

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

## **Information & Referral**

Community Resource and Assistance Guide

MOPD's Information and Referral Unit provides assistance with identifying and accessing community resources that may help increase independence of people with disabilities. These resources may include in-home assistance, transportation, amplified telephones, assistance completing forms and applications, information on community programs and other services specific to an individuals need.

For more information, please contact these resources directly or MOPD for any services we may offer @:

Phone - 312.744.6673 (Voice) or 312.744.7833 (TTY) Email - MOPDResources@cityofchicago.org or stop by @ 2102 W Ogden Ave / Chicago, IL 60612

Please note: This Information and referral brochure should be used only as a guide. It is subject to change without notice.





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#### ADA PARATRANSIT

(312) 663-4357 - Main Line (866) 764-1134-South, (866) 764-1135-Central, (866) 764-1136-North – TTY www.pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/default.asp ADA Paratransit is a shared ride, advanced reservation, origin-todestination service for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use CTA or Pace fixed route transit service.

# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA) (312) 913-3110 - Main Line

(312) 913-3110 - Main Line (888) 282-8891 – TTY www.rtachicago.org

The RTA issues Reduced Fare and Ride Free permits to eligible riders throughout the region. The RTA's Mobility Management Program helps customers with disabilities and older adults access ADA-accessible transit in the RTA region.

#### SECRETARY OF STATE-DRIVER SERVICES - PLACARD

Call - (217) 782-2709

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/persons\_with\_disabilities/disabilities.html
Contact for information regarding placards and licenses for people with disabilities. Disability license plates and permanent placards may only be issued through the Springfield office.

#### DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - RESIDENTIAL DISABLED PARKING SIGNS INFORMATION

(312) 747-0114 — Main Line https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/fin/supp\_info/revenue/parking\_forms/residential\_disabledparkingsigns.html

Provides disabled City residents with convenient and accessible parking in front of their residences.

#### **BUILDING/ HEAT COMPLAINTS**

(312) 743-3573 – Main Line Or 311 www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bldgs.html Enforces the Chicago Building Code, which includes the Chicago Heat Ordinance.

#### CONSUMER SERVICES

(312) 746-4200 - Main Line (312) 744-1944 - TTY

www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bacp/supp\_info/bacpconsumers.html

Promotes consumer awareness through education and information to help consumers protect themselves.

#### CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(877) 863-6338 – Main Line (877) 863-6339 – TTY

www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/fss/provdrs/dom\_violence.html

The DFSS Division on Domestic Violence is dedicated to promoting a coordinated multi-system response to domestic violence in Chicago.

### COMMISION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

(312) 744-4111 – Main Line (312) 744-1088 – TTY

https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cchr.

Enforces the Chicago Human Rights Ordinance and the Chicago Fair Housing Ordinance. The Commission investigates complaints to determine whether discrimination may have occurred.

#### ADULT PROTECTIVE SERV.

(866) 800 – 1409 – Main Line (888) 206-1327 - TTY Reporting suspected abuse and/neglect of adults of any age.

## FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER on DISABILITIES

(312) 939-3513 – Main Line https://frcd.org/

Providing Parents of Children with Disabilities with Information, Training, and Assistance. Information and advocacy about rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This includes Individual Education Plans (IEP), early intervention and obtaining the appropriate services for a child with special needs.

# CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES- SENIOR SERVICES

(312) 744-4016 – Main Line www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/fss/provdrs/senior.

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DFSS offers direct services and referrals for specialized assistance to residents that are 60 years of age or older.

#### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DHS (Including ILDRS) (800) 843-6154 – Main Line

(800) 843-6154 – Main Line (866) 324-5553 – TTY http://www.dhs.state.il.us/dhs ILDRS works with people with disabilities ages 18 – 59 and their families to achieve full community participation including employment and independent living opportunities.

## ILLINOIS DEPT. OF AGING (BENEFIT ACCESS)

(800) 252-8966 — Main Line https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/BenefitsAccess/Pages/Eligibility%20and%20Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx

Benefit Access Program Benefits include: Seniors Ride Free Transit Benefit, Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride and the Secretary of State License Plate Discount.

## CENTER FOR DISABILITY AND ELDER LAW

(312) 376-1880 Main Line http://www.cdelaw.org/
Provides quality legal services, pro bono, (for free), to Cook County low-income seniors and low-income adults with disabilities. Focus is on financial stability, housing, end of life planning, and financial abuse.

#### CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT SPECIAL RECREATION PRO-GRAM

(312) 742-5798 (312) 747-2001 (TTY)

special.recreation@chicagoparkdistrict.com 21 specialty locations serving individuals with intellectual disabilities, 3 specialty locations serving individuals with physical or visual impairments and 2 specialty locations serving persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.