Short St., Jud, ND 58454
Phone: (701) 685-2242
Website: www.servicedogsforamerica.com
Trains service dogs which provide mobility assistance to those using wheelchairs or other devices: hearing dogs, seizure alert dogs and therapeutic companion dogs which provide emotional support. The organization does not train seeing-eye or leader dogs.

Guide Dogs of America
Location: 13445 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA 91342
Phone: (818) 362-5834
Website: www.guidedogsofamerica.org
Professionally trained guide dogs for qualified legally blind individuals ages 16 and older, free of charge.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind
Location: 611 Granite Springs Rd., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Phone: (800) 942-0149 / Fax: (914) 245-1609
Website: www.guidingeyes.org
Breeds and provides fully trained guide dogs and instruction in their use to visually impaired and blind individuals, including special needs students with additional challenges.

Helping Hands Monkey Helpers for the Disabled
Location: 541 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02134
Phone: (617) 787-4419
Website: www.helpinghandsmonkeys.org
Places specially trained capuchin monkeys with people who are paralyzed, or who have other severe mobility impairments, to assist with daily living activities. No fee is charged to the recipients.

Illinois Relay
Location: Phone based
Phone: 7-1-1
Website: www.illinoisrelay711.com
Facilitates communication between and with people with hearing and speech impairments, available 24 hours a day.

Leader Dogs for the Blind
Location: 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester, MI 48307
Phone: (888) 777-5332
Website: www.leaderdog.org
Educates the legally blind community how to use trained leader dogs to achieve greater mobility.

Lions of Illinois Foundation
Location: 2814 De Kalb Ave., Sycamore, IL 60178
Phone: (815) 756-5633 / Fax: (815) 748-9087
Website: www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org
Mobile vision and hearing units provide free screening to the public and assistance with hearing aids and eyeglasses.

National Education for Assistance Dog Services
Location: P.O. Box 213, West Boylston, MA 01583
Phone: (978) 422-9064 / Fax: (978) 422-3255
Website: www.neads.org
Programs include dogs for combat veterans; dogs for children with a physical disability; dogs that help parents “halt” children in an emergency situation; hearing dogs for people who are deaf or have hearing loss; service dogs for people with physical disabilities; dogs for the classroom, therapy and ministry; and dogs for children with autism.

Paws with a Cause
Location: 4646 S. Division St., Wayland, MI 49348
Phone: (800) 253-7297 / Fax: (616) 877-0248
Website: www.pawswithacause.org
Trains assistance dogs and provides lifetime team support which encourages independence: hearing dogs, seizure response dogs, service dogs for people with physical disabilities, and service dogs for children with autism.

Educational Services
Collaboration for Early Childhood
Location: Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 613-6122 / Fax: (708) 434-1259
Website: www.collab4kids.org
Works with community resources to better meet the educational and developmental needs of young children and their families.
Learning Ally
Location: 180 N. Michigan Ave, Ste. 260, Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: (800) 221-4792
Website: www.learningally.org
An educational resource for people with disabilities that prevent them from being able to read standard print, which helps complete their education and advance their careers (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic).

Oak Leyden Developmental Disability Services
Location: 411 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 524-1050 / Fax: (708) 524-2469
Website: www.oak-leyden.org
Provides a wide range of vocational and residential services for adults; and therapy, educational and family support for infants and young children with developmental disabilities.

Employment Services (local & web-based)

AbilityLinks
Location: 26W171 Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187
Phone: (630) 909-7443 / Fax: (630) 909-7441
Website: www.abilitylinks.org
A nationwide, web-based community where job seekers with disabilities can post a resume, apply for jobs and network with inclusive employers.

CARES Chicago
Location: 700 N. Sacramento, Ste. 221, Chicago, IL 60612
Phone: (773) 265-3300 / Fax: (773) 265-3308
Website: www.careschicago.org
Career counseling, job development, job readiness, skills training, resume preparation, placement assistance, job coaching, mentoring and support.

Disabilityworks
Website: www.disabilityworks.org
Disabilityworks, a department of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, increases employment opportunities for people with disabilities throughout Illinois by acting as a hub for three groups: employers, people with disabilities, and service providers.

Disaboom
Website: www.disaboomjobs.com
Online resource of jobs posted by companies which are actively seeking to recruit people with disabilities as part of their inclusive workforce.

Getting Hired
Website: www.gettinghired.com
Job postings for people with disabilities.

Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin & Metropolitan Chicago
Location: 30 N. Racine Ave., Ste. 230, Chicago, IL 60607
Phone: (312) 994-1440 / Fax: (312) 994-1441
Website: www.goodwillsew.com
Rehabilitation services designed to increase the vocational functioning and employability of individuals. Work opportunities and skill development for people with disabilities, no work experience, ex-offenders, public aid recipients and other barriers to employment.

Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services
Location: Applications available at local Illinois Department of Human Services Offices or Online*
Phone: (800) 843-6154
Applications Online: www.dhs.state.il.us
Vocational counseling and guidance, information and referral to local resources, job placement assistance, physical/mental restoration and training assistance.

Jewish Vocational Service
Location: 216 W. Jackson Blvd., Ste. 700, Chicago, IL 60606
Phone: (312) 673-4300 / Fax: (312) 553-5544
Website: www.jvschicago.org
Educational and vocational counseling, rehabilitation and skills training; individualized job development, resume preparation, application procedures, job placement and follow-up services.

Ticket to Work
Website: www.yourtickettowork.com
A program run by the U.S. Social Security Administration for SSDI or SSI recipients that provides funding for training in marketable skills with the goal of returning to work.
Government Services (Local, State, & Federal)

Village of Oak Park Department of ADA Compliance
Location: Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 358-5430
Website: www.oak-park.us/building
The Building and Property Standards Department administers the Village’s construction, property maintenance standards, and zoning regulations. The ADA Compliance Officer specifically works to ensure that Village owned property and local establishments are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Village of Oak Park Department of Community Relations
Discrimination Complaints
Location: 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 358-5405
Website: www.oak-park.us/community
Fields discrimination complaints arising out of discriminatory actions within the Village of Oak Park against certain protected classes, including people with disabilities. If you feel you have been discriminated against, contact the Department to file a complaint.

Oak Park Department of Public Health
Location: 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 358-5480
Website: www.oak-park.us/health
Comprehensive public health programs and a variety of health care services: assessment and screening, education, immunizations, prevention services, case management, nursing, counseling, and linkage with community resources. Community health locator, day care and long-term care inspections, pregnant women and infant services, health screenings and check-ups, HIV counseling and testing, immunizations, insurance programs, lead poisoning prevention and tobacco programs.

Oak Park Department of Special Education Services
Location: 970 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 524-3000 / Fax: (708) 524-3019
Website: www.op97.org/special-education/Services.cfm
Support and services for children who qualify for District 97 special programs, such as supplementary aids or services, instructional, DD, DI, and DLP classes, separate special education day school, and residential placement. Also provides links to resources that can further support the educational, social and emotional success of our students.

Oak Park Township
Location: 105 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: 708.383.8005 / Fax: (708) 383.8062
Website: www.oakparktownship.org
Assists persons with disabilities in obtaining weekday transportation, disabled parking cards, RTA reduced fare cards, taxi cab coupons, home meal delivery, Access to Care health and wellness services and medical equipment lending.

Oak Park Vet Center (Veteran’s Administration)
Location: 155 S. Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: 708-383-3225 / Fax: 708-383-3247
Offers a host of counseling services, information on retaining military benefits, job referrals and employment counseling to help returning soldiers adjust to life in the United States.

Illinois Department of Human Services
Website: www.dhs.state.il.us
Provides a wide array of services to help families, including people with disabilities, meet their most basic needs, such as food, shelter, and medical assistance. Administers programs such as SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid, and the Department of Rehabilitative Services programs. For Oak Park Residents, your local DHS office is located at 2701 W. Lake St., Melrose Park, IL 60160.

Social Security Administration—Disability Benefits
Phone: (automated SSA number): (800) 772-1213
Website: www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability
People with disabilities who are unable to work full-time due to their medical condition may qualify for SSA Social Security Disability (SSD) or Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) Benefits. Applications can be filed online or at your local SSA field office. For Oak Park residents, your local SSA field office is at 230 N. Mannheim Rd. in Hillside.

Legal Assistance

Great Lakes ADA Center
Location: 1640 W. Roosevelt Rd., Room 405, Chicago, IL 60608
Information, materials, technical assistance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act, including non-discrimination in employment and the obligations of state and local governments and business to ensure that programs and services are readily accessible to people with disabilities.

**Center for Disability and Elder Law**  
**Location:** 79 W. Monroe Street, Ste. 919, Chicago, IL 60603  
**Phone:** (312) 376-1880 / Fax: (312) 376-1885  
**Website:** [www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)  
CDEL was founded by the Chicago Bar Association to provide legal information and attorney referrals around disability issues for low income, elderly, disabled youth and adults who have incurred discrimination.

**Disability Rights Legal Center/Cancer Legal Resource Center**  
**Phone:** (866) THE-CLRC or (866) 843-2572  
**Website:** [www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org](http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org)  
National, toll-free telephone assistance line where callers can receive free and confidential information about cancer-related laws and resources. Members of DRLC/CLRC’s professional panel of attorneys, insurance agents, and accountants can provide additional assistance. Also hosts a free Cancer Rights Conference in Chicago every year.

**Equip for Equality**  
**Location:** 20 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 300, Chicago, IL 60602  
**Phone:** (312) 341-0022 / Fax: (312) 541-7544  
**Website:** [www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)  
Legal services and self-advocacy assistance for people with disabilities in the areas of discrimination, assistive technology, special education, guardianship defense, abuse, neglect, and community integration. Publishes a free newsletter and other self-advocacy publications.

**Family Resource Center on Disabilities**  
**Location:** 20 E. Jackson Blvd, Room 300, Chicago, IL 60604  
**Phone:** (312) 939-3513 / Fax: (312) 854-8980  
**Website:** [www.frcd.org](http://www.frcd.org)  
An information service for parents and professionals; parent rights training sessions; advocacy, public presentations on special education rights for organizations.

**Guardianship Services Associates**  
**Location:** 41 South Blvd., #A, Oak Park, IL 60302  
**Phone:** (708) 386-5398  
Information, assistance and actual guardianship for those in need, as well as counseling, referrals and assistance with durable powers of attorney.

**Health and Disability Advocates**  
**Location:** 205 W. Monroe St., Ste. 200, Chicago, IL 60606  
**Phone:** (312) 223-9600 / Fax: (312) 223-9518  
**Website:** [www.hdadvocates.org](http://www.hdadvocates.org)  
Attorneys offer legal advice and representation to clients who experience barriers in accessing income and health care supports.

**Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**  
**Location:** 120 S. LaSalle Blvd., Ste. 900, Chicago, IL 60604  
**Phone:** (312) 341-1070 / Fax: (312) 341-1041  
**Website:** [www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)  
Free legal services for low-income individuals and families in civil cases, such as domestic violence, consumer fraud, HIV-AIDS, landlord-tenant, eviction, immigration, employment problems, family law, guardianship of minors and consumer issues.

**Mental Health Services**

**Alternative Behavior Treatment Centers**  
**Location:** 715 Lake St., Ste. 800, Oak Park, IL 60301  
**Phone:** (708) 386-8145  
Multicultural out-patient treatment program for children, youth, adults and families of diverse backgrounds, including individual therapy, family therapy and group therapy. Also specializes in assessments and therapeutic services for victims of physical and sexual abuse.

**Genesis Therapy Center**  
**Location:** 1010 Lake St., Ste. 502B, Oak Park, IL 60301  
**Phone:** (708) 524-2655  
**Website:** [www.genesistherapy.org](http://www.genesistherapy.org)  
Assessment, counseling and consultation services for individuals, couples, families and organizations. The Community Care Program provides services on a sliding fee scale for those who have limited income.
Madden Mental Health Center
Location: 1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL 60141
Phone: (708) 338-7400
Public mental health system offering a continuum of services from intensive in-patient hospitalization to outpatient care. Supportive housing and employment programs; forensic services for people referred through the court system; specialized programs for children and adolescents.

Mental Health American of Illinois
Location: 70 E. Lake St., Ste. 900, Chicago IL 60601
Phone: (312) 368-9070 / Fax: (312) 368-0283
Website: www.mhai.org
Non-profit organization which promotes mental health, prevents mental illnesses and improves care and treatment for persons suffering from mental and emotional disorders. Programs include consultative and training services, suicide prevention and outreach, mental health checkups for adolescents (TeenScreen), Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programs in Chicago area schools and disaster/crisis intervention programs.

Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago
Location: 125 S. Clark St., #1820, Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: (312) 781-7780
Website: www.mentalhealthchicago.org
Training on mental health awareness for educators and parents. 24-hour crisis hotline provides a listening ear and referrals for people in need and their loved ones as well as for professionals.

Pillars Community Services
Location: 333 N. LaGrange Rd., Ste. 1, LaGrange Park, IL 60526
Phone: (708) 745-5277 / Fax: (708) 698-5090
Website: www.pillarscommunity.org
Mental health services for people of all ages; children and family services, the Child and Family Development Center and Buddy’s Place; addictions services for adults and adolescents; domestic and sexual violence services, community housing initiatives through programs and collaborations such as LaGrange Area Transitional Housing; Wellness Initiative Network and West Cook Housing Initiative Partnership.

Thrive Counseling Center
Location: 120 S. Marion St., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 383-7500 / Fax: (708) 383-7780
Website: www.thrivecc.org
A comprehensive mental health center in Oak Park, Illinois which accepts most major insurance, Medicare and Medicaid. Sliding-scale fees offered to Oak Park and River Forest residents without insurance.

Oak Park Vet Center (Veteran’s Administration)
Location: 155 S. Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 383-3225 / Fax: (708) 383-3247
Offers individual, family, and group therapy for combat veterans who served during the Vietnam era, and veterans sexually traumatized in the military.

Recreation

Park District of Oak Park
Location: 218 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 725-2000 / Fax: (708) 383-5702
Website: www.oakparkparks.com
Strives to provide parks and recreation opportunities to all, regardless of economic means or physical ability. The Park District provides year round recreation programs for individuals of all ages with disabilities through the West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA).

Senior Citizens Center of Oak Park/River Forest
Location: 414 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (708) 848-5251
Website: www.sccoprf.org
Educational, social and cultural activities for adults 50 and older to continue lifelong learning, support their independence, and encourage their involvement in the community.

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA)
Location: 2915 Maple St., Franklin Park, IL 60131
Phone: (847) 455-2100
Website: www.wssra.net
WSSRA provides recreation specialists, all of whom have degrees in therapeutic recreation or a related field, who are responsible for accommodating children and adults with special needs within existing Village recreation programs, such as the Oak Park Park District.
WSSRA Lekotek Center
Location: 2915 N Maple St., Franklin Park, IL 60131
Phone: (847) 455-2100
Website: www.wssra.net/lekotek
Helps families raising a child with special needs learn fun, creative and healthy ways to play together. Lekotek is the country’s central source on toys and play for children with special needs. Program administered through WSSRA.

Transportation

Chicago Transit Authority—ADA Advisory Committee
Location: 567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60661
Phone: Meetings facilitated by the CTA’s ADA Compliance Officer, Cara Levinson, (312) 681-2608
Website: www.transitchicago.com
Represents the interests of people with disabilities, provides comment on CTA's current services, policies and practices; provides informed input on the development and assessment of future CTA projects and services that impact people with disabilities.

Pace Bus Paratransit
Location: 550 W. Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005
Phone: (847) 228-2322, select option 3 for program updates
Website: www.pacebus.com
Administers the ADA-required paratransit bus system in the Chicago suburbs. Paratransit vehicles make only pre-arranged trips for riders who are eligible for the particular service. Paratransit services offered include Dial-a-Ride, ADA Paratransit and Call-n-Ride.

SCR Medical Transportation
Location: 8801 S. Greenwood Ave., Chicago, IL
Phone: (773) 768-7000 / Fax: (773) 768-7099
Website: www.scrtransport.com
Private ADA Paratransit service provider, serving the greater Chicago area.

IMPORTANT DISABILITY ACCESS CONTACTS

Stephen Witt, Director and ADA Compliance Officer, Building and Property Standards Department, Village of Oak Park
(708) 358-5432

Steven Touloumis, Chief Building Inspector, Building and Property Standards Department, Village of Oak Park
(708) 358-5437

West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC)
WSCDC currently dispatches police, fire and paramedics for Oak Park, River Forest and Elmwood Park. WSCDC also administers the Illinois Premise Alert program for the same areas. This program allows people with disabilities to voluntarily add their information to a database that will be provided to emergency responders when dealing with emergency situations involving those individuals.
(708) 771-9110
FAX: (708) 771-9119

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