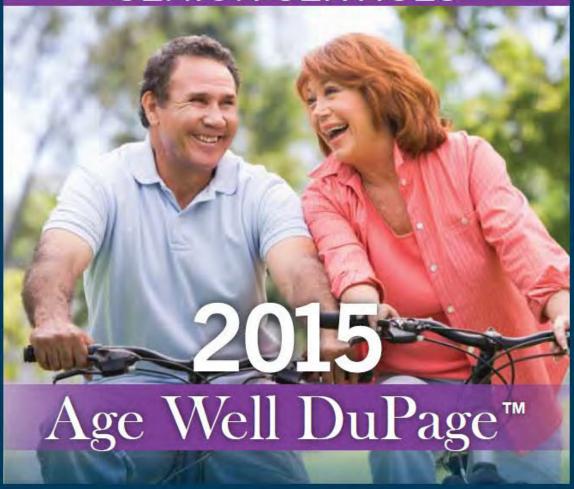


# **DUPAGECOUNTY**

SENIOR SERVICES



15th Edition
RESOURCES FOR THOSE
AGES 60 AND OVER

#### **Case Coordination Units**

Case Coordination Units (CCUs) are part of a federally defined network, funded under Title III of the Older American's Act. CCUs provide case management services to the 60 and over population and employ case managers who are knowledgeable about programs and services to assist seniors. DuPage County Senior Services is the CCU designated to serve the older adult population residing in DuPage County, (630) 407-6500. Other CCUs serving surrounding areas are:

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago Northwest Senior Services 1801 W. Central Road Arlington Heights, IL 60005-2410 (847) 253-5500 Serves Northwestern Cook County Suburbs

Senior Services Center of Will County, Inc. 251 N. Center Street Joliet, Illinois 60435 (815) 723-9713 or 1-800-892-1412 Serves Will County

The Kenneth Young Centers
1001 Rohlwing Road
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Sorves Elk Grove and

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111 W. Harris Avenue
LaGrange, IL 60525-2386
(708) 354-1323
Serves Lyons, Riverside, South
Proviso Townships, which includes parts of
Brookfield, and LaGrange Park

Senior Services Associates, Inc.

101 S. Grove Avenue Elgin, IL 60120 (847) 741-0404 Serves Northern Kane County

(630) 897-4035 Serves Southern Kane County

(630) 553-5777 Serves Kendall County

(815) 344-3555 & (815) 356-7457 Serves McHenry County West Suburban Senior Services
439 Bohland Avenue
Bellwood, IL 60104-1833
(708) 547-5600
Serves Leyden, North Proviso (Less
Brookfield and LaGrange Park), and
Norwood Townships

Several offices serve the City of Chicago. For specific locations, contact the City of Chicago Department of Senior Services at (312) 744-4016, (312) 744-6777 (TDD). For other locations throughout the state, contact the Illinois Department on Aging at 1-800-252-8966.

# Age Well DuPage

# **15th Edition 2015**

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April, 2015

The 15th edition of Age Well DuPage has been published as a service to DuPage County residents, their families, social services agencies and concerned citizens to provide an easy reference to services and benefits available for older adults. We hope that you will find this directory informative and useful.

We would like to express our appreciation to the agencies that responded to our request for updated information and to the staff from Senior Services and Community Development, whose hard work and expertise are evident throughout this directory. Please inform our office if you are aware of any changes or updates that may be beneficial.

Inclusion in Age Well DuPage does not imply endorsement by DuPage County Community Services. Due to space limitations and policy considerations, the **Directory** does not include all agencies and/or services. **Senior Services** maintains an extensive information system of additional resources and encourages inquiries.

It is the sincere desire of **DuPage County Community Services** that this directory will meet an important need in the community, providing resources that will enable individuals to make informed choices related to the issues of aging.

Very truly yours.

Mary A. Keating

Director

DuPage County Community Services

Mary Lee Tomsa Administrator Senior Services

Directories can be picked up free of charge by seniors and their caregivers Monday through Friday between 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. at the address listed below, or it can be viewed on the Internet at www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs. Due to rising mailing costs, a \$5.30 postage is requested prior to the directory's mailing. Donations to support the printing of the directory are also welcome. Mail your check made payable to "DuPage County Community Services", along with your request to:

> **DuPage County Community Services** Senior Services 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

> > e-mail: seniorsvcs@dupageco.org

#### **APPLYING FOR SERVICES**

This directory contains the names, addresses, websites, and telephone numbers (Toll-Free whenever possible) of organizations that offer assistance to older adults and their families. A brief description of each organization outlines the services they provide. If you are not sure who to contact for specific information or a particular service, please call **DuPage County Senior Services**, (630) 407-6500, or toll-free at 1-800-942-9412. They will help identify your need, arrange services if possible, or refer you to an agency that can provide the appropriate assistance. The following questions may help us determine the services available, explain eligibility guidelines and discuss costs involved, if any.

- 1. What services or resources are needed?
- 2. What are the eligibility requirements for these programs?
- 3. Are there any fees?
- 4. How to apply, by phone, mail, e-mail, or in person?
- 5. If homebound, can someone make a home visit to explain services or assist with the application process?
- 6. What documents are needed to apply for the service(s)?
- 7. What is the process and when will I be notified of my eligibility?
- 8. When will service(s) begin?

If you have an application that's difficult to complete, call the provider agency. If they are unable to provide the help you need, **DuPage County Senior Services** will help guide you through the application process.

Some applicants may be denied service due to program guidelines. An inquiry to the agency denying the service may provide an explanation of your ineligibility, explain appeal procedures, offer guidance on future eligibility or refer you to other helpful services. If you feel you have been wrongly denied for a government service or benefit, please call **DuPage County Senior Services** to explore your recourse.



NEED ASSISTANCE? Call Senior Services (630) 407-6500 1-800-942-9412



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## General Web Sites of Interest

#### **AARP Webplace**

A broad source of information, resources, and message-board discussions for the mature adult.

www.aarp.org

www.aarpmagazine.org

#### **Administration on Aging**

Wide variety of information pertinent to older adults and caregivers. Available in multiple languages.

www.aoa.gov

#### **Agency on Aging Northeastern Illinois**

Offers information on aging resources and services for the older adult and caregiver.

www.ageguide.org

#### **DuPage County "C.R.I.S."**

Single authoritative source of social service information in DuPage County. www.dupagecris.org

#### **DuPage County Senior Services**

Assists DuPage County residents, aged 60 and older, to locate services and resources.

www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs

#### **Eldercare Locator**

Nationwide service identifying local agencies that provide services to older adults.

www.eldercare.gov

#### **Eldercare Web**

Resources for those caring for older adults.

www.elderweb.com

#### First Gov

Official web site of the United States Government. Has linkage to many helpful senior resources.

www.usa.gov/topics/seniors

#### **Illinois Department on Aging**

Serving and advocating for the older adults in Illinois.

www.state.il.us/aging

#### Medicaid/Illinois Department of Human Services

Providing health care coverage for adults and children who qualify for Medicaid.

www2.illinois.gov/hfs

#### Medicare

The official U.S. government site for people with Medicare. Find a doctor, compare hospitals, nursing homes, or home health agencies.

www.medicare.gov

#### **My Medicare**

Online services for accessing personalized information regarding your Medicare benefits and services.

www.mymedicare.gov

#### **Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)**

Statewide health insurance counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries. www.state.il.us/aging/SHIP

#### **Social Security**

The official website of the U.S. Social Security Administration.

www.socialsecurity.gov



# **HOTLINES & HELPLINES**

**Adult Protective Services Hotline** 

1-866-800-1409

1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

Alzheimer's Association

1-800-272-3900

**American Cancer Society** 

1-800-227-2345

American Council of the Blind

1-800-424-8666

**American Diabetes Association** 

1-800-342-2383

**Arthritis Foundation** 

1-800-735-0096

**Benefit Access Program** 

1-800-252-8966

Consumer Protection Hotline

**IL Attorney General** 

1-800-243-5377

**Eldercare Locator Nationwide** 

1-800-677-1116

HIV, AIDS, STD Hotline

1-800-243-2437

**IL Department on Aging** 

**Senior Helpline** 

1-800-252-8966 (Voice & TDD)

**IL Department of Human Services** 

1-800-843-6154 (Helpline)

1-800-252-8903 (Helpline)

1-800-447-6404 (TTY)

IL Dept. of Rehab Services Client Assistance Program

1-800-641-3929

**IL Department of Veterans' Affairs** 

1-800-437-9824

IL Relay Service/Hearing Impaired

1-800-526-0844 (TDD)

1-800-526-0857 (Voice)

IL Secretary of State
Public Information Line

1-800-252-8980

**Medicare Automated HelpLine** 

1-800-633-4227

**Medicare Fraud and Abuse Hotline** 

1-800-447-8477 (1-800-HHS-TIPS)

Nursing Home Hotline IL Department of Public Health

1-800-252-4343

Parkinson's Disease Association

1-800-223-2732

Senior Health Ins. Program (SHIP)

**IL Department of Insurance** 

1-800-548-9034

**Social Security Administration** 

1-800-772-1213

**Taxpayer Assistance** 

1-800-829-1040 (Internal Revenue Service)

1-800-732-8866 (State)

### DU PAGE COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

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1-800-942-9412

e-mail: csprograms@dupageco.org

www.dupageco.org

Director: *Mary A. Keating*Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Monday - Friday

Fees: None

DuPage County Community Services provides multiple social services for the older adults, persons with disabilities, individuals who are economically disadvantaged and other persons or families in DuPage County in need of assistance. Our staff is dedicated to serving residents with a holistic approach to permanency and stability. Community Services includes:

#### Senior Services

Serving persons age 60 and older

#### Client Services

Serving persons under the age of 60

#### Community Development

Researching and implementing new programs and supporting the efforts of existing programs

See below for details of programs and resources provided by these units.

#### **SENIOR SERVICES**

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**Senior Services** assists DuPage County residents, aged 60 and older, to maintain their independence. The Illinois Department on Aging and Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging have selected **Senior Services** as the Case Coordination Unit (CCU) for DuPage County. This Unit publishes this directory, a **Long Term Care Facilities** booklet, and a **Senior Housing Directory**. All can be viewed online at **www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs.** Services are provided through the following programs:

- Information and Assistance: Provides information to seniors, their families and other community agencies on how to access programs, services and benefits that are available to older individuals.
- Comprehensive Care Coordination: Offers a thorough in-home assessment to identify risks to a senior's independence and provides care planning to help reduce any unmet needs.
- Community Care Program (CCP): Provides homemaker, adult day services and Emergency Home Response Systems to Illinois residents who are at least 60 years of age and who meet eligibility guidelines. Services include help with basic household tasks and personal care, as well as on-going case management. The purpose of this state sponsored program is to help seniors maintain the maximum possible level of independence, and to prevent unnecessary nursing facility placement. The Community Aging Referral Program (CARP) allows individuals with higher assets to purchase these same services with a referral from Senior Services.
- Case Management: Provides follow-up, monitoring and advocacy to ensure implemented plans of care continue to meet the needs and wishes of the older adult.
- Home Delivered Meals: Arranges home delivered meals for homebound seniors who are unable to shop, prepare meals, or attend a Community Dining Center. A care coordinator from Senior Services will complete a comprehensive assessment to determine eligibility and review other services or resources available.
- Adult Protective Services: Responds to all reported cases of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation for individuals with disabilities age 18-59 or adults age 60 and over. A trained caseworker investigates each report and works with individuals to resolve the abusive situation. People who report suspected cases of elder abuse are assured of confidentiality.
- Flexible Community Services: This grant provides limited emergency funding to meet needs for products or services for which there is no alternative funding. By definition it targets our most elderly, frail and at risk seniors with unmet needs for medical care and supplies, household support, access or transportation and home modification.
- Residential Repair and Renovation: Provides limited funding for minor home modifications to frail older adults, which will enhance their ability to function independently.

- Money Management: A volunteer based program that assists seniors who may be having difficulty paying bills, balancing their checkbooks, negotiating with creditors, or making a budget. Community Care Program clients and vulnerable adults age 18 and over who are victims of exploitation can receive free assistance from an insured volunteer. Income and asset guidelines may apply.
- Choices for Care: Provides a consultation to all nursing facility applicants to explore options for long term care which may include home and community-based services or other long term care solutions. A comprehensive assessment helps identify needs; reviews service options and cost, and assists in developing a plan of care. A prospective nursing facility applicant can then choose services that are appropriate and affordable.
- Long Term Care Ombudsman Program: Ombudsmen have a twofold mission. An Ombudsman represents and advocates for residents in long term care facilities, licensed assisted living and supportive living facilities. They receive, investigate and attempt to resolve concerns and complaints regarding the care of residents as well as providing a regular presence in the licensed facilities.

Ombudsman are also charged with advocating and investigating service complaints for adults age 60 and over and disabled adults age 19-59 who receive community services through one of the Illinois Medicaid Waiver programs or who are Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries and receive managed care services.

- Pathways to Community Living: A resident of long term care, having recovered and become stable, may decide to return to the community. A transition coordinator will meet with them, determine if this is a safe and appropriate plan and assist the individual in locating housing and securing other necessary items. Eligibility criteria must be met.
- Outreach: Community visits to locate seniors who may be isolated due to transportation, housing, or language barriers. Efforts are made to educate and engage these individuals and their caregivers about resources and services they may need.
- Family Caregiver Support Program: A federally funded program that provides information and assistance, respite services, emergency support, and legal assistance to caregivers of older persons and grandparents raising grandchildren. Services may include respite in the form of home health care, adult day services, or nursing home placement on a short-term basis. Emergency gap-filling services are also available in the form of respite care, home modification, transportation, assistive devices, and financial assistance.

• **Senior Transportation:** Provides limited funding for transportation to low income DuPage County seniors who are not eligible for other available transportation services. Priority is given for travel to medical appointments, nutrition sites, grocery shopping, and banking.

#### **CLIENT SERVICES**

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Client Services provides social service assistance to DuPage County residents aged 59 and under. A Customer Service Assistant, who is trained to answer general questions regarding services, provides the first level of service. At the next level, Information and Referral Specialists offer clients a comprehensive assessment of their needs and determine their eligibility for a wide variety of services. Finally, clients with multiple or more complex needs are referred to a Client Services' Case Manager for further assistance.

- Information & Referral (I&R): DuPage County's central clearinghouse for social service information, providing individuals and agencies with resources available to persons aged 59 and under. Professionally trained staff helps to identify a client's need through a comprehensive assessment, and links them to the appropriate services. I&R Specialists access and utilize a vast information system, which includes data on over 1,400 social service agencies, churches, government bodies, civic groups, legal and medical organizations. There are no eligibility requirements. This program serves anyone who calls and requests information.
- Medical Assistance Program: Provides limited financial assistance for medical fees, prescriptions, and supplies. Services include assistance with prescriptions; medical fees such as x-rays; lab work; doctor visits; dental work; medical supplies such as glucometers, walkers, crutches, eyeglasses, and syringes. Clients eligible for Medicare that purchase a supplemental policy are not eligible. Clients age 59 and under may also apply for Access DuPage, and Family Care/All Kids.
- Case Management: Based upon a comprehensive assessment of the client's needs, short-term case management may be provided for up to six months. The Case Manager assists the client in the process of accessing services and programs to meet their needs. Further case management activities may include, but are not limited to, goal setting and the development of an action plan, follow-up, monitoring, and evaluation. Head of household must be 59 years of age or younger. Client signs an agreement to participate and work toward goals.

- Homelessness Prevention: Short-term assistance may be available to eligible households experiencing an economic crisis to avoid eviction and those who are currently homeless to become stably housed. Depending on available funding, services offered include rent, mortgage, or security deposit assistance coupled with supportive services to help maintain housing. Eligibility criteria vary by funding source. Applicants are required to document: current or intended residence within DuPage County; danger of eviction or current homelessness; ability to pay future rent and expenses through current income of development of a personal recovery plan. Additional eligibility criteria may apply. Homeless assistance from any provider may make a household ineligible for further assistance.
- Case Management: Short-term case management is available to assist DuPage County residents in need access basic needs and gain stability. Upon completion of a comprehensive assessment of strengths and needs, a case manager will assist the client to develop an individualized service plan to set goals and secure services necessary to meet basic needs. Case managers and clients meet on a planned basis to monitor progress toward goals and link with needed services. The client must be younger than age 60 and must sign an agreement to participate and work toward goals.
- Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS): This program helps families to develop career plans, reach family goals, and obtain services with the goal of achieving economic self-sufficiency. Services include comprehensive case management and supportive services for up to five years. Eligible households will be low-income DuPage County households with children. DuPage residents who are leased up with a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher may also apply. FSS applicants must complete a structured application process and sign an agreement to work toward goals.
- Shared Housing Program: Matches individuals who are seeking an affordable housing alternative, with residents who wish to share their home at a reasonable cost. The goal of the program is to link participants, 18 years and older, in housing that is safe, mutually supportive and sustainable. The program provides supportive, short-term case management to both parties before, during and after a match is made. Each applicant completes a comprehensive assessment to determine compatibility in a shared living situation. Screening criteria include positive references, results of a background check, and completion of a home inspection.

 In-kind Goods Program/Basic Needs: Income eligible households may receive vouchers for clothing and/or household items from Repeat Boutique and St. Vincent DePaul Society; and be screened for several area food pantries for referrals, and vouchers for eyeglasses.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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> dupagecris.org: An online Human Services Resource database that provides program information for those residing in DuPage County. Resources included address the following types of assistance: food, healthcare, housing, material goods, transportation, utilities, job training and placement, public assistance, and temporary financial assistance.

#### Home Support Programs

#### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):**

Assists low income households by offsetting the rising cost of home energy through direct financial assistance, energy counseling, outreach, and education. An overdue bill or disconnect notice is not required to receive LIHEAP assistance once per year. Emergency assistance is available to eligible households who have received a disconnect notice and for homeowners whose furnace is non-operational or determined unsafe to operate.



Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP): Provides energy conservation measures to income eligible households to aid in lowering the cost of heating and cooling. Energy saving measures <u>may</u> include sealing cracks, insulating walls and attics, and repairing or replacing windows and doors. Each furnace is checked for safety, and when needed, repaired, updated, cleaned and tuned to provide optimum efficiency. The furnace may be replaced if found to be unsafe or non-repairable. Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers may be installed. Households that qualify for LIHEAP meet the income requirements for Weatherization.

**Single Family Home Rehabilitation:** Assists low and moderate income homeowners to address health and safety issues, or maintain the value of their homes. See page 63 for details of these programs.

- Transportation Programs: DuPage County is a Ride DuPage sponsor. See the Transportation section for more detailed information.
- **Giving DuPage/Volunteer Center:** This program encourages giving and volunteering in DuPage County. It assists individuals seeking volunteer opportunities by providing referrals to local agencies who can utilize their talents and skills. Giving DuPage also publishes an Annual Giving Guide. For more information, go to **www.givingdupage.org**.

## ADULT DAY SERVICES

Adult day service provides a protective and stimulating environment for older adults who are in need of daytime supervision. Attendees profit from the array of services offered, while their caregivers receive respite from the pressures and demands of caring for an elderly relative or friend. Benefits include a structured environment, companionship, nutritious meals and a variety of activities under the supervision of professional staff. Personal care, physical and occupational therapy and health monitoring are available at some locations (referred to as medical models).



Adult day service is a cost-effective alternative to in-home services or nursing facility placement. Participation is a welcome change of pace for individuals who are moderately handicapped, physically frail, mildly confused or socially isolated. Daily schedules, fees and services vary. Financial assistance may be available through the Illinois Department on Aging's **Community Care Program**, or the Veterans' Administration.

Adult Christian Care
Epiphany Lutheran Church
314 W. Vallette Street
Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 832-1788
M-F, 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

- ★ Autumn Country Club, Inc. Adult Day Care Services 107 N. Reed Street Joliet, IL 60435 (815) 730-0060 M-F, 6:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
- ★ Cherished Place
  Adult Day Services
  417 W. Main Street
  West Dundee, IL 60118
  (847) 586-5770
  M-F, 7:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.

- ★ Cherished Place
  Adult Day Services
  800 W. Oakton Street
  Arlington Heights, IL 60004
  (847) 368-7397
  M-F, 7:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M.
- ★ Community Adult Day Care Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 4501 Main Street Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 968-1060 M-F, 7:30 A.M. - 5:45 P.M.
- ★ Ecumenical Adult Care Riverwalk Community Center 305 W. Jackson Avenue Naperville, IL 60540-5204 (630) 357-8166 M-F, 7:45 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

- ★ ESSE Glen Ellyn
  Ecumenical Support Services
  for the Elderly
  Faith Lutheran Church
  41 N. Park Boulevard
  Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
  (630) 858-1005
  M-F, 7:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.
- ★ ESSE Wheaton
  Ecumenical Support Services
  for the Elderly
  St. Paul Lutheran Church
  515 S. Wheaton Avenue
  Wheaton, IL 60187
  (630) 260-3773
  M-F, 7:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.
- ★ ESSE Warrenville
  Ecumenical Support Services
  for the Elderly
  Community Baptist Church
  28W444 Main Street
  Warrenville, IL 60555
  (630) 791-9319
  M-F, 7:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.
- ★ Elder Day Center, Inc.
   328 W. Wilson Street
   Batavia, IL 60510
   (630) 761-9750
   M-F. 7:30 A.M. 5:30 P.M.

Golden Elders Inc. Senior Day Care 1617 Swallow Street Naperville, IL 60565 (630) 983-6860 M-F, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

- ★ Gottlieb Adult Day Center 701 W. North Avenue Melrose Park, IL 60160 (708) 538-5700 M-F, 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
- ★ Rachel's Place
   Adult Day Care
   309 W. Park Avenue
   Aurora, IL 60506
   (630) 896-9022
   M-F, 8:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M.

Trinity Adult Day Services
Trinity Community Center
233 E. Maple Avenue
Roselle, IL 60172
(630) 894-3810
M-F, 7:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

- ★ Universal Industries
   954 W. Army Trail Road
   Carol Stream, IL 60188
   (224) 208-1130
   M-F, 8:30 A.M. 4:30 P.M.
- ★ Universal Industries
   1032 E. Ogden Avenue
   Naperville, IL 60563
   (630) 705-1208
   M-F, 8:30 A.M. 4:30 P.M.
- ★ West Suburban Senior Services 439 Bohland, #2 Bellwood, IL 60104 (708) 547-5600 M-F, 7:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

# ★ West Suburban Senior Services 712 E. Elm Street LaGrange, IL 60525 (708) 547-5600 M-F, 7:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

- ★ Xilin Asian Community Center
   1163 E. Ogden Avenue, Ste. 301
   Naperville, IL 60563
   (630) 355-4322
   M-F, 8:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.
- ★ Xilin Senior Center
   145 E. Algonquin Road
   Arlington Heights, IL 60005
   (847) 607-6555
   M-F, 8:00 A.M. 3:00 P.M.

★ Contracted with the Illinois Department on Aging Community Care Program
"...helping older people live independently" (See page 55)



Illinois Adult Day Services Association www.iadsa.com

Provides opportunities for communication, cooperation, advocacy and coordination among providers of Adult Day Services in Illinois.

# COUNSELING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Good mental health is important in maintaining a high quality, independent lifestyle. At times, however, the stresses of physical and emotional changes, illness, providing care or suffering loss can bring about feelings of anxiety, grief and depression. These feelings can have a negative impact upon one's sense of well-being. Services that can assist older adults and their families in coping with the changes that often accompany the aging process may be obtained through psychiatrists, psychotherapists and other mental health professionals.

Support groups educate and inform, as well as provide an opportunity to share common experience and emotional support with others who face similar issues. These groups frequently focus on special needs, including Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, cancer, caregiving, depression and grief. Generally, area hospitals, nursing facilities, agencies that provide counseling, and health related organizations can direct you to a support group that will meet your needs. If you have any questions, or need additional information, call **DuPage County Senior Services**, (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

#### Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital

1650 Moon Lake Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 **1-800-432-5005** 

www.alexianbrothershealth.org (Behavioral Health Tab)

Programs offered include Older Adult Partial Hospitalization, individual and group therapies for mood disorders including grief and loss issues, anxiety, substance abuse and more.

#### **Associates in Family Care**

Aurora, IL 60506, 888 S. Edgelawn Drive, Suite 1751 Downers Grove, IL 60515, 842 Curtiss Street Naperville, IL 60563, 650 E. Diehl Road (630) 983-0600 www.AFCtherapist.com

Offers solution based counseling for individuals, couples, and families, facing difficulties with decisions, personal feelings, or relationships. Accepts Medicare, and most insurance.

#### **DuPage Community Clinic**

511 Thornhill Drive, Carol Stream, IL 60188 **(630) 682-0639** 

www.dupagecommunityclinic.org

Offers free mental health services to low income uninsured individuals. Services are provided by professionals volunteering their services.

# **DuPage County Health Department Access and Crisis Center**

440 S. Finley Road, Lombard, IL 60148

(630) 627-1700 (Emergency Crisis Line)

(630) 221-7980 (Non-emergency for intake and referral)



Receives all emergency and non-emergency calls for mental health services. Provides information on options available from the Health Department and other mental health groups. The **Crisis Intervention Unit** offers professional counseling services, 24 hours daily, for emergencies. Accepts Medicaid/Medicare and some private insurance.

Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare: Behavioral Health Services 1200 S. York Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (331) 221-4400 www.emh.org

Offers partial hospital program, Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program for adults who need psychiatric and/or chemical dependency treatment. Also provides, physiatrist, medication management, group level treatment and inpatient and outpatient counseling.

#### Family Shelter Service 605 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 221-8290 (24-hour Hotline)



Provides a variety of services to victims of domestic violence. Programs include emergency shelter, individual and group counseling, services for children and teens, court and victim advocacy. All services are free of charge, offered in English and in Spanish and available to individuals regardless of their immigration status.

#### **Gottlieb Geriatric Behavioral Health Unit**

701 W. North Avenue, Melrose Park, IL 60160 (708) 538-4248 www.gottliebhospital.org

Short term in-patient treatment for those age 65 and older with mental health needs. Features comprehensive evaluation, treatment plan, therapies, medication management and encourages family participation.

#### **Hamdard Center**

228 E. Lake Street, Addison, IL 60191 (630) 860-9122 (24-hour Hotline) (630) 835-1430

A multi-cultural agency focused on serving the Middle Eastern & South Asian communities as well as other vulnerable DuPage County residents. Services include counseling, Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter and transitional housing for victims of abuse, partner abuse intervention program, primary care services and case management, domestic violence support groups, translation and interpretation services, legal and immigration advocacy.

Lutheran Social Services
Behavioral Health Services
544 S. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181
(630) 993-0100 (accessible after hours)



Providing individual, family and group counseling, educational services, consultation with professionals and organizations and referral to specialized services. Sites in DuPage County include Villa Park, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, and Wheaton. Payment methods include private insurance, Medicare, and sliding scale fees.

#### **Mental Health America of Illinois**

70 E. Lake Street, Suite 900, Chicago, IL 60601

(312) 368-9070 www.mhai.org

Help is available...

Promotes the awareness and development of self-help and mutual aid groups through education, dissemination of information, and training and consultation.

#### Metropolitan Family Services DuPage Senior Services Locations: For all locations phone (630) 784-4800

- ◆ 222 E. Willow Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187
- ◆ 209 N. York Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126
- ◆ 1999 W. 75th Street, Woodridge, IL 60517
- ♦ Americenter of Naperville, 27475 Ferry Road, Warrenville, IL 60555

Specialized consultation and counseling for older adults (age 60 and over) and for families who provide care for an older family member. Services are offered in the client's home or at any of the above locations. Issues commonly addressed are depression, anxiety, coping with changes, loss and grief, isolation, and challenges associated with giving care and support to an older parent or spouse. Psychiatric consultations and medication management are available when needed. Programs for grandparents raising grandchildren, including support groups are also available. Also offered are support groups and educational programs for caregivers. Medicare can be billed for some services. Contributions are welcomed and encouraged. No one is denied service for inability to pay. Call for an appointment.

National Alliance on Mental Illness - DuPage County (NAMI) 2100 Manchester Road, Building B, Suite 925, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 752-0066 www.namidupage.org



A non-profit organization dedicated to providing support, advocacy and education to improve the lives of individuals with a mental illness and their families.

Outreach Community Center 345 S. President Street, Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 260-7600 www.outreachcommunityministries.org

Engages older adults in activities to reduce isolation. Friendly Visiting Program matches older adults with a volunteer visitor one-on-one.

#### **Outreach Community Counseling Center**

336 E. Gundersen, Suite B, Carol Stream, IL 60188 **(630) 871-2100** 

Counseling center provides family, individual and couple counseling. Needs addressed include anxiety, depression, anger, grief and loss, trauma and family conflict.

#### PACT, Inc.

750 Warrenville Road, Suite 300, Lisle, IL 60532

(630) 960-9700

(630) 960-9849 TDD

email: pact@pactinc.net

www.pactinc.net

Provides case management to include needs identification, individual service planning, service linkage and advocacy, for any individual who has a developmental disability residing in DuPage County regardless of age.

#### Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center

1819 Bay Scott Circle, Suite 109, Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 357-2456 www.samaritancenter.org

Individual, marital, family and group therapy. Adult education classes. Fee subsidies available. Accepts Medicare and some insurance.

#### VNA HealthCare 400 N. Highland Aven

400 N. Highland Avenue, Aurora, IL 60506

(630) 892-4355

www.vnahealth.com

Addresses the complex needs of home health care patients by linking mental and behavioral care with medical health services. Will complete both physical and mental status assessment. Can provide psychotherapy, cognitive therapy, stress management, addictions education, grief resolution and more.

#### YWCA Patterson & McDaniel Family Center West Suburban Rape Crisis Hotline 55 East North Avenue, Glendale Heights, IL 60139 (630) 790-6600 (630) 971-3927 (24-hour rape hotline)



Provides assistance to victims of sexual assault. Educates about the effects of violence in our community and promotes general health and wellness through support services.

#### **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

Many older adults and individuals with disabilities age 18-59 are at risk of abuse, neglect and financial exploitation. More than half of the abusers are their primary caregivers. The most common forms of abuse are Emotional (verbal assaults, threats, harassment or intimidation), Financial Exploitation, Neglect (a caregiver's failure to provide life's basis necessities) and Physical Abuse (infliction of physical pain or injury). DuPage County is designated by the Illinois Department on Aging to respond to all reports of suspected abuse for these populations. Adult Protective Service Workers advocate for victims and initiate agreed upon interventions to resolve the abusive situation. Interventions may include home health care, nutrition services, financial or legal assistance, court advocacy, Adult Day Services, housing assistance, respite for the caregiver, counseling for the victim and/or abuser, emergency assistance, or when needed, guardianship proceedings and/or nursing facility placement. Competent adults have the right to refuse assistance and victims sometimes thwart attempts to resolve a bad situation.

Some professionals are mandated reporters, as identified by the Adult Protective Services Act. These professionals are required to report the abuse or neglect of any older adult or adult with disabilities who are unable to report for themselves due to any type of dysfunction. For more information on the Adult Protective Services Act, go to www.state.il.us/aging and select Adult Protective Services.



Report abuse, neglect & exploitation of those 18 years to 59 with a disability or any person aged 60 and older.

All calls are confidential

(630) 407-6500 (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. M-F) 1-866-800-1409 (After Hours Hotline)

#### SUPPORT GROUPS FOR GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT

No one is fully prepared for the loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death. Each of us responds differently and heals in our own time. Relationships change, routines vary and the unexpected or unknown can leave us feeling helpless or fearful. The support groups listed below may help you find comfort and strength as your life moves forward. Call for more information on particular groups.

Cadence Health
Central DuPage Hospital
Life After Loss
25 N. Winfield Road, Winfield, IL 60190
(630) 933-4234
www.cadencehealth.org

Coping with Grief Adventist St. Thomas Hospice 8230 S. Madison, Burr Ridge, IL 60521 (630) 856-6993

Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice 200 Whitfield Drive, Geneva, IL 60134 (630) 232-2233 www.fvvh.org Grief Support Group of Vitas Hospice (630) 268-6234 www.vitas.com/Illinois

Journey to Wholeness Grief Support Group Edward Hospital Naperville Campus (630) 527-5056 (Recording)

Life After Loss Meadows of Glen Ellyn 60 N. Nicoll Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 446-1527 Pathway to Wholeness Adult Grief Support Family Centered Hospice 2171 Executive Drive, Suite 450, Addison, IL 60101 (630) 317-3300 1-888-320-3300 (toll-free) www.familyhhs.com

#### HALFWAY HOUSES & SUBSTANCE ABUSE FACILITIES

#### Cornell Intervention 2221 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Woodridge, IL 60517 (630) 968-6477

Provides specialized substance abuse treatment services for adolescent and adult males in need of variable length of stay in-patient or out-patient care. The Twelve Step recovery program, a strong aftercare plan and a healthy environment allow clients to learn and practice sober living skills while examining their initial issues. Also has out-patient program for women.

#### Haymarket Center 932 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 226-7984 www.hcenter.org

Serves chemically dependent men and women and their families, including homeless and certain court-mandated offenders, through detox, (residential or outpatient) and other services. Fees are on a sliding scale. Medicaid, third-party reimbursement and private payment are accepted.

#### Linden Oaks Hospital 852 S. West Street, Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 305-5500 www.lindenoaks.org

Accepts both men and women. Clients must go through intake. Accepts private insurance, Medicare, and self-pay only. Length of stay varies. Performs detox and treats dual diagnosis.

#### **Serenity House Counseling Services, Inc.**

891 S. Rohlwing Road Addison, IL 60101 (630) 620-6616 www.serenityhouse.com

Accepts both men and women. Clients referred by Share, Wayback, hospitals, Elgin Mental Health Center, etc. Sliding scale, length of stay is 3 months to one year. Clients must be clean and sober for two weeks, heroin free for 30 days. Programs include recovery homes, HIV program, out-patient counseling and classes for levels of DUI.

#### **Wayside Cross Ministries**

215 E. New York Street Aurora, IL 60505 (630) 892-4239 www.waysidecross.org

Christian based residential treatment center. Accepts men only. Clients are referred by churches, word of mouth, and walk-ins. Need to work on premises. Six month program.

#### **MORE HELP ON THE WEB**



#### MentalHealth

Get the latest information on mental health problems and learn where to seek help. **www.mentalhealth.gov** 

#### Griefnet

Resources related to death, dying, bereavement, and major losses. **www.griefnet.org** 

# CRISIS AND EMERGENCY

Crises and emergencies can occur when we least expect them. It is important to know where to go for assistance. The following agencies help identify and meet the varying needs for food, shelter, medical necessities and more. In the event of an emergency **www.protectdupage.org** will contain emergency public information. You can also tune into the College of DuPage radio station, **WDCB 90.9 FM**. It will remain on the air and provide public emergency information.



#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

418 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 682-7925

www.protectdupage.org

www.facebook.com/protectdupage

www.twitter.com/protectdupage

The DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (OHSEM) seeks to promote a safer, less vulnerable and more disaster-resilient county in which people can live, work and raise their families. This is accomplished by helping communities within DuPage County build their capacity to cope with natural and human-caused hazards and disasters. OHSEM helps to protect communities and citizens within DuPage County by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other human-caused disasters.

The OHSEM External Affairs Unit is available to conduct emergency preparedness presentations to senior citizen groups, as well as any other organization interested in learning about how to prepare themselves for emergencies. To request a speaker, visit www.protectdupage.org and complete the Speaker Request Form.

#### **Operation Helping Hand-Special Needs Registration**

Offered by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, this program is designed to increase the safety of those residents of DuPage County who are most vulnerable to emergencies and disasters, including senior citizens, as well as residents who have disabilities or other access and functional needs. Residents or their caregivers can visit **www.protectdupage.org** and click the "Special Needs Registration" link to sign up for this free service. During large-scale emergencies, information in this database may be made available to first responder agencies.

#### **DuPage County Health Department**

111 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 682-7400 www.dupagehealth.org

Offers a wide range of health services at locations throughout DuPage County. Information on health services in emergencies will be available at **www.protectdupage.org**, or by listening to **WDCB** radio at **90.9 FM**.

#### **DISASTER AND EMERGENCY RELIEF AGENCIES**

American Red Cross of Greater Chicago 2200 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, IL 60612 (312) 729-6100 www.redcross.org or www.chicagoredcross.org

Led by volunteers, this humanitarian organization provides relief to victims of disasters and helps individuals prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Assistance may include vouchers to purchase essentials (food, clothing, medicine, eyeglasses and home furnishings), and financial assistance for rent, medical bills, and utility deposits. Additionally, mental health workers are available to help individuals cope with the emotional aftermath of disasters.



# Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) www.fema.gov

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror. Visit **www.ready.gov** to learn how you can prepare for an emergency or disaster.

#### MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

DuPage County Health Department Crisis Intervention Unit 440 S. Finley Road, Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 627-1700 (24 hours daily) (630) 221-7980 (non-emergency intake line)

Receives all emergency and non-emergency calls for mental health services. Provides information on options available from the Health Department and other mental health groups. The **Crisis Intervention Unit** offers professional counseling services, 24 hours daily, during emotional emergencies.

#### **GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

<u>MOST TOWNSHIPS</u> provide emergency financial assistance when available under the General Assistance Program to eligible residents for help with food, rent, utilities and medical needs. For a listing of the nine townships comprising DuPage County, See inside back cover.



<u>FOOD PANTRIES</u> are located at most townships, several churches, and other non-profit agencies throughout DuPage County and maintain a supply of food for individuals in need. When government commodities are available they are distributed through local food pantries to eligible residents. For locations, call **DuPage County Senior Services**, (630) 407-6500.

#### **Addison Community Switchboard**

193 W. Michael Lane, Addison, IL 60101 **(630) 628-2698 – (630) 628-2699** 

Offers general emergency assistance to Addison families in need of food, clothing, medical, dental, housing and transportation services, as well as providing referral services for long-term assistance.

#### **Catholic Charities**

26 W. St. Charles Road, Lombard, IL 60148 1-800-941-8681 – 24 hrs for at risk or homeless clients (630) 495-8008 (accessible after hours) www.cc-doj.org

Emergency assistance and homeless prevention services are provided to individuals and families in crisis through information and referral, social services, advocacy, case management, and limited financial assistance. Also provides shelter, transitional housing, personal supportive housing, counseling, and adult day care.



# Downers Grove FISH (630) 964-7776

**FISH** is a volunteer network that provides a helping hand in emergency situations. Volunteers assist with local transportation through volunteer drivers, companionship and other helpful services. Serves residents of Darien, Downers Grove, Lisle, Westmont and Woodridge.

# **DuPage County Senior Services** (630) 407-6500

Financial assistance and case management services to assist seniors facing hardships. Emergency grants may be available to assist with prescriptions, utility payments, food, housing and other unmet needs.

#### **HCS Family Services**

Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 323-2500

Supportive services are provided to seniors in Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Hinsdale, Oak Brook, Westmont and Willowbrook. Office is open from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. weekdays and food pantry is open on Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. and Friday afternoon from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. HCS is considered an outreach center for the Salvation Army Emergency Assistance community program. Also provides referrals to assist seniors applying for Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), and SNAP (food stamps) benefits.

#### **Love Christian Clearinghouse**

P.O. Box 50, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

(630) 512-8665

(630) 512-8675 (Fax)



Provides referrals to agencies and church volunteers to meet legitimate needs for food, clothing, shelter, furniture, friendship, budgeting, parenting, prayer, and unusual requests. Serves residents of Downers Grove Township, York and Addison Townships as well as the villages of Glen Ellyn, Lisle, and Woodridge.

#### **Naperville Cares**

618 W. 5th Avenue, Suite B, Naperville, IL 60563

(630) 369-0200

www.napervillecares.org

e-mail: volunteer@napervillecares.org

Provides financial assistance and resources to residents of Naperville. Commonly assists with rent and utilities, and connects people to resources and services that are available within the community.

#### **Outreach Community Center**

345 S. President Street, Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 260-7600 www.outreachcommunityministries.org

Offers counseling services and some financial assistance to individuals and families from Carol Stream. Fees are based on a sliding scale.

#### **People's Resource Center**

201 S. Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 **(630) 682-5402** 



Serves DuPage County residents in need. Eligibility requires proof of address (current utility bill, lease, Medicaid document). A driver's license is NOT acceptable. Services include a food pantry and clothes closet, Homeless Prevention Program, emergency rent assistance for qualified residents, literacy program, job assistance, computer access and training, and art programs.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores

90 W. Lake Street Addison, IL 60101 (630) 628-9008 1014 N. Farnsworth Avenue Aurora, IL 60505 (630) 820-5370 213 Main Street West Chicago, IL 60195 (630) 562-4801



Gently used clothing, furniture and other household items available at low cost. The very needy may receive vouchers for free items from DuPage County Community Services as well as from some other social services agencies and churches.

#### The Salvation Army

Divisional Headquarters, 5040 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60630 (773) 725-1100

Provides emergency, short-term financial assistance to individuals and families. Contact divisional headquarters or **DuPage County Senior Services**, **(630) 407-6500** or **1-800-942-9412** for your local representative.

#### **Sharing Connections Furniture Bank**

5111 Chase Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 971-0565 www.sharingconnections.org

Provides furniture, household items, appliances, beds, linens and electronics to individuals and families in need. Social service agency referral needed.

<u>WALK-IN MINISTRIES</u> may provide emergency assistance for gasoline, food, transportation, utilities, rent, car repairs, and prescriptions.

Elmhurst Walk-in Ministry St. Peter's United Church of Christ 125 W. Church Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 782-6006

Glen Ellyn Walk-in Ministry First United Methodist Church 424 Forest Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 469-2862



#### **Hope's Front Door**

1047 Curtiss Street, Room 610, Downers Grove, IL 60515 **(630) 322-9803** 

Itasca Walk-in Ministry 336 W. Center Street, Itasca, IL 60143 (630) 467-0133

Lombard and Villa Park Walk-in Ministry Outreach House - 1<sup>st</sup> Church of Lombard 220 S. Main Street, Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 693-0187

Serves the Lombard and Villa Park communities.

**Feeding Northwest DuPage: Food Pantry & Emergency Assistance** – Provides basic foods and emergency monetary assistance for housing utilities, medical care/prescriptions for those in need. Visit **www.feedingnwdupage.org** for more details.

#### Family in Faith Christian Church Mobile Market

1480 Bloomingdale Road, Glendale Heights, IL 60139 **(630) 653-5030** 

Mobile food pantry from the Northern Illinois Food Bank is hosted here. Call for schedule.

#### **Immanuel Presbyterian Church**

29W260 Batavia Road, Warrenville, IL 60555 **(630) 929-3923** 

Serves Winfield Township

#### **Lutheran Church of the Master**

580 Kuhn Road, Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 665-5188 (630) 375-7185 (voice mail)

Serves Carol Stream, Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights, Roselle and parts of Addison and Itasca (west of Route 53).

#### **Resurrection Catholic Church**

30W350 Army Trail Road, Wayne, IL 60184 (630) 289-2510 (during open hours) (630) 375-7185 (voice mail)

Serves Bartlett, Hanover Park, Wayne and West Chicago (north of North Avenue).

#### St. Andrew United Methodist

250 North Gary Avenue, Carol Stream, IL 60188 **(630) 653-7116** 

Serves Bloomingdale Township

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church Walk-In Ministry 820 Division Street, Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 353-4522 (Telephone messages are picked up 7 days a week)

Serves parishioners of St. Joan of Arc, or residents within parish boundaries, or those that are homeless.

St. Mary's Catholic Church 163 Garden Street, West Chicago, IL 60185 (630) 293-4958 (during open hours) (630) 375-7185 (voice mail)

Serves only West Chicago (south of North Avenue), Winfield and Warrenville.

#### **SHELTERS**

Catholic Charities/Hope House
26 W. St. Charles Road, Lombard, IL 60148
1-800-941-8681 (Crisis hotline)
Homelessness Prevention Program
(630) 495-8008
www.cc-doj.org

Shelter is provided for individuals and families who are homeless due to a crisis situation, such as job loss or divorce. Offers prevention counseling to help people avoid becoming homeless. Call for a phone intake.

DuPage P.A.D.S. (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)
705 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 682-3846 (Offices)
Client Service Center
703 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 682-8567 - 1-877-682-8567
www.dupagepads.org



Provides emergency shelter (including meals), support services and advocacy for people who are homeless. These programs are made possible through the support of individuals, groups, volunteers, and others. The overnight shelter is held in congregations throughout the county (sites change nightly) from 7:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. Client Services Center provides a hot lunch, job search assistance, medical and dental assistance, legal aid, and other helpful services.

#### **Family Shelter Service**

605 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 469-5650 (24-hour crisis hotline) (630) 221-8058 (TDD)

Emergency Shelter and 24 Hour hotline for victims of domestic abuse in DuPage. Offers counseling, support groups, and court advocacy. All services are free, confidential and offered to individuals in English and Spanish regardless of their immigration status.

#### **Hamdard Center**

228 E. Lake Street, Addison, IL 60191 (630) 835-1430 1-866-305-3933 (24-hour hotline)

Hamdard Center is a multi-cultural agency focused on serving the Middle Eastern and South Asian communities as well as other vulnerable DuPage County residents. Services include counseling, Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter and transitional housing for victims of abuse, partner abuse intervention program, parenting skills training, support groups, outreach to homebound residents, translation and interpretation services, legal and immigration advocacy.

#### **Lake County Haven**

P.O. Box 127, Libertyville, IL 60048 (847) 680-5408 (Client Services) www.lakecountyhaven.org

A therapeutic home-like facility for homeless women age 18 and over, with or without children. Provides long term shelter, transitional housing and comprehensive case management for qualified clients.



#### **Lifespring Ministry**

517 College Avenue, Aurora, IL 60505 (630) 952-1104 www.waysidecross.org

Long term, transitional living program for homeless women and women with children who have lost their housing due to addiction, abuse or financial reasons.

### **EDUCATION**

Adult education in colleges and universities offers innovative programming for the adult learner. Returning to an academic setting can be a rewarding experience. You may want to explore new career opportunities, earn a degree, stimulate and challenge your mind, meet interesting people, or just take a course for pleasure. Additionally, you can take advantage of the diverse athletic, cultural and social events that are scheduled throughout the year. These events and courses (also available through some high school districts) may be offered to older adults at no cost or reduced fees.

Libraries are also a source of educational and recreational opportunities for older adults. A listing of DuPage County libraries begins on the following page.

Please contact these resources directly if you have any questions, or need additional information.

#### COLLEGES

Benedictine University Center for Lifelong Learning 5700 College Road Lisle, IL 60532-0900 (630) 829-6000 www.ben.edu

College of DuPage
Continuing Education/Lifelong Learning
425 Fawell Boulevard
Building K, Room 165
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-6599
(630) 942-2208
www.cod.edu

DePaul University 150 W. Warrenville Road Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 548-9378 www.depaul.edu

Elmhurst College Sixty Plus Program 190 Prospect Avenue Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 617-3500 www.public.elmhurst.edu



Midwestern University 555 31<sup>st</sup> Street Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 969-4400 www.midwestern.edu

National-Louis University 850 Warrenville Road Lisle, IL 60532 (855) 658-4636 1-888-658-8632 www.nl.edu

North Central College 30 N. Brainard Street Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 637-5100 www.northcentralcollege.edu

Wheaton College 501 E. College Avenue Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 752-5000 www.wheaton.edu

#### **ELDERHOSTEL/ROAD SCHOLAR**

Road Scholar is the name for the educational programs developed and offered by Elderhostel. A nonprofit organization, Road Scholar offers an expansive range of topics, formats and locations, across the U.S., in 150 countries and on ships and sailing vessels on waterways throughout the world. Individuals 55 years of age and older, their spouse of any age, or companions who are at least 50 are welcome to participate. A limited number of scholarships are available for programs within the United States. Catalogs can be mailed by request and are available in every public library in the United States.

# Illinois Elderhostel 11 Avenue de Lafayette Boston, MA 02111 1-800-454-5768 www.roadscholar.org

#### **LIBRARIES**



In addition to their general services, libraries offer special interest programming for all age groups. Senior citizens may have the opportunity to participate in book discussion groups and/or informational seminars on gardening, healthcare, financial planning, retirement and travel. Special services include access to books and other materials in recorded form or in Braille for the blind and physically handicapped, as well as outreach programs for the benefit of homebound patrons.

**♥ Caregiver Affiliate Resource Library:** Maintains a selection of books, videos, etc. targeting caregivers and provides meeting space for trainings and support groups.

#### ADDISON

Addison Public Library 4 Friendship Plaza Addison, IL 60101-2499 (630) 543-3617 www.addisonlibrary.org

#### **AURORA**

Eola Road Branch Library 555 S. Eola Road Aurora, IL 60504 (630) 264-3400 www.aurorapubliclibrary.org

#### **BARTLETT**

Bartlett Public Library 800 S. Bartlett Road Bartlett, IL 60103 (630) 837-2855 www.bartlett.lib.il.us

#### **BENSENVILLE**

Bensenville Community
Public Library
200 S. Church Road
Bensenville, IL 60106
(630) 766-4642
www.bensenville.lib.il.us

#### **BLOOMINGDALE**

#### **Bloomingdale Public Library**

101 Fairfield Way Bloomingdale, IL 60108 (630) 529-3120 www.mybpl.org

#### **CAROL STREAM**

#### **Carol Stream Public Library**

616 Hiawatha Drive Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 653-0755 www.cslibrary.org

#### **CLARENDON HILLS**

#### **Clarendon Hills Public Library**

7 N. Prospect Avenue Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 (630) 323-8188 www.clarendonhillslibrary.org

#### **DARIEN**

#### **♥Indian Prairie Public Library**

401 Plainfield Road Darien, IL 60561 (630) 887-8760 www.ippl.info

#### **DOWNERS GROVE**

#### **Downers Grove Public Library**

1050 Curtiss Street
Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 960-1200
www.downersgrovelibrary.org

#### **ELMHURST**

#### **Elmhurst Public Library**

125 S. Prospect Avenue Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 279-8696 www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org

#### **GLENDALE HEIGHTS**

#### **Glenside Public Library**

25 E. Fullerton Avenue Glendale Heights, IL 60139 (630) 260-1550 www.glensidepld.org

#### **GLEN ELLYN**

#### **♥Glen Ellyn Public Library**

400 Duane Street Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 469-0879 www.gepl.org

#### **HANOVER PARK**

#### **Hanover Park Branch Library**

1266 Irving Park Road Hanover Park, IL 60133 (630) 372-7800 www.schaumburglibrary.org

#### Sonya Crawshaw Branch Public Library

4300 Audrey Lane Hanover Park, IL 60133 (630) 372-0052 www.poplarcreek.lib.il.us

#### **HINSDALE**

#### **Hinsdale Public Library**

20 E. Maple Street Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 986-1976 www.hinsdalelibrary.info

#### **ITASCA**

#### **Itasca Community Library**

500 W. Irving Park Road Itasca, IL 60143 (630) 773-1699 www.itascalibrary.org

#### **LISLE**

Lisle Library District 777 Front Street Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 971-1675 www.lislelibrary.org

#### **LOMBARD**

Helen M. Plum Memorial Library 110 W. Maple Street Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 627-0316 www.helenplum.org

#### **NAPERVILLE**

Naper Boulevard Library 2035 S. Naper Boulevard Naperville, IL 60565 (630) 961-4100 www.naperville-lib.org

♥Nichols Library 200 W. Jefferson Avenue Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 961-4100 www.naperville-lib.org

95<sup>th</sup> Street Library 3015 Cedar Glade Drive Naperville, IL 60564 (630) 961-4100 www.naperville-lib.org

#### **OAK BROOK**

Oak Brook Public Library 600 Oak Brook Road Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 368-7700 www.oak-brook.org/library

#### **ROSELLE**

♥Roselle Public Library 40 S. Park Street Roselle, IL 60172 (630) 529-1641 www.roselle.lib.il.us

#### **VILLA PARK**

Villa Park Public Library 305 S. Ardmore Avenue Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 834-1164 www.villapark.lib.il.us

#### **WARRENVILLE**

Warrenville Public Library 28W751 Stafford Place Warrenville, IL 60555 (630) 393-1171 www.warrenville.com

#### **WEST CHICAGO**

♥West Chicago Public Library
118 W. Washington Street
West Chicago, IL 60185
(630) 231-1552
www.westchicago.lib.il.us

#### **WESTMONT**

Westmont Public Library 428 N. Cass Avenue Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 969-5625 www.westmontlibrary.org

#### **WHEATON**

Wheaton Public Library 225 N. Cross Street Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 668-1374 www.wheatonlibrary.org

#### **WINFIELD**

♥Winfield Public Library 0S291 Winfield Road Winfield, IL 60190 (630) 653-7599 www.winfield.lib.il.us

#### **WOOD DALE**

Wood Dale Public Library 520 N. Wood Dale Road Wood Dale, IL 60191 (630) 766-6762 www.wooddalelibrary.org

#### WOODRIDGE

Woodridge Public Library 3 Plaza Drive Woodridge, IL 60517 (630) 964-7899 www.woodridgelibrary.org





Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center C/O DuPage Library System 125 Tower Drive Burr Ridge, IL 60507 1-800-426-0709

Free library service for anyone unable to comfortably read standard print due to a visual or physical impairment. Materials are delivered to eligible readers by mail (postage free). Audio machines are available also as well as access to downloadable books and magazines 24/7. Applications are accepted at Talking Book Centers, Illinois public libraries, or online at **www.ilbph.org**.

#### ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Retro-Tech Inc. 625 W. Main Street Peoria, IL 61606 (309) 682-0675 www.retro-tech.org Provide recycled and repaired computers to low income physically, challenged, seniors and students in need. Applications available online. Must be able to pick up or pay for home delivery. Also maintains an outlet store for the general public to purchase refurbished electronics.

### EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER

Many older adults continue to work past retirement. Currently, the average life expectancy for those who reach age 65 in the United States is 84. If you consider taking early retirement as allowed by Social Security at age 62, will you have the financial resources to support yourself for 20 or more years?

#### Why keep working?

- Almost half of homeowners over age 62 have a mortgage
- Many have not successfully saved enough to maintain the same lifestyle
- Waiting to take Social Security until age 70 can boost those earnings significantly
- Some retirees suffer depression as a result of the lack of routine and purpose once they stop working
- Work prevents isolation and can provide socialization and mental stimulation
- Working can keep you mentally and physically healthy
- Once a person begins collecting Social Security and other retirement income, they may have the option to begin a new career based on interest rather than income

Volunteering can also offer the opportunity to remain active and engaged, and allows retirees to utilize and contribute the skills they have gained over a lifetime. Churches, schools, hospitals, nursing facilities and other service agencies often rely on volunteers who are willing to give their time and share their expertise.

The following resources assist older adults who wish to obtain meaningful employment, make a career change or find an enriching volunteer opportunity.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

Has a three-fold mission:

- Provide employment services to all Illinoisans utilizing technology and coordinated efforts within a statewide network of employment centers. Performs outreach efforts to link employers with job seekers. Special services are geared to address the needs of older workers and veterans.
- Collects and analyzes employment and unemployment data, occupational and wage statistics to assist in development of public policy
- Efficiently administers and monitors Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Not all services are available at the local offices listed below. For further assistance, visit www.ides.illinois.gov or call 1-800-244-5631, 1-866-322-8357 (TTY)

North Aurora – 2 Smoke Tree Plaza Elgin – 30 DuPage Court Lisle - 2525 Cabot Drive Maywood – 1701 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 10

workNet DuPage Career Center 2525 Cabot Drive, Suite 302 Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 955-2030 (630) 955-2098 (TDD) www.worknetdupage.org



A partnership of DuPage County Workforce Development Division, College of DuPage, Illinois Dept. of Employment Security, Parents Alliance Employment Project, National Able Network and the Illinois Dept. of Human Services(DHS) and Division of Rehab Services(DRS) striving to help people get back to work. Services include:

- Job Search Resource Room with internet access, fax and job search resources
- Workshops such as Job Search Boot Camp, Job Search Strategies, etc.
- Job Club
- Career Assessment
- Occupational Training Grants
- Youth Services including paid internships and training scholarships

#### **Senior Community Service Employment Program**

The Senior Community Service Employment Program is a federally funded employment program designed to assist the mature worker (age 55+) in re-entering the job market. It operates under a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. Participants build skills and self-confidence working part-time for community service organizations. Apply through one of these offices:

Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging 245 W. Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 6 West Chicago, IL 60185 (815) 939-0727, or 1-800-528-2000 www.ageguide.org

Jewish Vocational Services 10 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 261-9324

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**DuPage County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 **(630) 407-6500** 

This program provides advocacy for residents of long term care facilities. Volunteers visit local nursing homes to provide socialization for residents, as well as advocate for their rights. Volunteers may be friendly visitors as well as assist with complaint investigations. For more information, contact **DuPage County Senior Services** at the number above.

**DuPage County Money Management Program** 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 **(630) 407-6500** 

Volunteers are trained and supervised to assist seniors having difficulty managing their money. A component of the Community Care Program, these services are also available to victims of abuse. Volunteers will help organize papers, establish a budget, pay bills and balance a checkbook. For more information, see page CS-3 or call **DuPage County Senior Services** at the number listed.

DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC) 1990 Springer Drive, Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 620-0804 www.dupageseniorcouncil.org

Volunteer opportunities are available to deliver meals to the homebound elderly, assist at Senior Dining Centers, help in spring and fall with Chore Days, or other activities that benefit older adults. Volunteers ensure that DSCC programs are available to all DuPage County seniors in need. See **NUTRITION** page 103.

#### **Giving DuPage**

421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-6500 1-800-942-9412 (630) 407-6502 (TDD) www.givingdupage.org



This program encourages giving and volunteering in DuPage County. It assists individuals seeking volunteer opportunities by providing referrals to local agencies who can utilize their talents and skills. Giving DuPage also publishes an Annual Giving Guide. For more information, go to www.givingdupage.org.

In-Home Senior Respite Program
Metropolitan Family Service DuPage County
222 E. Willow Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 784-4875
www.metrofamily.org

Volunteers are recruited, trained and supervised to offer respite to family caregivers and companionship for the care recipient. Volunteers typically provide three hours of respite, and do not perform any medical or professional services. See page 58 for more details.

Hospice volunteers provide valuable services to persons and families dealing with the end-of-life process. Responsibilities can include: listening as a patient shares memories, feelings, fears, filling in to give a family caregiver short, needed respite, offering families reassurance and comfort, providing administrative support in the offices, running errands, performing light housekeeping chores, visiting patients in nursing homes or taking a patient on an outing. For a list of hospice providers in the area, see page 62.

Hands On Suburban Chicago (HOSC)
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 228-1320
www.volunteerinfo.net



HOSC inspires, equips and mobilizes people to volunteer and take action to support their communities. HOSC recruits and places volunteers with non-profits in need of help and trains non-profit staff in volunteer and non-profit management. Serves 45 towns and villages in North and Northwest suburbs of Chicago.

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) 1444 N. Farnsworth, Room 504, Aurora, IL 60505 (630) 375-6026 www.scorefoxvalley.org

Volunteer organization of successful business people who provide free assistance to small businesses and to those considering starting a business. SCORE counseling sites in DuPage County include Aurora, Bloomingdale, Elmhurst, Lisle, Naperville and Wheaton, and can be accessed through local Chamber of Commerce offices.

### Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Illinois Department on Aging

One Natural Resources Way, Suite 100 Springfield, IL 62702-1271

(800) 252-8966

www.illinois.gov/aging/ship



Staff and volunteer counselors are trained to educate consumers about Medicare, Medicare supplements, Part D plans, Medicare HMOs, long term care insurance, Medicaid and other senior health insurance options. They can also assist in filing Medicare claims and help investigate disputes. Counselors must be affiliated with a sponsoring organization. These sponsors provide office space and support services. SHIP counselors do NOT sell or solicit any type of insurance. For more information, and local sites, call **DuPage County Senior Services** at **(630) 407-6500.** 

# FEDERAL, STATE and LOCAL BENEFITS

Federal, state and local governments provide a variety of benefits for residents. These benefits can include income, insurance, nutrition assistance, utility assistance, etc. Eligibility standards vary by program. Listed below are some of the major benefits available. For additional resources for financial assistance, please refer to the following sections: VETERANS' BENEFITS, TAX RELIEF AND SERVICES, and PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNTS.

#### **FEDERAL BENEFITS**

**Social Security** is the largest financial assistance program serving those who are retired, disabled or surviving spouses and children. This program benefits almost every American family through the following plans:

- Retirement Benefits Most individuals who work pay taxes to fund Social Security benefits. At Full Retirement Age (FRA) Social Security pays, on average, about 40% of the earner's wage. In 2003 the age at which an individual could receive full benefits changed. For example, those born before 1938 can collect at age 65. Those born later are on a graduated scale. People born in 1960 or later will not reach FRA until age 67. A reduced benefit can be available at age 62. To maximize benefits, waiting until age 70 will increase the benefit by 7% for each year beyond FRA. Social Security was not intended to be the sole source of income for retirees so it is important to prepare for retirement with other pensions, savings and investments. For detailed information or to view your own benefit information long onto www.ssa.gov.
- Disability Benefits (SSDI) Those who cannot work due to a physical or mental condition that is expected to last at least one year or result in death, before age 65, may be eligible to receive Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). Social Security eligibility guidelines differ from other agencies or private plans and the application process can be lengthy. It is important to apply as soon as possible at www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability.
- Survivors Insurance Upon the death of a spouse or parent, an individual may be eligible to collect Social Security income based on the work record of the deceased. Spouses who can be considered are a widow or widower age 60 or older or 50 and older with a disability, or caring for a child who is under age 16 or disabled. To receive their own benefits, eligible children include those under age 18 or between 18 and 19 but in elementary or

secondary school full time or those who are severely disabled, age 18 or older and the disability began before age 22.

 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - Provides a minimum monthly income for those who are aged, blind or disabled who may not qualify for regular Social Security income. An individual who has never worked may be eligible to collect these benefits if they have very limited income and assets.

Social Security provides a very helpful website, **www.ssa.gov**. Here you can log on and create your own account and browse your projected earnings or file applications for benefits.

**Medicare**, and other benefits of the **Affordable Care Act (ACA)**, provide federal insurance coverage or subsidies for individuals of all ages depending on eligibility. See the section titled **INSURANCE** for further details of these programs.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY LOCAL OFFICES**

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Wed, 9:00 - 12:00 noon

1325 N. Lake Street Aurora, IL 60506 1-877-274-5412 Services residents of: Aurora, Carol Stream, Eola, Fox Valley, Naperville Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton and Winfield.

230 W. Lake Street Bloomingdale, IL 60108 1-877-845-1577 Services residents of: Addison, Bensenville, Bloomingdale, Elmhurst Itasca, Lombard, Medinah, Oakbrook Terrace, Roselle, Villa Park, Wayne and Wood Dale.

7440 Providence Drive Woodridge, IL 60517 **1-866-303-2724** 

Services residents of: Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Hinsdale, Lisle, Oak Brook, Westmont, Wilowbrook, and Woodridge.

790 Fletcher Drive Elgin, IL 60123 **1-877-405-0435**  Services residents of: Bartlett, Hanover Park, Ontarioville and Streamwood.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION 1-800-772-1213 (Toll-Free), 1-800-325-0778 (TTY)

Automated information is available 24 hours a day. To speak to a service representative, call between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or visit the official web site at **www.ssa.gov**.

#### **STATE BENEFITS**

Listed below you will find programs offered by the State of Illinois along with some federal programs administered by the state. **Medicaid**, both state and federally funded, is discussed in the **INSURANCE** section of this directory.

**Illinois Department on Aging** 

One Natural Resources Way, Suite 100, Springfield, IL 62702-1271 1-800-252-8966 www.state.il.us/aging



The **Benefit Access Program** provides the Seniors Free Transit Ride, The Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride, and the Secretary of State License Plate Discount. See page 125 in the **Transportation** section for eligibility and additional information.

Illinois Department of Human Services – Family Community Resource Center

146 W. Roosevelt Road, Suite 2, Villa Park, IL 60181

(630) 530-1120

(630) 530-1135 (TDD)

Change Report Line: 1-800-720-4166 (Bureau of Customer Support)

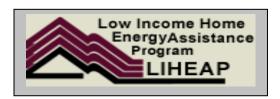
www.dhs.state.il.us

The State of Illinois provides the following assistance programs (state and federally funded), administered by the **Illinois Department of Human Services – Family Community Resource Center. IDHS** determines initial and on-going eligibility for the following types of assistance:

- ◆ SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program "Food Stamps" Administers this nutrition program for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Benefits are provided through the Illinois Link Card, accepted at most grocery stores, used instead of cash to purchase certain food items. The Link Card can also be used to pay for Home Delivered Meals.
- ◆ State Supplemental Payments (SSP) / AABD Provides cash assistance that supplements SSI (page 33) to the aged, blind or disabled who have incomes that are insufficient to meet basic needs based on state established standards. Eligibility is based on income, assets and need.
- ◆ TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) Provides temporary monthly income to women who are pregnant or families with children under age 19 who have insufficient income to meet their basic needs based on state established standards. Eligibility is based on income, assets, and agreement

to participate in work/training efforts, if appropriate. Grandparents raising grandchildren may be eligible for this benefit.

"Quick Answer System" is an automated help line provided by IHDS to its clients and providers. Public assistance clients call 1-800-843-6154, or 1-800-447-6404 TTY to check case status, availability of grants, food stamps, etc.





#### **ENERGY AND WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE**

DuPage County Community Services
421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500
1-800-942-9412

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) – A federal program administered by local agencies. It provides a one-time yearly benefit to low-income households for gas and or electric bills. An overdue bill or disconnect notice is not required. Emergency assistance may be available if your household has a disconnect notice from your gas or electric supplier, a fuel supplier has refused to deliver; and for homeowners whose furnace is non-operational or unsafe to operate.

Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) - Provides a diagnostic test to income eligible households to aid in lowering the cost of utilities. Energy saving measures provided may include sealing cracks, insulating walls and attics, as well as weather stripping, caulking and repairing windows and doors. IHWAP checks each furnace for safety and efficiency. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are installed in homes without them. Households who qualify for LIHEAP are automatically eligible for Weatherization. Accommodations are available to assist the homebound apply.

**ComEd CARE (Customers' Affordable, Reliable Energy)** – Offers a variety of programs subject to available funding.

- ◆ Residential Hardship may be available to customers suffering an identifiable hardship due to job loss, illness, disability or as an older adult. Eligibility guidelines apply up to \$2,431 for a single person in 2014-2015. The program is subject to change or cancellation. For current details and availability, call DuPage County Energy Assistance at (630) 407-6500, or toll free at 1-800-942-9412.
- ♦ CHAMP (ComEd Helps Activated Military Personnel) Deployed members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves and honorably discharged personnel may apply for this program. Benefits can include bill payment, deferred billing arrangements, extended due date, cancellation of late charges, deposit reduction or budget payment plan options. To apply for CHAMP, please contact ComEd at 1-888-806-2273.

Nicor Gas Sharing Program 1S415 Summit Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 629-3044

Administered by the Salvation Army, the Nicor Gas Sharing Program provides onetime annual grants to residential customers who are income eligible. Applicants must be ineligible for LIHEAP.

#### **LOCAL BENEFITS**

**Townships -** DuPage County townships provide various forms of assistance to residents, including the administration of the General Assistance Fund, Emergency Assistance (not mandatory) and special services and programs for older adults. These may include, but are not limited to, information and referral, health screenings, an onsite food pantry, a Senior Dining Center, 55 Alive/Mature Driving, transportation, and more. Township staff and/or volunteers assist in the preparation of income tax forms and complete applications for residents applying for federal, state and/or local benefits. Senior Centers (page 113), offering residents' social and recreational opportunities, are available through most townships. See inside back cover for township locations and contact information.

#### **MORE HELP ON THE WEB**



#### **Benefits Check Up**

Identifies public benefits to help with everyday expenses, such as food, utilities and medical care.

www.benefitscheckup.org

#### **BenefitsLink**

Resources on pensions, health insurance, and taxation of benefits. **www.benefitslink.com** 

#### **Catholic Charities**

Provides multiple social services programs including counseling, financial assistance, transitional housing, etc.

www.cc-doj.org

### HEALTH, MEDICAL, AND DENTAL

Healthcare needs, including dental, differ greatly from person to person. Services and resources to meet those needs are vast. This section highlights many of the more predominant resources and provides a wealth of websites from which more information can be gathered.

#### **HOSPITALS**

Hospitals offer comprehensive health care services that may include general and acute medical/surgical services, geriatric assessments, diagnostics, outpatient treatment, behavioral health care and rehabilitative services. Additional services include, but are not limited to, physician referral, support services for families as well as patients and wellness programs.



#### **Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital**

500 Remington Road Bolingbrook, II 60441 (630) 312-5000

#### **Adventist GlenOaks Hospital**

701 Winthrop Avenue Glendale Heights, IL 60139 (630) 545-8000 (630) 856-7500 (Physician Referral)

#### **Adventist Hinsdale Hospital**

120 N. Oak Street Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 856-9000 (630) 856-7500 (Physician Referral)

#### **Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital**

3815 Highland Avenue Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 275-5900 1-800-323-8622 (Physician Referral)

#### **Alexian Brothers Medical Center**

800 Biesterfield Road Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 (847) 437-5500 1-866-253-9426 (Physician Referral)

### Cadence Health Central DuPage Hospital

25 N. Winfield Road Winfield, IL 60190 (630) 933-1600 (630) 933-4234 (Physician Referral)

#### **Delnor Hospital**

300 Randall Road Geneva, IL 60134 (630) 208-3000 (630) 208-3993 (Physician Referral) (630) 933-4234

#### **Edward Hospital**

801 S. Washington Street Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 527-3000 (630) 527-3641 (Physician Referral)

#### **Elmhurst Memorial Hospital**

155 E. Brush Hill Road Elmhurst, IL 60126 (331) 221-1000 (331) 221-2273 (Physician Referral)

#### Hines, Edward Jr. VA Hospital

5000 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue or, 5th Avenue and Roosevelt Road Hines, IL 60141-5000 (708) 202-8387

### Johnson R. Bowman Health Center for the Elderly

710 S. Paulina Street
Chicago, IL 60612
(312) 942-7000
Specializes in geriatric health care and rehabilitation.

#### **Linden Oaks Hospital at Edward**

852 S. West Street
Naperville, IL 60540
(630) 305-5500
Full service psychiatric facility.

#### **Loyola University Medical Center**

2160 S. First Avenue Maywood, IL 60153 (708) 216-9000 (708) 327-3627 (Physician Referral) (708) 216-4030 (TDD)

#### **Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital**

26W171 Roosevelt Road Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 909-8000 (630) 909-8015 (TDD)

#### **Provena Mercy Medical Center**

1325 N. Highland Avenue Aurora, IL 60506 (630) 859-2222 1-877-737-4636 (Physician Referral)

#### **Rush-Copley Medical Center**

2000 Ogden Avenue Aurora, IL 60504 (630) 978-6200 (630) 978-6700 (Physician Referral)

#### St. Alexius Medical Center

1555 Barrington Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 (847) 843-2000 1-866-253-9426 (Physician Referral)



Medicare patients can compare hospitals and view important data about the safety of care at www.healthcare.gov/compare.

#### Do you have a complaint about care in a hospital?

#### **The Joint Commission**

An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission accredits and certifies more than 20,500 health care organizations and programs in the United States. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards. The Joint Commission may help address complaints about health care organizations. To file a complaint, email: complaint@jointcommission.org, fax to (630) 792-5636, or mail to:



Office of Quality and Patient Safety
The Joint Commission
One Renaissance Blvd.
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

#### MEDICAL RESOURCES

Access DuPage 511 Thornhill Drive, Suite E Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 510-8720

Assists eligible people without health insurance find a "medical home" from which to receive primary care medical services. Access DuPage links applicants with primary care physicians, the DuPage Community Clinic, and a prescription benefit. Applicants must be residents of DuPage County for at least 60 days; be between the ages of 19 and 64; have a household income at or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Level and be ineligible for other health insurance programs (Medicaid, Medicare, or ACA Marketplace insurance plans.)

#### **DuPage Community Clinic**

1506 E. Roosevelt Road Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 682-0639 422 N. Cass Avenue Westmont, IL 60559 **(630) 963-4101** 

Primary medical care for residents of DuPage County who have low incomes and no medical insurance, including Medicaid and Medicare. Donation requested. Medical Clinic patients must first apply to **Access DuPage** by calling **(630) 510-8720**.

#### <u>Public Health Centers</u> www.dupagehealth.org

#### **Central Public Health Center**

111 N. County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 **(630) 682-7400** 

#### **East Public Health Center**

1111 E. Jackson Street Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 682-7400

#### **North Public Health Center**

1111 W. Lake Street Addison, IL 60101 (630) 682-7400

#### **Southeast Public Health Center**

422 N. Cass Avenue Westmont, IL 60559 **(630) 682-7400** 

#### **West Chicago Office**

245 W. Roosevelt Road Community Health Services Building 14, Suite 148 (630) 682-7400

#### **Mental Health Services**

Building 15, Suites 101 & 107 West Chicago, IL 60185 (630) 682-7400

#### **DuPage County Health Department (DCHD)**

111 N. County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 682-7400 www.dupagehealth.org

Offers individuals, families and community groups, services that focus on preventing illness, protecting and promoting health. The staff, consisting of public health nurses, dental hygienists, nutritionists, and health educators, provides individual consultation, screening, clinic services and educational programs to county residents. Services include: Behavioral Health, Dental Services, Immunizations, Family Health, Disease Control, Prevention Efforts and more.

### **DuPage County Community Services Medical Assistance Program**

421 N. County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412 (630) 682-6502 (TDD)

Provides limited financial assistance for medical fees, prescriptions and supplies. Client's income cannot exceed 125% of poverty to receive funds. Client cannot have private or work related health insurance, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, or Medicaid. Exceptions may apply for services or prescriptions that are expressly prohibited from insurance coverage. Must show proof of 90-day income, and be a DuPage County resident.

#### **Hamdard Center Medical Clinic**

228 E. Lake Street, Addison, IL 60101 **630-835-1430** 

Offers medical services including general primary care, screenings, family planning, immunizations, behavioral health and treatment, cardiology, endocrinology and other specialties. Accepts Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance.

VNA Health Care Aurora, 400 N. Highland Avenue (630) 892-4355

**Bensenville**, 28 N. York Road **630-892-4355** 

**Bolingbrook,** 396 Remington Blvd., Suite 230 **(630) 892-4355** 

**Carol Stream**, 350 S. Schmale Road, Suite 150 **(630)** 892-4355

Health Center services at four community health center locations. Wellness and annual preventive services for adults, care for chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure, complete gynecological care, well child visits, school physicals and immunizations, and sick care treatment for children and adults.

#### FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

**Access Addison Family Health Center** 

1111 W. Lake Street Addison, IL 60101 (630) 628-1811 Access Martin T. Russo Family Health Center 245 S. Gary Avenue, Lower Level Bloomingdale, IL 60108 (630) 893-5230

Access West Chicago Family Health Center 245 W. Roosevelt Road Building 14, Suite 150 West Chicago, IL 60185 (630) 293-4124

Provide primary care, not urgent care, to everyone regardless of ability to pay, immigration status, age, etc. Referrals are made to specialists. The clinic accepts Medicare, All Kids, Family Care, and Access DuPage. Uninsured patients will have a sliding fee cost per visit. Fees are requested at time of visit, but will be billed if patient is not able to pay. Appointments are required along with proof of address, income, and picture identification.

#### HOUSE CALLS

Alegis Care 1340 S. Damen, Suite 400 Chicago, IL 60608 1-877-663-1333 - DuPage www.alegiscare.com

Serves east DuPage County. Specializes in providing comprehensive medical care in the convenience of your home. Is equipped with the latest technology to provide a full range of diagnostic services and treatments including traditional primary care, wound management and surgical debridement, podiatry, x-ray, EKG ultrasound, lab work, and pulse oximetry. Visits are covered by Medicare and most private insurance.

**Doctor at Home** 

803 E. Higgins Road, Suite, 113A Schaumburg, IL 60173 (224) 653-9000 – 24/7 Answering Service www.drathome.com



Board certified physicians and medical assistants coming right to your home to make you well and keep you healthy. We use the latest medical and diagnostic technology combined with listening, caring and hands on comfort.

HomeCare Physicians
1800 N. Main Street, Second Floor
Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 614-4960
www.cadencephysiciangroup.com

Offers medical services for the homebound patient and works with patients and caregivers to optimize their quality of life. This care has been shown to prevent unnecessary and costly ambulance trips, emergency department visits, hospitalizations and premature nursing home placement. Services provided are: physician home visits; decubitus ulcer care/debridement; tracheotomy tube changes, gastrostomy tube changes; electrocardiograms, pulmonary function testing, pulse oximetry, and lab services. Medicare and Medicaid accepted. Services are provided to homebound patients that live in the Central DuPage Hospital community. To view the area they serve, go to their website, or call the phone number listed above.

MD at Home 1100 W. Cermak Road, Suite C-500 Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 243-2223

www.866mdathome.com

Provides in-home medical care (non-life-threatening) for homebound and elderly patients in ten counties including DuPage. Acts as a stopgap for patients who, for a variety of reasons, cannot be transported to a physician's office or an urgent care center. Services include x-rays, blood work, EKG's, medicine and other supplies. Private insurance, and Medicare are accepted.

#### PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

**CNS Home Health and Hospice** 

690 E. North Avenue Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 665-7000

Parish nurses are registered nurses that assess the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of church members. They offer educational programs that promote health and wellness, arrange for medical equipment in the home, discuss personal health concerns and make hospital and home visits. Parish nurses do not provide "hands on" care. Parish nursing helps bridge the gap between faith community members and medical providers. Call for information on how to locate or start a Parish Nurse Program in your church.

For a comprehensive list of home health agencies in DuPage County, call Senior Services at **(630) 407-6500** or visit our website at **www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs**. To review a comparison of Medicare certified home health agencies, visit **www.medicare.gov/quality-case-finder**.

#### **HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS**

Through a variety of programs, these agencies may provide treatment, current information and local referrals for the following diseases and/or physical impairments. They are dedicated to increasing public awareness; providing support and assistance for patients and their families; and supporting research for the cause, treatment, and cure of these medical problems.

#### **ALCOHOLISM**

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 180 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 305 Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 346-1475

Self-help groups using the 12-step program to achieve and maintain sobriety.

Downers Grove/Westmont/Oak Brook (630) 887-8671
Elmhurst/Villa Park/Lombard (630) 833-7897
Glen Ellyn/Wheaton/Northwest DPC (630) 653-6556
www.aa-nia-dist40.org
Lisle/Naperville/Woodridge (630) 355-2622
www.district43aa-nia.org
En Espanol (630) 776-3887
Al-Anon (630) 627-4441

SHARE Drug and Alcohol Treatment Program 1776 Moonlake Boulevard Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 (847) 882-4181

www.niafg.org

Residential detox and rehabilitation facility for adults suffering from alcohol and drug dependence.

#### **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**

Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1700 Chicago, IL 60601-7633 (312) 335-8700

Alzheimer's Association Greater Illinois Chapter 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60631 (847) 933-2413 1-800-272-3900 (Helpline)

Information and support for persons affected by Alzheimer's.

Rush Memory Clinic Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center 600 S. Paulina Street, Suite 130 Chicago, IL 60612 (312) 947-7232

Comprehensive geriatric assessments and family consultation.

#### **ARTHRITIS**

Arthritis Foundation, Greater Chicago Chapter 35 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 2260 Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 372-2080 1-800-735-0096

Programs include aquatics, education and physician referral, and funding research.

#### ARTHRITIS CONT.

Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital 26W171 Roosevelt Road Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 909-8000

(630) 909-8015 (TDD)

**Marianjoy Oak Brook Terrace Location** 

17W682 Butterfield Road Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 (630) 909-6500

Educational peer support group for chronic pain.

#### **BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

AIM-CIL
Achieving Independence Mobility
Center for Independent Living
3130 Finley Road, Suite 500
Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 469-2300 VTTY
www.dupagecil.org

Empowers persons with disabilities, living in the community, to effectively control and direct their own lives.

**Chicago Lighthouse for People Who are Blind or Visually Impaired** 

1850 W. Roosevelt Road Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 666-1331

(312) 666-8874 (TTY)

Services include information and referral, low vision examinations and care, and mobility training. Medicare and sliding scale fees.

For information regarding free Braille telephones, see ITAC on page 49.

#### EyeCare America Seniors EyeCare Program

P.O. Box 429098 San Francisco, CA 94142-9098 1-800-222-3937 (Senior Line) www.eyecareamerica.org

Ensures older adult access to medical eye care and promotes annual dilated eye exams. Sponsor Seniors EyeCare Program, Diabetes EyeCare Program and Glaucoma EyeCare Program. Eligibility guidelines apply. Call for details or more information.

#### **Guild for the Blind**

65 E. Wacker Place, Suite 1010 Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 236-8569 www.guildfortheblind.org

Provides adaptive technology training, career counseling, skills building, public awareness and more.

#### Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Bureau of Blind Services

2901 Finley Road, Suite 109 Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 495-0500 1-888-261-8512 (TDD)

Rehabilitative and vocational counseling, job placement, resource referrals and more.

### **Spectrios Institute for Low Vision at Deicke House**

219 E. Cole Avenue Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 690-7115 (630) 690-2509 (TDD)

Provides persons whose vision cannot be improved with ordinary glasses, with an eye evaluation, and training necessary to function independently.

#### **Lions of Illinois Foundation**

2814 DeKalb Avenue Sycamore, IL 60178 www.lionsclubs.org (Please use website first) (815) 756-5633 1-800-955-5466

Assists low income visually impaired persons. Primary assistance offered for eye exams/evaluations and eyeglasses. Offers a referral program for special needs.

#### Vision USA

243 North Lindbergh Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63141 **1-800-365-2219 www.aoa.org** 

A program developed to provide low income working Americans free eye exams. Eligibility includes: having a job or live in a household where there is one working member; having no vision insurance; having income below an established level; and not having had an eye exam within 2 years.

#### **CANCER**

American Cancer Society DuPage Area Office

1801 Meyers Road, Suite 100
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
(630) 932-1141
1-800-227-2345 – National Office
www.cancer.org

Services include information and referral, transportation, support groups and more. Dedicated to preventing cancer and reducing its effects.

Cancer Information Service National Cancer Institute 1-800-4-CANCER (226237) www.cancer.gov

Illinois Department of Public Health Women's Health Line 1-888-522-1282 (toll-free) 1-800-547-0466 (TTY)

Cancer Program - Offers free mammograms, breast exams, pelvic exams and Pap test. <u>Uninsured</u> women over the age of 35 can receive free cervical cancer screenings, and women over the age of 40 can receive free mammograms and breast exams.

#### **Wellness House**

131 N. County Line Road Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 323-5150

Provides emotional support, encouragement and education to persons with cancer and their families.

#### **CARDIAC DISORDERS**

American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate

208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1500 Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 346-4675

Services include information on heart and stroke conditions, health education, and more.

#### **DEAF/HARD OF HEARING**

#### **Center on Deafness**

3444 Dundee Road Northbrook, IL 60062-2201 (847) 559-0110 (847) 559-9493 (TTY) www.centerondeafness.org

Residential and vocational programs for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and have behavioral disorders.

#### **Chicago Hearing Society**

2001 N. Clybourn Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chicago, IL 60614 (773) 248-9121 (773) 248-9174 (TTY) www.chicagohearingsociety.org

Offer a wide array of programs and services to empower the deaf and hard of hearing and hearing people to communicate with each other and lessen their isolation.

### Dial-A-Hearing Screening Test Hotline 1-800-222-3277

Will conduct a phone hearing test Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time.

#### **Easter Seal DuPage**

830 S. Addison Avenue Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 620-4433 1323 Bond Street Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 357-9699 www.easterseals.com

#### Elmhurst College Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic

190 Prospect Avenue Elmhurst, IL 60126 **(630) 617-3555** 

Special clinic tests adults and children with hearing and speech problems. Services are performed by supervised clinical students. Call for fee information.

#### **HEAR NOW**

Starkey Hearing Foundation 6700 Washington Avenue South Eden Prairie, MN 55344 1-800-328-8602 www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org

Mission is to provide hearing aids to permanent US residents who meet the eligibility criteria and have no other resources. Assistance comes through manufacturer gifts, hearing health care providers in your area and donors across the US. A non-refundable processing fee with the application is required (currently \$125 per device requested). For more information, or to check eligibility, visit the website or call.

### The Hearing Loss Association of America

7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 1200 Bethesda, MD 20814 **(301) 657-2248** 

Services include education about hearing loss for hard of hearing people and others, advocacy, self-help and more.

Provides hearing evaluations, and hearing aid aid dispensing and repair.

Illinois Relay Service 1-800-526-0857 (Voice) 1-800-526-0844 (TTY)

Operators relay phone conversations between standard voice-telephone users and text-telephone users. The operators read words to a hearing person that are typed and transmitted electronically by a deaf person and transcribe the hearing person's response, which appears on the text screen of the hearing-impaired caller. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Illinois Telecommunications Access Corp. (ITAC)

3001 Montvale Drive, Suite D Springfield, IL 62704 1-800-841-6167 Voice/TTY www.itactty.org

ITAC provides telecommunication access, Illinois relay service, and free equipment programs for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, late deafened, speech-disabled and deaf-blind. ITAC programs are funded by a charge collected on all local phone lines in Illinois. ITAC programs are required and governed by Illinois law.

## International Hearing Society Hearing Aid Helpline 1-800-521-5247

Free consumer information on hearing loss and hearing aids. Makes referrals to qualified hearing specialists.

#### **Lions of Illinois Foundation**

2814 DeKalb Avenue Sycamore, IL 60178 (815) 756-5633 1-800-955-5466 www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org

Assists low income hearing-impaired persons. Primary assistance offered for hearing tests and reconditioned hearing aids. Also offers a referral program for special needs. Please check website for local contact information.

#### **Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center**

10409 S. Roberts Road Palos Hills, IL 60465 (708) 599-9500 www.sertomacenter.org

Free hearing screening for anyone age 21 and older. Other special services available.

#### **DENTAL**

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#### **DIABETES**

### **American Diabetes Association Northern Illinois/Northern Indiana Area**

55 E. Monroe Street, Suite 3420 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 346-1805 1-800-240-5266

Information and referral, educational programs, literature, and Speakers' Bureau.

#### **EPILEPSY**

### **Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago**

17 N. State Street, Suite 650 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 939-8622 (312) 628-4770 (TDD) www.epilespsychicago.org

Advocacy, counseling, helpline, parent and public education support groups and more.

### FALL PREVENTION CLINICS OF AMERICA

Hobson Medical Campus 1220 Hobson Road, Suite 1132 Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 305-0403 1-866-305-0403 www.fallpreventionclinics.com

Evaluate patients for balance disorders and fall risk factors. Perform tests of sensory, vestibular, musculoskeletal and central nervous system functions, and develop a care plan for treatment and rehabilitation to prevent future falls.

#### **GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISORDERS**

### Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Inc.

2200 E. Devon Avenue, Suite 392 Des Plaines, IL 60018 (847) 827-0404 1-800-886-6664 www.ccfa.org/chapters/illinois

Assists individuals and their families cope with chronic illness, provides community education, and raises money for research.

#### **KIDNEY DISORDERS**

### American Kidney Fund National Office

11921 Rockville Pike Suite 300 Rockville, MD 20852 (301) 881-3052 1-800-638-8299 1-866-300-2900 (Helpline in English and Spanish) www.kidneyfund.org

Direct financial aid to needy dialysis patients, transplant recipients and donors, to help cover the cost of treatment-specific expenses.

#### **National Kidney Foundation of Illinois**

215 W. Illinois, Suite 1C Chicago, IL 60610 (312) 321-1500, 1-800-954-3639 www.nkif.org

Educational information and referral only.

#### **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS**

### National Multiple Sclerosis Society Greater Illinois Chapter

525 W. Monroe, Suite 900 Chicago, IL 60661 (312) 421-4500 1-800-344-4867 www.nationalmssociety.org

Supports MS patients through information and referral, counseling, education, therapeutic recreation, support groups and more.

#### **PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

American Parkinson Disease Association – Midwest Chapter 1800 N. Main Street, Suite 215 Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 933-4392 www.apdamidwest.org

Provides advocacy, education and fundraising to promote public awareness and to support research. Also offers respite for caregivers. Call for information on local support groups.

#### **Parkinson's Disease Foundation**

1359 Broadway, Suite 1509 New York, NY 10018 1-800-457-6676 www.pdf.org

Provides funding for research, and Support and education for patients and/or caregivers.

#### **RESPIRATORY DISORDERS**

American Lung Association of Illinois-Greater Chicago 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 781-1100

Services include support for medical research, information and referral for patients with lung disease, educational programs, smoking cessation sessions, and more.

#### **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE**

Elmhurst College Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic 190 Prospect Avenue Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 617-3555

Clinic evaluates and treats adults and children with a variety of speech and language problems. Services are performed by supervised clinical students.



### **Chicago Dental Society Foundation Clinic**

416 E. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL 60187 **(630) 260-8530** 

Provides free basic dental care to patients with income below 200% of poverty (\$1.961.67 for a single individual in 2015) and residency in Cook, Lake or DuPage counties. Based on household income. Services include initial cleaning and x-rays, fillings and extractions. Does not provide emergency care. Call for more information or to request an application.

### College of DuPage Dental Hygiene Program

425 Fawell Blvd. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 942-3250 www.cod.edu

Students of the Dental Hygiene Program provide preventative oral health services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, sealants, fluoride treatment and whitening. Senior citizens, 65 or older, receive a 15% discount on cleaning only. Health insurance and third party reimbursements are not accepted.

#### Denta Quest 1-888-875-7482 www.dentaquestgov.com

Provides the name of a dentist who will provide dental care to Public Aid recipients. Advises and executes all dental benefits except eligibility determination.

#### **Dental LifeLine Network**

P.O. Box 211 Northbrook, IL 60065 **1-800-893-1685** 

Will match clients with a dentist in their community who can provide dental treatment. Applicants must have a severe and permanent disability, chronic illness or is age 65 or older, and must be unable to pay. Clients must also show that there is no other means of obtaining needed dental care. Routine cleaning is <u>not</u> done.

#### Donated Dental Dental Lifeline Network (847) 498-0385 www.nfdh.org

Volunteer dental professionals provide comprehensive treatment for eligible patients including dentures, partials, crowns, fillings and root canals. No emergency services provided. Eligibility guidelines apply. Call for application information.

### **DuPage County Health Department Dental Health Services Unit**

111 N. County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 682-7400, ext. 7776

Services income-eligible clients with urgent oral problems such as tooth pain, bleeding, infection, and/or swelling.

### Midwestern University Dental Institute

3450 Lacey Road Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 743-4500 www.mwuclinics.com

Dental services are provided by student dentists in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of dental education under the supervision of licensed faculty. Provides a wide range of services including dentures, extractions, implants, oral surgery and more at about half the normal cost. Accepts some insurance.

#### My County Cares Dental 1-877-354-6226 www.mycountycares.com

Discount plan for uninsured or under insured DuPage County residents in partnership with Careington International Corp.

#### **One Day Dentures**

1201 W. Walnut Jacksonville, IL 62650 (217) 479-8444

Economical dental services for extractions, dentures and partials. By appointment.

### William Rainey Harper College Dental Hygiene Clinic

1200 W. Algonquin Road Palatine, IL 60067 (847) 925-6534

Provides cleanings, x-rays, sealants and treatment of gum disease at reduced fees. No age or income requirements. Special senior rates for those 60 and older.





### Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org

#### **American Physical Therapy Association**

Provides "best practice" for physical therapy for the aging. www.geriatricspt.org

### Arthritis Foundation www.arthritis.org

#### **Better Hearing Institute**

Educational website for hearing loss issues, technology updates and links to the latest consumer information.

www.betterhearing.org

### Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases www.niddk.nih.gov

### Diabetes Home Page www.cdc.gov/diabetes

### Disability-Related Web Sites www.icdi.wvu.edu

#### **National Institute of Health**

National leading medical research and education agency. **www.nih.gov** 

#### **OncoLink**

Cancer information for patients and caregivers. www.oncolink.upenn.edu

### Rheumatology Resources on the Internet www.rheumatology.org

### HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

Support services enable older adults to maintain their independence and prevent unnecessary long-term care facility placement. These services assist with activities of daily living and health care, provide a sense of security and promote independence. They can be arranged on a full or part-time basis. Options included in this section are homemaker services, home health care, case management,



caregiver support services, emergency response systems, telephone reassurance programs, hospice, home repair and renovation, and moving/reorganizing resources.

#### HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCIES

Home health care may be a cost-effective alternative to nursing facility placement. These services can include homemaker and/or companion services, nursing care, speech, physical and occupational therapy and medical social services. These services are sometimes covered by Medicare, Medicaid, private health, or long-term care insurance. Always check with your insurance carrier for coverage benefits. See page 43 for physician services at home. A list of licensed Home Health Care Agencies can be requested from **DuPage County Senior Services** at (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412, or viewed on www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs.

#### COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

DuPage County administers the **Community Care Program**, a subsidized program that offers adult day care (page 1), emergency home response systems (page 59), homemaker services and money management for frail adults who are at least 60 years of age and who meet eligibility guidelines (based on need and financial resources). Homemakers assist clients with light housekeeping, laundry, personal care, meal preparation, shopping, errands and transportation. These services are free to those who qualify. The **Community Aging Referral Program (CARP)** allows individuals with higher assets to purchase these same services with a referral from Senior Services. For additional information, or to apply, please contact:

DuPage County Senior Services 421 N. County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-6500, 1-800-942-9412, (630) 407-6502 (TDD)

#### CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES/RESPITE

Keeping a parent or spouse at home is a goal for many people. Respite services provide temporary care for the elderly to relieve caregivers of the stress of their time consuming responsibilities. Respite may be arranged in a client's home or a "home away from home", an adult day center, or in a nursing facility. In addition to the resources listed below, many home health care agencies provide this service. Adult Day Centers provide daytime supervision and activities for older adults on a part-time or full-time basis. Many nursing facilities offer short-term respite when community services are not an option. For additional information and locations see Adult Day Services (page 1). If you have any questions, please contact **DuPage County Senior Services** at **(630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.** 

#### **Family Caregiver Resource Center**

DuPage County Senior Services 421 N. County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-6500 1-800-942-9412 www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs

**DuPage County Senior Services** is designated by the Northeastern Illinois Agency on Aging to be the Family Caregiver Resource Center for DuPage County. This federally funded program provides information and assistance, respite services, and support to caregivers of older persons and grandparents of any age raising grandchildren. Services can also be provided to caregivers of an individual with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders regardless of age. Funding for the following services is allocated annually and may not always be available.

**Respite Services** - May include substitute supports or short-term living arrangements in the form of homemaker services, adult day services or short-term nursing home placement. Childcare, camp, and other services can be provided for grandparents raising grandchildren.

**Emergency Gap-Filling Assistance** is available to assist with unexpected or unforeseen circumstances or occurrences and provides emergency support in the form of respite care, home modifications, transportation, assistive devices and financial assistance. Legal services are another component of gap filling. Caregiver's can access these funds in some cases to protect their legal rights, secure advice, and pursue guardianship and other such activities.

Caregiver Information and Assistance is available over the phone or in person to assist caregivers by providing information on opportunities and services and by linking the caregiver to those services.

#### In-Home Senior Respite Program

Metropolitan Family Service DuPage 222 E. Willow Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 784-4875

In-Home Senior Respite provides screened and trained volunteers recruited from faith organizations and the general community. These volunteers are matched with a family giving care to an older relative to provide respite for the caregiver and concurrent companionship for the older adult. Volunteers may provide either weekly or intermittent respite visits to a particular family, and may volunteer as an individual or as a family team, intergenerational team, friend team, co-worker team, etc. Volunteers do not perform any medical or professional services while in the home, but visit, play cards, share hobbies or simply converse with an older person while the family caregiver takes a break. Family contributions to help support and expand the program are welcome.



#### **Caring for an Adult Disabled Child**

#### **Ray Graham Association**

Corporate Location 901 Warrenville Road, Suite 500, Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 620-2222 www.raygraham.org



Ray Graham Association supports more than 2,000 DuPage County residents and their families to live in and contribute to their community. Through a variety of innovative programs provided by Ray Graham Association, children and adults with disabilities are becoming vibrant and active members of their communities in which they live. Services include: Residential, Community Learning Centers, Employment

Services, Respite, Service Facilitation, Recreation, and several customized services for adults of all ages. Ray Graham Association also provides specialized residential services for adults with developmental disabilities experiencing dementia and Alzheimer's.

#### **Services For Family Caregivers**

#### Metropolitan Family Service DuPage

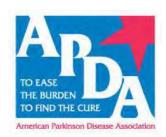
222 E. Willow Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187 209 N. York Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126 1999 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Woodridge, IL 60517 27475 Ferry Road, Warrenville, IL 60555 (630) 784-4800 (For all locations) www.metrofamily.org



- Family Caregiver Consultation and Counseling Licensed counselors offer information or counseling around issues common in caring for an older relative. These include coping with difficult emotions, managing stress, communication, setting limits, asking for help and locating resources. Appointment required.
- Support for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren A regular support group and individual consultation is offered to assist grandparents who have the primary responsibility for raising one or more grandchildren.
- ◆ Caregiver Support Group A regular drop-in support group for adult children, spouses and other family caregivers, where peers share their caregiving experiences, share solutions, learn about resources, and experience the acceptance and understanding of other family caregivers. Facilitated by a social worker.

#### **American Parkinson Disease Association Midwest Chapter**

CDH Care Center 1800 N. Main Street, Suite 215 Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 933-4392 www.apdamidwest.org



Via their "Time Out" Program, will pay up to \$500 per person per year for a substitute caregiver to provide respite for the family caregiver. Call for information on eligibility and an application.

#### EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY

A 24-hour emergency communication link to assistance outside the home. This service is provided by a two-way voice communication system. An individual wears a small wireless transmitter that communicates with their phone. If the transmitter is activated attempts are made to contact the person, caregivers or emergency personnel. Additional services are available through some companies that include medication reminders and dispensers, home temperature alerts, and other options that can provide peace of mind for individuals and their caregivers. Not all companies offer the same products and services and costs vary. The Community Care Program (page 55) can pay for this basic service for those who are eligible.

Advanced Security Technologies (AST) (847) 540-9166 www.advancedsecuritytechnologies.com

- ★ HealthCom 1-800-525-6237 www.mycarelink.com

Companion Services from ADT

Home Health Security System

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Home Health Security System (877) 474-9434 www.adt.com

- ★ Critical Signal Technologies 1-888-557-4462 www.criticalsignaltechnologies.com
- ★ Guardian Medical Monitoring 1-888-349-2400 www.stayout.com

Lifeline 1-800-368-2925 www.lifelinesystem.com

Link to Life (855) 742-5585 www.link-to-life.com

Med Home Alert 1-866-277-3395 www.medhomealert.com

★ Valued Relationships Inc. (VRI) 1-800-860-4230 www.monitoringcare.com

★ Contracted with the Illinois Department on Aging Community Care Program (page 55)



CapTel (Captioned Telephone)
Customer Service

450 Science Drive, Madison, WI 53711

1-888-269-7477

To order: 1-800-233-9130

For people with some degree of hearing loss the captioned telephone works like any other phone but it also displays every word the caller says throughout the conversation. Phone users can listen to the caller and read the captions in the phone's display at the same time. See the **ITAC** information on page 49 for information about how to get this service for free.



SafeLink Wireless 1-800-378-1684 www.safelinkwireless.com

SafeLink Wireless service is a program for income eligible households provided by TracFone Wireless, Inc. to provide cell phone service to those who can't otherwise afford it. In order to participate in the SafeLink Wireless service, persons must meet certain eligibility requirements set by each State where the service is to be provided. Service is limited to one person per household.

DuPage County Sheriff's Office Cell Link Cell Phone Donation Program to Benefit Seniors 501 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-2317 (Non-emergency)

The Cell Link program provides donated cell phones to senior citizens who may otherwise not have funds to purchase one. The cell phones are programmed to dial 911, but cannot make or receive any other outside calls. All cellular 911 calls made within DuPage County are received at the DuPage County Sheriff's Office. Applicants must be age 62 or older, or younger than 62 with physical or mental disabilities and not own a cellular phone.

#### TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAMS

Telephone reassurance programs, usually provided by volunteers, offer periodic well being calls to residents who are homebound or who live alone. If a problem arises, the caller can notify either emergency contacts or "911" for immediate assistance. Although most programs are free, eligibility requirements and services vary. For additional information, contact the programs listed below.

In these two communities, seniors may register with the police department. The senior must check in by phone before a designated time each day. If they fail to check in, the police will call them and dispatch an officer to the house if no response. Police maintain a key to the home.

Clarendon Hills Police Department (630) 323-2153 Hinsdale Police Department (630) 789-7070

The programs listed in these columns are each sponsored by different organizations and operate in different ways. Call for specific instructions.

The Guardian Program
DuPage County Sheriff's Department
(630) 407-2400

The Sunshine Program Tri-Town YMCA (630) 629-9622

Elmhurst S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) (630) 530-3050

#### **DuPage County Sheriff's Lock Box Program**

This program provides Law Enforcement a way to gain entry into the home of a participant during a life threatening emergency. A key for the home is stored in a locked box outside the home. County residents who are elderly, disabled or who have medical or special needs are eligible. Fee of \$30 for the lockbox may be charged. For more information or to register, call the DuPage County Sheriff's Office at **(630) 407-2400**.

#### **HOSPICE**

Hospice provides a range of services that combine medical and personal care to help individuals who are terminally ill and their families live as comfortably as possible. The emphasis of this program is to ease pain and offer dignified choices in the last stages of life.

#### **Adventist St. Thomas Hospice**

119 E. Ogden, Suite 111 Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 856-6990 www.keepingyouwell.com

#### **Advocate Hospice**

1441 Branding Avenue, Suite 200 Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 963-6800 1-800-564-2025 www.advocatehealth.com

#### **Angels Grace Hospice**

440 Quadrangle Drive, Suite G Bolingbrook, IL 60440 (888) 444-8341 www.angelsgracehospice.com

#### **CNS Home Health and Hospice**

690 E. North Avenue, Suite 100 Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 665-7005 Referral (630) 665-7000 Main

#### **Family Centered Hospice**

2171 Executive Drive, Suite 450 Addison, IL 60101 (866) 320-3300 www.familyhhs.com

#### Fox Valley Volunteer Hospice

200 Whitfield Drive Geneva, IL 60134-0707 (630) 232-2233 www.fvvh.org

#### **Harbor Light Hospice**

800 Roosevelt Road Building C, Suite 206 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 942-0100 1-800-419-0542



www.harborlighthospice.com

#### **Journeycare**

405 Lake Zurich Road Barrington, IL 60010 (224) 770-2489 - Referral www.journeycare.org

#### Residential Hospice IL LLC

1431 Opus Place, Suite 310 Downers Grove, IL 60515 (866) 902-4000 www.residentialhomehealth.com

#### **Sanctuary Hospice**

440 Quadrangle Drive, Suite K Bolingbrook, IL 60440 (630) 226-1306 www.sanctuaryhospiceil.com

The Hospice Home (16 bed facility)
Joliet Area Community Hospice
250 Water Stone Circle
Joliet, IL 60431
(815) 740-4104

1-800-360-1817 www.joliethospice.org

#### HOME REPAIR AND RENOVATION

A growing concern for many senior citizens who own their own homes is how to maintain their independence and adapt to limitations they have experienced. The following programs offer assistance to seniors with the goal of helping them remain in the home environment as long and as safely as possible. Some offer financial assistance.



#### **DuPage County Community Services**

421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-6500 1-800-942-9412

#### • Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program

Provides a diagnostic test to income eligible households to aid in lowering the cost of utilities. Energy saving measures provided may include sealing cracks, insulating walls and attics, as well as weather stripping, caulking and repairing windows and doors. IHWAP checks each furnace for safety and efficiency. Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are installed in homes without them. Households who qualify for LIHEAP are automatically eligible for Weatherization. Accommodations are available to assist the homebound apply.

#### Senior Services Grant Programs

Provides limited funding for minor home modifications to frail older adults, which will enhance their ability to function independently. Grants are limited and eligibility requirements may apply.

#### Single Family Rehab Program

DuPage County offers a grant of up to \$15,000 so that homeowners can address accessibility issues, code violations, and/or health and safety issues. Household must be below 80% median family income and the after rehab value of the housing unit cannot exceed \$214,000.

DuPage Senior Citizens Council (DSCC)
Home Maintenance Program
1919 S. Highland, Bldg. A, Suite 210, Lombard, IL 60148
(630) 620-0804
www.dupageseniorcouncil.org

Provides minor home repairs to seniors age 60 and older in DuPage County at a reduced rate. This program supplies competent service people to handle small repairs at an affordable cost. Repairs include minor plumbing repairs, such as repairing or replacing faucets or toilets, changing cartridges in faucets, or replacing toilet wax rings; minor electrical repairs, such as replacing existing outlets and light switches, repairing or replacing fluorescent fixtures, installing carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, or installing light fixtures and ceiling fans; minor carpentry and general maintenance, such as installing shelves, repairing or replacing weather stripping, minor painting, replacing door knobs, caulking windows, replacing filters on heating systems, cleaning gutters, hanging pictures or draperies, installing locks, deadbolts, peepholes, and window locks; and safety installations, including repairing stairs, installing hand railings, and installing grab-bars, bath benches, transfer benches, hand-held showers, raised toilet seats, and other safety equipment. For larger repairs, a Contractor Referral Program provides seniors with contact information for contractors who can handle their repairs at a fair price.

In addition, fall and spring Chore Days, sponsored by the DSCC, are held in DuPage County. Groups of volunteers of all ages help with various outside chores, such as raking leaves, trimming shrubs, and other yard tasks.

# Illinois Assistive Technology 1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 100, Springfield, IL 62701 (217) 522-7985 1-800-852-5110 (TTY/Illinois only)

www.iltech.org

A not-for-profit agency that promotes the availability of assistive technology (AT) services and programs for people with disabilities. Programs include a device loan program, low interest rate cash loans for assistive technology and home-based employment, a demonstration center, workshops, and much more. IATP serves all people with disabilities regardless of age or income. Call for more information.

CAPS Certified Aging Place Specialist
National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)
1201 15<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington DC 20005
1-800-368-5242
www.nahb.org

The Remodelors Council of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in collaboration with the NAHB Research Center, NAHB Seniors Housing Council, and AARP developed the Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist (CAPS) program. CAP Specialists are trained to design and build home modifications that eliminate common barriers for seniors who want to remain at home.

Opportunity Illinois: Disaster Recovery Loan Program (312) 814-1244 www.treasurer.il.gov/programs/community-invest

Low interest loan program provided by some local financial institutions with support from the state treasurer's office to help residents and businesses recover from weather related damage. The area where the property is located must be formally designated as a natural disaster area. Funds are typically used as short term bridge loans while insurance settlements are pending.

TechConnect
1W Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 100, Springfield, IL 62701
1-800-852-5110
(217) 522-9966 (TTY)
www.iltech.org

A program of the Illinois Assistive Technology Project, that helps people with disabilities find and use technology. Promotes living, working and playing independently through information, advocacy and workshops.

#### CASE MANAGEMENT/ELDER CARE CONSULTANTS

Finding your way through the array of services available for older persons can often be confusing and overwhelming. Case managers assist individuals and their caregivers locate the most appropriate and cost effective resources and offer followup and monitoring.

The State of Illinois offers comprehensive in-home assessments and some case management services for older persons at no cost through DuPage County Senior Services. To determine eligibility for these services, call **(630) 407-6500** or **1-800-942-9412**.

Private case management agencies charge from \$30.00 to \$160.00 per hour. Some agencies may offer a sliding scale fee under certain circumstances.

#### **Brightstar of Naperville**

1809 N. Mill Street, Suite F Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 778-2005 www.brightstarcare.com

#### **Charism Elder Care Services**

1320 Cass Lane West, No. 202 Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 515-9223 charism@charism.net www.charism.net

#### **ElderCare Solutions, Inc.**

15 S. Wright Street
Naperville, IL 60540
(630) 416-2140
www.eldercaresolutions.com

#### Lifecare Innovations, Inc.

8330 S. Madison, Suite 90 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 953-2154 www.caring.com

### Sanders and Warren Geriatric Care Management

799 Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 6, Suite 111B Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 858-6466 www.sandersandwarren.com

#### Wisdom Eldercare, Inc.

323 N. York Street Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 530-2868 1-800-562-5555 www.wisdomeldercare.com

## National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers (520) 881-8008 www.caremanager.org

National network of professional Geriatric Care (GCM) providing varied services to seniors and their families. For a local listing of GCM serving your area, visit their website.

#### MOVING, CLEANING OUT AND REORGANIZING

Whether you decide it's time to move or you want to remain at home, you may need assistance either way. The following businesses provide a multitude of services customized to your situation. These services may include estate sales, packing, helping decide what stays or what goes, supervising the move and coordinating your resettlement, or possibly organizing, repairing, rearranging or redecorating your current home to make it safer and more accessible.

- ★ All Clear Company, Inc. (630) 398-7153 www.allclearco.org
- ★ Clearing Chaos (847) 942-3996 www.clearingchaos.com
- ★ De-Clutter Box (630) 968-7557 www.de-clutterbox.com

Get-it-Done Gurus (630) 545-1955 www.getitdonegurus.com

Lifecare Home Solutions (630) 932-4032 www.lcius.com

★ Paxem, Inc. (847) 269-6272 www.paxem.com

> Piles To Smiles (630) 724-1111 www.pilestosmiles.com

★ Stuffbusters (708) 828-6652 www.stuffbusters.com

The Clutter Coach (630) 221-8900 www.thecluttercoach.com

★ Also specializes in hoarding remediation

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

AIM-CIL
Achieving Independence Mobility
Center for Independent Living
3130 Finley Road, Suite 500, Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 469-2300 VTTY
www.dupagecil.org

Empowers persons with disabilities, living in the community, to effectively control and direct their own lives. Non-profit, consumer controlled and consumer driven

organization that provides access through four core independent living programs and services in the areas of:

- Advocacy
- Independent Living Skills Training
- Information and Referral
- Peer Mentoring and Counseling

#### **HCS Family Services**

Memorial Building 19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 323-2500 www.hcsfamilyservices.org



Supportive services, via home and/or office visits, are provided to seniors in Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Hinsdale, Oak Brook, Westmont and Willowbrook. Social workers assess the needs of those who qualify for other services. Provides information and counseling, and works with existing support systems to enable seniors to continue to live in their own homes. Assistance is available to help seniors apply for benefits, complete Medicare forms, etc. Seniors in financial need can access the food pantry, used clothing service, government food commodities (when available) and emergency financial assistance.

### LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM HOME AND COMMUNITY OMBUDSMAN SERVICES: (HCO)

**Overview:** Home and Community Ombudsman (HCO) were created to protect, defend, and advocate for individuals who are residing in the community, and who are also receiving managed care services to help them stay in their homes. This program is designed to serve older adults as well as younger adults who are disabled who are living in the community.

**Target Population:** Adults age 60 and above or disabled adults 18-59, and who receive services through one of the Illinois Medicaid Waiver programs, or who are Medicaid and Medicare beneficiaries and receive managed care services:

#### **Medicaid Waiver Services:**

- Illinois Department on Aging
   Community Care Program
- Illinois Department of Human Services
  - ➤ Home Services Program
  - ➤ Brain Injury Program
  - ➤ HIV/AIDS Program

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
 Supportive Living Program

#### **Managed Care Agencies:**

- Aetna Better Health
- Healthcare Service Company (Blue Cross Blue Shield)
- Healthspring of Illinois
- Health Alliance
- Humana Health Plan
- IlliniCare Health Plan
- Meridian Health Plan
- Molina Healthcare of Illinois



For additional information, call Senior Helpline

Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST

Toll-Free within Illinois: 1-800-252-8966, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)

Outside Illinois: (217) 524-6911

Fax: (217) 524-6968

email: aging.il.senior@illinois.gov

#### MORE HELP ON THE WEB



#### **Department of Rehabilitative Services**

Provides services to disabled individuals under age 60.

www.dhs.state.il.us

#### **Family Caregiver Alliance**

Information, education, services, research and advocacy for family caregivers.

www.caregiver.org

#### Leeza's Care Connection

A source of information, service and support for those with memory disorders and their caregivers.

www.leezascareconnection.org

#### National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC)

Created to support family caregivers of the elderly and the professionals who serve them.

www.caregiving.org

#### **This Caring Home**

Helpful website provides tips and tools to enhance home safety for persons with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

www.thiscaringhome.org

#### SERVICES OUTSIDE DU PAGE COUNTY =



## ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT ON AGING Senior Helpline 1-800-252-8966

For information and assistance regarding senior services offered in other areas of the state, call the Illinois Department on Aging.

### 1-800-677-1116 www.eldercare.gov

The Eldercare Locator gives you nationwide access to a network of organizations serving older individuals at the state and local level. They will provide you with the telephone numbers(s) of the appropriate state or local agency for a variety of services including adult day care, Adult Protective Services, home delivered meals, homemaker services, transportation and more.

### HOUSING

The desire to remain in familiar surroundings may increase with age. However, for some needs change that require adaptation. Some older adults will make accommodations at home, others might choose to move in with relatives or move to an apartment or condominium that does not require the maintenance or financial burden of home ownership. Still others will choose housing specifically designed for older adults. Options for those who choose to move are diverse and plentiful.

#### **RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS**

Below are brief descriptions of a variety of housing alternatives. Compare each option, taking into consideration your financial situation, location (family, friends, and familiar surroundings are important), your health (and that of your spouse) and your long-term needs. Plan ahead! For a listing of the various housing options, contact **DuPage**County Senior Services at (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412, or view them online at www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs.

<u>Independent Living Communities</u> - Individual apartments or condominiums designed especially for <u>older adults who are able to care for themselves</u>. Some supportive services may be available including meals, housekeeping, laundry, personal care, transportation and recreational activities.

<u>Federally Subsidized Housing</u> - Also considered an independent living community, but subsidized by the government. Eligible residents pay approximately 30% of their income for rent. Supportive services may be available at some locations. See page 73 for more specific details.

<u>Assisted Living Facilities</u> - Individuals who <u>need assistance with activities of daily living</u> may select this option. These facilities are based on a social model where individuals <u>do not require on-going skilled nursing care</u>. The Illinois Department of Public Health is the licensing and monitoring agency for Assisted Living Facilities.

Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) - Provide a continuum of care for older adults including independent living, supportive services and nursing care, if that help becomes necessary. A "life care community" usually requires a substantial entrance fee, which may or may not be partially or fully refundable, and monthly maintenance fees. CCRC'S guarantee that you will have a home and the care you need for as long as you live.

<u>Supportive Living Facilities</u> - These affordable assisted living models are administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services. They offer housing with services to qualified persons. The program provides apartment style living with personal care provided by professional licensed staff. Pre-admission screening is required. A care plan is developed that can include the following:

- personal care
- laundry
- housekeeping
- maintenance
- meals

- temporary nursing care
- social/recreational programming
- health promotion and exercise programs
- medication oversight
- 24-hour response/security

For more information, visit www.slfillinois.com or, call DuPage County Senior Services, (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

**Shared Housing** - There are two shared housing programs serving DuPage County:

Shared Housing Program
DuPage County Community Services
421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187
(630) 407-6500
1-800-942-9412

Matches DuPage County home providers with individuals who are seeking an affordable housing arrangement. The program coordinator interviews all applicants (including the home provider) and attempts to match persons who have similar needs, interests, lifestyles and values. Counseling and guidance to both parties is provided before, during and after a match is made. There is no age limit.

#### Senior Home Sharing, Inc.

711 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-0440 www.seniorhomesharing.org

Provides affordable shared group housing and support services for seniors 62 and older that desire independence. This home setting provides private bedrooms, three meals, light housekeeping, laundry of linens and companionship. Residents must be capable of self-care and are responsible for their own personal needs. Nursing care is not provided. The month-to-month rental fee varies according to room size and location. The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) (formerly called Section 8) is accepted. These homes are located in Downers Grove, Lombard and Naperville.

<u>Long Term Care Facilities</u> - Nursing facilities, provide sheltered, intermediate or skilled medical care for those needing prolonged care. While Medicare will pay for a short-term stay for rehabilitation, it does not cover long term care.

DuPage County Community Services publishes multiple lists that contain information on Supportive Living Facilities, subsidized apartments, retirement housing, assisted living facilities and long term care facilities. To receive a copy of any of these, please call **DuPage County Senior Services**, 630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412. They are also available online at www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs.

#### SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

Subsidized housing is provided in two ways, through a project-based subsidy or through a voucher program. These are both federally funded programs that assist low income people afford decent rental housing. The amount you will pay for rent in both cases is calculated at approximately 30% of your gross income with some consideration for medical expenses as well.

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program (formerly called Section 8) is offered to individuals through the DuPage Housing Authority. The application and enrollment procedures are lengthy. Once a voucher is obtained, however, it is transferable from one approved location to another and is renewable annually. Most times the waiting list for these vouchers is so long that the list is temporarily closed. For more information, please call the **DuPage Housing Authority** at **(630) 690-3555.** 

Project Based Voucher (PBV) subsidy program units and the Rental Housing Support Program (RHSP) formally called (Section 236) are available through the management offices of specific complexes. You must apply directly to the apartment building that you are interested in. The waiting list for these can be lengthy as well but we encourage you to apply even if you don't think you can wait that long. The subsidy remains with the building and cannot be transferred. For a list of subsidized apartment complexes, call **DuPage County Senior Services** at **(630) 407-6500** or visit **www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs.** 



#### LONG TERM CARE

Placement in a Long Term Care Facility may be the only option available when the needs of an older adult can no longer be met by family, friends or community services. Decisions regarding placement should be made with care to ensure the best interests of the prospective resident.

Selecting an appropriate facility requires thorough research. Whenever possible, the prospective resident should be involved in the decision making process. Visit several facilities informally to identify those that have characteristics you consider important. Annual surveys of individual facilities can be viewed on the Illinois Department of Public Health Website at www.idph.state.il.us. For detailed information about the performance of every Medicare and Medicaid certified long term care facility, go to www.medicare.gov/NHCompare. Then schedule an appointment with the administrator or the director of admissions at the facilities being considered.

Following placement, family and friends should visit frequently and remain involved in the resident's care. If concerns and/or complaints arise, a referral can be made to the Illinois Department of Public Health (see page 75) and/or the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (page 75). For additional information, or assistance, call DuPage County Senior Services, (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

**Choices for Care** - All long term care facility applicants, regardless of payment method, must have a pre-admission screening completed before they can be admitted. (Public Act 89-0021). This is a comprehensive assessment by a professional case manager to determine the appropriateness of placement, discuss eligibility for Medicaid and provide information on alternative home and community-based services. The assessment measures a person's functional ability, as well as current support from family, friends and other sources. Screenings are completed in the hospital prior to discharge or in the home of a prospective client. All long-term care facility applicants retain the right to choose long term care facility admission even if it is not recommended. To schedule a screening, call DuPage County Senior Services, (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

#### **Long Term Care Facility Residents Have A Right:**

- \*\* For safety and good care.
- To participate in care plan development.
- \*
  \*
  \*
  \* For privacy, respect and dignity.
- To make financial decisions.
- To be free from restraint and abuse.
- To vote and for freedom of speech.
- To receive Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

#### **LONG TERM CARE ADVOCATES**

#### Long Term Care Ombudsman Program

DuPage County Senior Services 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-6500

The role of the ombudsman is to respond to questions, concerns and complaints that involve people age 60 and over who live in long term care facilities, and to advocate on their behalf. Information is also provided to residents and their family members on resident rights, nursing facility care, admissions contracts, Medicare and Medicaid. If you or someone you know needs the assistance of an ombudsman, or you need additional information on this program, please call **DuPage County Senior Services**, (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

#### Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

245 W. Roosevelt Road, Building #5, West Chicago, IL 60185-4803 (630) 293-6800 1-800-547-0466 (TDD)

Assures that long term care facilities meet the licensing requirements of the state and that they comply with federal and state rules and regulations. Facilities must pass an annual certification survey. Annual surveys can be viewed at **www.idph.state.il.us**.

IDPH is required to investigate all complaints they receive against long term care facilities. Complaints may be filed in writing, by email at **dph.ccr@illinois.gov**, in person, or by calling the toll-free **Nursing Home Hotline** at **1-800-252-4343.** 

Equip for Equality Northeastern Region (312) 341-0022 1-800-537-2632 1-800-610-2779 TTY www.equipforequality.org



This organization is a private not-for-profit legal advocacy organization. It is designated by the Governor to operate the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy System (P&A) to safeguard the rights of people with all disabilities regardless of age. Provides self-advocacy assistance, legal services, disability rights education, public policy advocacy and conducts abuse investigations and oversight activities.

Pathways to Community Living, Returning to Community Housing - There are times when an individual remains in a long term care facility for several months or longer, until they are well enough to return to community living. During that stay, housing may have been lost as well as all the necessary items required for caring for oneself at home. Pathways to Community Living is available to help these individuals successfully re-enter the community. A transition coordinator will meet with the individual, determine if this is a safe and appropriate plan and assist the individual in locating housing and securing furniture and other necessary items. To be eligible for this program the individual must have been in the facility for at least 90 days (excluding Medicare paid days), on Medicaid for at least one day and be age 60 or older. A referral for this program can be made by calling **DuPage County Senior Services (630) 407-6500** or online at www.mfp.illinois.gov.

#### **DECIDING WHAT FITS**

When circumstances demand change, the decision of 'what to do' is a difficult one. Identifying appropriate options may require the assistance of a professional. Care Coordinators from DuPage County Senior Services can provide a "Choices for Care Screening" to help identify housing and care options. A full assessment is free of charge and can help seniors and their caregivers make informed decisions. These assessments can be completed at home or in a nursing home or hospital. Call DuPage County Senior Services to request this Choices for Care Screening at (630) 407-6500.

The following private companies also offer transition assistance. They will assess your needs considering the appropriate level of care desired, geographical preference and budget. They will identify specific supports or housing options tailored specifically to you, provide information and referrals, and some will help facilitate those services or your move.

Andrea Donovan/Senior Living Advisors (708) 442-7174 www.chicagoseniorlivingadvisors.com

A Place for Mom (630) 632-9022 www.aplaceformom.com

Assisted Living Locators (331) 208-5041 www.150.assistedlivinglocators.com

Senior Solutions (630) 246-2579 www.seniorsolutions3.com Assisted Living Referrals (630) 882-0084 www.assistedlivingreferrals.com

Elderwerks 1-847-462-0885 www.elderwerks.com

Senior Living Experts 1-877-687-0450 (Toll-Free) www.seniorlivingexperts.com

Silver Connections 1-866-421-8266 (Toll-Free) www.asilverconnection.com

#### **MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE**

Illinois Foreclosure Prevention Network 1-855-533-7411 www.keepyourhomeillinois.org

A service to Illinois residents combining the resources of various state agencies and qualified participating non-profit agencies to guide you through your options for keeping your home. These services are free.

#### **REVERSE MORTGAGE**

Reverse Mortgage is a type of Home Equity Conversion Mortgage that allows a homeowner to withdraw some of the equity in their home. This special type of loan guarantees older homeowners monthly cash advances or occasional lump sums that do not require repayment until the homeowner sells the home, moves away or dies. Applicants must be 62 years of age or over and occupy the home as their principal residence. Debt owed on the property must be less than the amount of the loan. Steep fees may apply. The homeowner is strongly encouraged to meet with an independent counseling service that provides answers and advice to individuals interested in reverse mortgages. For more information, visit www.hud.gov or call the DuPage Homeownership Center (Page 78).

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Community Housing Advocacy and Development (CHAD) 531 E. Roosevelt Road, Suite 200, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 456-4452 www.chadhousing.org

CHAD is a non-profit corporation that is committed to delivering quality, affordable housing where individuals and families can live, work and thrive. CHAD's residents include those who have their own income source as well as those with agency and housing authority support. Rents are lowed to give residents additional funds for other necessities such as food and utilities.

#### DuPage Homeownership Center (DHOC) 1600 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 260-2500 www.dhoc.org

A non-profit organization providing a full range of services and free seminars promoting responsible sustainable homeownership to first time homebuyers, low and moderate households and homeowners in crisis. DHOC also provides credit and financial capability counseling. DHOC is certified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide counseling on Reverse Mortgages as members of the HUD-HECM National Counseling Network.

Other services include information and counseling for seniors on tax relief options and low cost home repair programs. DHOC does not provide cash assistance. Counseling by appointment only in English and Spanish at no charge.

DuPage Housing Authority 711 E. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 690-3555 www.dupagehousing.org

Administers the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program (formerly called Section 8), a limited number of Project Based Voucher (PBV) program units and the Rental Housing Support Program (RHSP). All provide subsidized rental assistance to households with low and moderate incomes, people with disabilities, or the elderly, who meet maximum income guidelines. Eligible families or individuals pay between 30% and 40% of their adjusted monthly income for rent. A limited amount of funding is available and there are lengthy waiting lists when they are opened for new applications, and whose openings are widely advertised in DuPage County and also on the agency website. Those who are on a wait list can check their status by logging on to the *Tenant Information Portal* reached from the agency website.

#### **Hope Fair Housing Center**

245 W. Roosevelt Road, Bldg. 15, Suites 105-107, West Chicago, IL 60185

(630) 690-6500 (630) 690-6553 (TDD) www.hopefair.org

email: hopefair@aol.com

Dedicated to promoting equal housing, lending and insurance opportunities for people of all economic levels. HOPE seeks to ensure that all people may freely choose a place to live without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual



orientation, or because they are disabled or have children in their family. Offers investigative services and legal referrals. No fees.

Illinois Housing Search 1-877-428-8844 www.ilhousingsearch.org/index

Offers free listing services for landlords and apartment seekers. Housing search site developed by the Illinois Housing Development Authority in partnership with the Department of Human Services, the Department on Aging, and the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Provides detailed information about rental properties and helps people find available housing to best fit their needs. The service can be accessed at no cost online 24 hours a day or through a toll-free, bilingual call center at **1-877-428-8844**.

#### **Leading Age Illinois**

1001 Warrenville Road, Suite 150, Lisle, IL 60532

(630) 325-6170

www.leadingageil.org

Email: info@leadingageil.org

Statewide, non-profit trade organization representing faith-based providers offering the complete continuum of housing options including nursing homes, assisted living communities and continuing care retirement communities.

#### **MORE HELP ON THE WEB**



#### **Assisted Living**

Helps identify and locate the most appropriate assisted living option. **www.assistedliving.com** 

#### **Housing and Urban Development**

Various information regarding housing; contains a section specific to seniors with information regarding rental assistance, home repair, etc. Reverse Mortgage information is also given including a list of HUD approved counseling agencies. **www.hud.gov** 

#### **SeniorAdvisor**

SeniorAdvisor.com offers helpful tools and quick access to reviews and ratings for senior living communities nationwide.

www.senioradvisor.com

### IMMIGRATION RESOURCES



Immigrants residing in DuPage County have access to a number of organizations and services committed to assisting them in transitioning to life in the United States. The resources listed in this section can serve as a guide for obtaining assistance with immigration and citizenship services, public benefits, translation services, employment services, advocacy, social activities, and community referral services.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact **DuPage County Senior Services** at **(630) 407-6500**.

#### **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

The majority of community services and programs are available to Illinois residents regardless of immigration status. The following are community organizations and agencies that focus specifically on serving immigrants and advocating for immigrant rights.

#### **Catholic Charities of Chicago-Immigration and Naturalization Services**

1115 W. 23rd Avenue, Melrose Park, IL 60160, (312) 427-7078

1170 N. River Road, Rectory, Des Plaines, IL 60016, (312) 427-7078

1400 S. Austin Street, Cicero, IL 60804, (708) 329-4031

A non-profit organization that provides direct assistance with filing immigration applications; Adjustment of Status, Consular Processing, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA), employment authorization, family-based petitions, Naturalization/Citizenship, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), U visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) petitions.

#### Centro de Información y Progreso

2380 Glendale Terrace #8, Hanover Park, IL 60133 **(630) 550-5131** 

www.centrodeinformacion.org

A non-profit service organization committed to providing support and assistance to Spanish speaking families and individuals. Services provided include crisis

intervention, health clinics, translation, ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, advocacy, employment services, and linkage to community services and public benefits.

#### Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly, Inc. (CLESE)

53 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 1340, Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 461-0812 www.clese.org

A non-profit partnership of 54 community based ethnic organizations, representing more than 70 different language and cultural groups. CLESE does not provide direct services to individuals, but does offer technical assistance and support to agencies serving older adults who are not fluent in English. Programs include Bright Ideas ESL for elders, English literacy instruction for low-literate elders.

#### College of DuPage

Adult Education 425 Fawell Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 942-2800 www.cod.edu

Provides classes for GED in English and Spanish, ESL classes and citizenship preparation.

#### **Community High School District 94 (West Chicago)**

Adult Education 326 Joliet Street, West Chicago, IL 60185 (630) 876-6580 www.d94.org

Provides citizenship preparation, GED in English & Spanish access to computer and ESL classes.

#### Exodus World Service

109 Fairfield Way, #101, Bloomingdale, IL 60108 (630) 307-1400 www.e-w-s.org



Educates local churches about refugee ministry, connects volunteers with refugee families through practical service projects, and equips leaders to advocate on behalf of refugees.

#### **Hamdard Center**

228 E. Lake Street, Suite 302, Addison, IL 60101 **(630) 835-1430** 

1542 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660 (773) 465-4600 www.hamdardcenter.org

A multicultural, multilingual health and human service agency dedicated to serving the Indian, Pakistani, Afghani, Arab, Bosnian, as well as mainstream communities in Illinois. The Center provides mental health, domestic violence, primary healthcare, children's programs, adult day services for seniors, *toll-free 24-hour crisis line* (1-866-305-3933), ESL classes, community outreach, training and education, and referral and linkage to healthcare and other community services and public benefits. All programs are licensed and/or protocol compliant.

#### Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

55 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 332-7360 www.icirr.org

Provides resources and referrals; educates and organizes immigrant and refugee communities to assert their rights; promotes citizenship and civic participation; monitors, analyzes, and advocates on immigrant-related issues; and informs the general public about the contributions of immigrants and refugees. Also publishes an extensive listing of immigration and citizenship service providers including information on the specific services offered and the languages spoken.

Indo-American Center 6328 N. California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 973-4444 www.indoamerican.org

Provides support and assistance to residents of Illinois with priority given to South Asian population. Services provided include immigration services, assistance applying for public benefits, social activities for senior citizens, ESL classes, U.S. Civics classes, after school youth program, translation services, and housing and community referrals.

#### **Islamic Center of Naperville**

450 Olesen Drive, Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 426-3335 2844 W. Ogden Avenue, Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 426-3335 www.islamiccenterofnaperville.org



Serves the religious and cultural needs of Muslims living and/or working in Naperville and surrounding communities.

#### **Metropolitan Asian Family Services**

954 W. Army Trail Road, Carol Stream, IL 60188 (224) 208-1130

1032 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville, IL 60563 **(630) 705-1208** 

127 Main Street, Roselle, IL 60172 **(630) 307-6277** 

A multicultural organization providing services to individuals and families in need from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Middle East, and European countries. The programs available to seniors include a hot meal program, outreach programs, health education and screenings, social activities, ESL classes, computer training, and immigration assistance. For more details visit www.mafsinc.com.

#### **National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC)**

208 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 660-1370 www.immigrantjustice.org

Provides direct legal services and advocates for low-income and impoverished immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Provides comprehensive immigration assistance and an open intake and telephone inquiry service. Staff and volunteers speak dozens of languages and dialects and can provide services to immigrants from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Mexico, Latin America and Europe. Legal consultations by appointment only.

#### People's Resource Center (PRC)

Wheaton: 201 S. Naperville Road, 60187

Westmont: 649 Blackhawk, 60559

(630) 682-5402 www.peoplesrc.org

Provides adult ESL classes, citizenship and GED preparation through classes and tutorials.

#### World Relief DuPage Office

1825 College Avenue, Suite 230, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 462-7566
73 S. LaSalle Street, Aurora, IL 60505 (630) 906-9546 www.wr.org



A non-profit organization that helps victims of war, terror, and persecution build new lives. The staff and volunteers provide assistance with housing, food, clothing, household items, translation, ESL classes, and assistance finding employment. Citizenship application services and classes are provided at the World Relief Office. Also provides senior services and mental health services for refugees only, who were abused in their homeland.

#### **Xilin Asian Community Center**

1163 E. Ogden Avenue, Suite 301, Naperville, IL 60563 **(630) 355-4322** www.xilin.org

Serves the needs of the Asian population in the greater Chicago area. Services include advocacy, Adult Day Services, ESL classes, citizenship classes, social activities, hotline information services, community health workshops and fairs, and linkage to community services and public benefits. Also offers after school and weekend activities for children.

#### **APPLYING FOR US CITIZENSHIP**

Lawful Permanent residents over the age of 18, with a valid green card for a period of the past 5 years, who meet the eligibility requirements, can file for US citizenship. If married to US citizen you may apply for US citizenship after 3 years with a valid green card. If an applicant has served in the United States armed forces during war, that individual may obtain citizenship without first becoming a permanent resident if they were in the United States upon enlistment into the U.S. military. To become a

naturalized U.S. citizen, you must pass the naturalization test. At your naturalization interview, you will be required to answer questions about your application and background. You will also take an English and Civics test unless you qualify for an <u>exemption</u> or waiver.

There are exceptions and modification to the naturalization requirements that are available to those who qualify such as the **English Language Exemption**, **Medical Disability Exemption and Fee Waiver**. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) also provide accommodations for individuals with disabilities.

- ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXEMPTION: Client is exempt from taking the Civics Test in English and permitted to take the test in their native language. The requirements are the following:
  - -Age 50 or older at the time of filing for naturalization and have lived as a permanent resident (green hard holder) in the US for 20 years; client is still required to take Civics Test.
  - Age 55 or older at the time of filing for naturalization and have lived as a permanent resident (green hard holder) in the US for 15 years; client is still required to take Civics Test.
  - -Age 65 or older at the time of filing for naturalization and have lived as a permanent resident (green hard holder) in the US for 20 years, client is given special consideration and given a short version of Civics Test.
- MEDICAL DISABILITY EXEMPTION: Client may be eligible for an exception to the English Civics test if unable to comply with Citizenship requirements because of a physical, development or a mental impairment.
- **FEE WAVIER:** USCIS established a fee waiver for clients that can demonstrate inability to pay the fee. Client must meet one of the following requirements: Client is only receiving a means-tested-benefit such as SNAP, SSI, SSD, Social Security Benefits; Household income is at or below 150% poverty level at the time of filing; or experiencing a financial hardship that prevents client from paying the filing fee, such as unexpected medical bills or emergency.

#### FEDERAL AND STATE RESOURCES

#### U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

National Customer Service Center 101 West Congress Parkway, Chicago, IL 60605 (by appointment only) 1-800-375-5283 1-800-767-1833 (TDD) www.uscis.gov

Processes all immigrant and non-immigrant benefits provided to visitors of the United States including, family-based petitions, employment-based petitions, asylum

and refugee processing, naturalization, special status programs, and document issuance and renewal. Immigration process and immigrant status information can be obtained via the website or by calling the National Customer Service Center. Any forms can be obtained through the website and or by calling the forms request line (1-800-870-3676). There is no fee for forms.

Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213 (National Office) www.ssa.gov



Lawfully admitted non-citizens can access benefits and services without having a Social Security number. You do not need a number to purchase savings bonds, conduct business with a bank, register for school or apply for educational tests, obtain private health insurance, apply for school lunch programs or apply for subsidized housing. When a Social Security number is required for federal, state, local benefits, or for employment, a card can be obtained by contacting the Social Security Administration. There is no charge to obtain a social security number. Please refer to the **Federal**, **State and Local Benefits** section of this directory for local office information.

Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) 146 W. Roosevelt Road, Suite 2, Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 530-1120 www.dhs.state.il.us

Determines initial and on-going eligibility for state and federally funded public assistance programs including food stamps, Medicaid, Cash Assistance, and TANF. Most immigrants entering the United States after 8/22/96 are unable to receive certain types of public assistance for their first five years in the U.S. There are exemptions to these restrictions for certain categories of immigrants including asylees, refugees, victims of trafficking, and immigrant victims of domestic violence. Immigrants who are not eligible for other public assistance (ineligible non-citizens) may still qualify for emergency medical coverage, pregnancy related medical coverage and medical coverage for children under the age 19, regardless of how long they have lived in the U.S. To apply for public assistance or to obtain further information regarding eligibility, please contact the Illinois Department of Human Services directly.

### INSURANCE (MEDICAL)

Health insurance, especially Medicare with all its "Parts", can often be difficult to understand. The enactment of the Affordable Care Act adds more complexity. This section provides only a brief overview of Medicare, Medicaid, the Marketplace and other insurance that can be purchased for health and long term care needs.

#### **MEDICARE**

Medicare is a federal health insurance program that pays many hospital, medical and pharmaceutical expenses for people who are 65 and older, people with kidney failure and some people with disabilities under age 65.

- Part A helps pay for care in a hospital, a skilled nursing facility, and for home health and hospice care. Part A costs nothing for most Medicare participants.
- ◆ Part B helps pay doctor bills, outpatient hospital care, mechanical equipment and supplies and various other medical services. Everyone must pay a monthly premium to receive Part B. Some individuals are enrolled automatically when they reach age 65. Other individuals should contact the Social Security Administration about enrollment periods. Delaying your enrollment may cause a delay in Part B Coverage and higher future premiums. (See "Medicare with Medicaid" for assistance with premium and co-pays page 88).
- Part C (Medicare Advantage) provides several alternatives to traditional fee-for-service care. These include Managed Care plans (HMO), Private Fee-For-Service plans (PFFS), Preferred Provider Organizations (PPO), Medicare Savings Accounts (MSA) and Special Needs Plans (SNP). Costs for care can vary widely and choice of physicians and hospitals may be limited.
- ◆ Part D provides assistance with prescription drug costs. To get Medicare prescription drug coverage you must choose and join a Medicare drug plan. (See page 108) Delaying your enrollment may cause higher future premiums.

If you have any questions about your eligibility or the information above, or to apply for Medicare, visit your local **Social Security Administration** office, (page 33), call the toll-free number: **1-800-772-1213**, or go online to **www.medicare.gov.** 

SHIP, the Senior Health Insurance Program trains volunteers who provide education, and counsel individuals with Medicare and other health insurance questions. See page 90 for more information.

Medicare Supplemental Policies, or "Medigap", is private health insurance designed to fill the gaps that Original Medicare does not cover. Medigap policies help pay co-payments, co-insurance fees and deductibles. There are 10 basic policies that are standardized by Medicare, but additional benefits may be included for a higher premium. These policies are only available with the Original Medicare plan. Never buy more than one policy. It is against the law for an insurance agent to sell you a second Medicare Supplemental Policy if they know you already have one.

#### **MEDICAID**

Illinois Department of Human Services – Family Community Resource Center 146 W. Roosevelt Road, Suite 2, Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 530-1120 (630) 530-1135 (TDD)

**Medicaid**, the nation's health care program for the low-income of all ages, is administered by state governments and partially funded by the federal government under the Social Security Act. Medicaid covers physician services, prescriptions and hospital costs for the Indigent. Under the benefits provided by the Affordable Care Act eligibility in Illinois has been expanded.

**Medicaid for Long Term Care** may also pay for care in a nursing home. Individuals must meet financial eligibility requirements as well as demonstrate impairment in performing activities of daily living (for details see Choices for Care page 74).

When one spouse needs nursing home care or in-home services and the other spouse does not, the **Prevention of Spousal Impoverishment** may apply. This benefit allows specified assets and income to be transferred to the "community spouse" while Medicaid pays for care of the spouse receiving help. To explore eligibility and benefits or submit an online application, visit abe.illinois.gov, or call the **Illinois Department of Human Services at (630) 530-1120.** 

#### **MEDICARE WITH MEDICAID**

Medicaid offers three, Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), designed to help Medicare beneficiaries who have very low income and few assets

- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) pays Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-insurance.
- Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) and Qualifying Individuals (QI) pay only your Medicare Part B premium. The monthly income limits are slightly higher for SLMB and QI than for QMB.
   Individuals who are determined eligible for any of these programs will also qualify for Extra Help with Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.
   See page 108 for more information about Extra Help.

#### **MMAI – Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative**

This demonstration project and joint effort between Illinois and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) was implemented in suburban Cook County and five collar counties in May, 2011. The goal of this alignment is to provide a medical home for patients who have both Medicare and Medicaid (referred to as "dual eligible"), prevent duplication of services, provide better coordination and subsequently reduce medical costs for the state. Patients can choose between multiple managed care organizations that will provide integrated care that is patient centered, focuses on improved health outcomes via evidence based treatments and enhances patient access and safety. Dual eligible patients have the option to remain with regular Medicare and Medicaid if they so choose. For questions, visit www.enrollhfs.illinois.gov, or call the enrollment specialists at 1-877-912-8880, TTY 1-866-565-8576.

Senior Medicare Patrol is a federal and state partnership effort to educate the public and reduce Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse. Public participation is crucial in uncovering fraud. Trained volunteers give presentations to Medicare and Medicaid recipients on how to protect against, detect and report fraud. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has established a confidential tip line, 1-800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477), to call if you believe healthcare fraud has been committed. The number can be reached Monday through Friday 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (Central time). Speakers are available to talk with groups and organizations. For further information and assistance, please call Age Options, at 1-800-699-9043.

#### **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)**

Commonly referred to as "Obamacare", this legislation seeks to ensure access to health insurance for all citizens and legal residents. A "Health Insurance Marketplace" opened in October 2013 to provide coverage beginning in January 2014. This law requires most individuals to maintain health coverage through an employer or from an insurance company through the Marketplace. For those with very limited income, the law expanded Medicaid eligibility in Illinois. Individuals with low income can purchase private insurance and be eligible for a subsidy to help pay the premiums and copays. Also, the law requires certain employers to provide a minimum level of coverage for their employees. For a comprehensive look at what is available to you or to locate a professional who can help you with this search, visit www.getcoveredillinois.gov.

#### **ADDITIONAL INSURANCE RESOURCES**

#### Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan (CHIP)

320 W. Washington Street, Suite 700, Springfield, IL 62701-1150 **1-800-367-6410** 

1-800-545-2455 (TTY)

www.chip.state.il.us

The Illinois General Assembly created the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) to provide health insurance coverage for eligible Illinois residents who have been denied individual major medical coverage because of their health condition and to serve as an acceptable alternative mechanism for complying with the individual portability requirements of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Premiums, which are costly, are established by law. This coverage does not constitute minimal essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)
Illinois Department on Aging
One Natural Resources Way, Suite 100, Springfield, IL 62702-1271
1-800-252-8966
www.illinois.gov/aging

Trained staff and volunteers offer personal counseling about Medicare, Medicaid, private supplemental insurance (Medigap) and long-term care insurance. Services include, helping select a Medigap policy or Part D pharmaceutical plan, filing claims, and helping with Medicare appeals. For a referral to a volunteer near you, call **DuPage County Senior Services**, (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) recommends that you shop around, evaluate carefully local library how to check the ratings of the insurance company you are considering. It is also advisable to call the State of Illinois Department of Insurance at (877) 527-9431 toll-free to verify that the company you are considering is permitted to do business in Illinois and to determine if there have been an extraordinary number of consumer complaints against the company.

**Veterans Care** is comprehensive and affordable health care coverage for income eligible Illinois veterans under 65 years of age who have been uninsured for 6 months and who do not qualify for health care through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information check out their website at **www.illinoisveteranscare.com**, or call **1-877-483-8779**, **1-877-204-1012** (**TTY**).



Long Term Care Insurance (LTC) may cover care in a nursing facility, as well as care in the community. Contrary to what many individuals think, Medicare will only pay limited benefits for a skilled nursing facility and in-home care. The cost of nursing facilities varies widely throughout the state. In DuPage County, a 12-month stay may cost more than \$70,000. If you have limited assets and are likely to become eligible for Medicaid after a short nursing facility stay, you probably don't need long-term care insurance. If your assets are considerable, in addition to your home, you may want to consider this coverage to secure these assets and to protect your retirement income. Make sure that coverage is not duplicated by Medicare, Medigap or any type of insurance you already have.

When seeking long term care insurance, SHIP advises that you not submit to a high pressure sales agent. Information must be provided in writing and you should read it all, including the fine print. Check and compare several insurance companies and policies.



# LEGAL SERVICES AND ADVOCACY

A number of organizations and agencies have programs that assist with legal questions pertaining to wills and estate matters, advance directives, Public Aid eligibility, Social Security benefits, guardianship and advocacy, human rights and consumer protection. The information on the following pages is a guide to some of those resources and organizations.

**DuPage County Senior Services** cannot give legal advice, but is able to direct seniors to helpful resources.

#### **MAKING YOUR WISHES KNOWN: AN EXPLANATION OF TERMS**

<u>Wills:</u> Allow an individual to direct the dispersal of his or her estate upon death. If you do not have a will, the government follows legal statute as to how to distribute the estate.

**<u>Living Trusts:</u>** A form of estate planning that allows individuals control of their

assets during their lifetime and directs what happens to their assets after their death. The document is created and operated by an individual during his or her lifetime. This individual can choose to be the initial trustee and remain in control as long as he or she wishes - or until death, when the person named as successor trustee takes over. The living trust is often used to avoid probate, save on estate and inheritance taxes, provide for property management in



the event of disability, and keep estate information private. A living trust can be revocable (amended or canceled) or irrevocable (cannot be amended or canceled). Fees for preparing living trusts are usually considerably more than the cost of a will. Consult an attorney well trained in estate planning to help determine the legal documents that will best suit your needs.

Wills and trusts should be reviewed periodically to reflect changes, i.e., divorce, marriage, increase or decrease in assets, or change of beneficiaries.

<u>Durable Power of Attorney for Property:</u> A written document that allows an individual to designate another person to manage finances and/or property. For example, authorize real estate and stock transactions; handle banking, tax or other types of business matters; represent in court; or address other types of legal claims.

An attorney should be consulted to prepare a Power of Attorney for Property. The Power of Attorney's authority does not supercede or diminish the individuals' authority.

Advance Directives: Allow an individual to decide what type of medical care and procedures are acceptable if he/she becomes incapacitated. Legal tools used for this purpose are a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, and a Living Will. In the absence of advance directives, someone else will be appointed to make health care decisions on your behalf, generally the closest family relative.

- <u>Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care</u>: Designates another person to make health care decisions on your behalf in the event of a physical or mental disability. May be used instead of, or together with, a Living Will.
- Living Will: This form expresses an individual's wishes about having death-delaying procedures withheld or withdrawn due to a terminal illness or an incurable disease or injury. The person appointed should be someone who fully understands your intent and will diligently follow your directives.



The law does not require the use of an attorney to draft these documents. However, for proper guidance and to protect your own interests, consultation with an attorney is recommended.

#### **GUARDIANSHIP**

Adult guardianship is a judicial process whereby a court determines that an individual lacks the capacity to make or communicate decisions and gives that authority to another individual or agency. A petition is filed with the court, generally by an attorney, along with a physician report stating the reasons why guardianship is needed. The court appoints a Guardian ad Litem who visits the alleged disabled person, explains their rights to them and reports to the court whether guardianship is recommended. There are three types of guardianship. Guardian of the person makes decisions of a personal nature, i.e.: housing, medical treatment, etc. A guardian of the estate will make financial decisions. Guardianship for both person and estate is the third option. All guardianships are further defined as either plenary, meaning able to make any decision or limited, being restricted to a certain type of activity or decision.

Any adult age 18 or older that is of sound mind, has not been convicted of a serious crime and proves to be acceptable to the court can serve as guardian. An agency or institution not providing residential care to the individual or having any other vested interest could also serve as guardian. Where no appropriate guardian, personally

known to the individual, can be identified, the Office of State Guardian or the Office of Public Guardian may be appointed.

## Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Regional Office (Services DuPage County)

9511 Harrison Street, Room W-300, Des Plaines, IL 60016

(847) 294-4264

(847) 294-4264 (Regional Office)

1-866-274-8023 (Statewide Central Intake)

www.gac.state.il.us

Protects and enforces the rights of aged, disabled, and mentally ill persons through:

- Office of State Guardian appointed as the "guardian of last resort" for persons with disabilities, this office represents those individuals who have less than \$25,000 in assets. They must be contacted prior to petitioning the court to make sure they will be guardian for the individual. Office of State Guardian does not petition but may provide guidance and assistance to those persons petitioning for guardianship without legal representation.
- Human Rights Authority investigates complaints of alleged violations of rights of persons with disabilities by service providers;
- Legal Advocacy Service Attorney's provide needed assistance to persons
  with disabilities in a variety of settings including long term care. Issues
  addressed include, but are not limited to, admission and discharge from a
  hospital, adequate treatment, refusal of unwanted services, and
  confidentiality of mental health records.

#### Office of the Public Guardian

Donald E. Puchalski Jennifer B. Martyn 311 S. County Farm Road, Suite C, Wheaton, Illinois 60187 (630) 933-9350 PublicGuardian@pkmlaw.net

Serves as guardian for individuals with an estate of \$25,000, or more. They are paid from the estate of the person for whom they are guardian as directed by the court. Statute defines the responsibilities of this office and includes preparing inventories of property, monthly contact, receiving periodic reports from caregivers, etc.

#### **LEGAL SERVICES**

#### **Administer Justice**

Located at: Wheaton Bible Church 27W500 North Avenue, West Chicago, IL 60195 1-877-778-6006 (toll-free) www.administerjustice.org

Administer Justice is a Free Law Clinic that offers low income residents legal assistance, financial counseling, educational outreach, and conflict resolution services provided by volunteer attorneys and other professionals. Some services require a small fee. Call for an appointment.

#### DuPage Bar Legal Aid Service 126 S. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 653-6212 www.dcba.org

Provides free legal assistance for qualified persons to help in the areas of family law, domestic violence, bankruptcy, adoption, guardianship, tort and collection defense, and other areas. Those who qualify must have a case in or be a resident of DuPage County and be financially qualified as an indigent person. Applicants are screened from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, by telephone only.

DuPage County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service 126 S. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 653-9109 www.dcba.org (under "find a lawyer")

Offers assistance to individuals in locating an attorney in their community. The attorneys participating in this service provide a free consultation for up to 30 minutes. For additional services, the fee will be negotiated between the client and the attorney. Referrals to Elder Law Attorneys are available through this service.

DuPage County Community Services Senior Services 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-6500 1-800-942-9412 www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs

Financial assistance is available on a limited basis for caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren who are dealing with legal issues associated with their caregiving roles. The funding is provided through the Older American's Act, Caregiver Assistance

Program. It is designed to help caregivers with legal issues including assisting in resolving civil legal matters, protecting a caregiver's legal rights and/or the rights of a relative raising a child, or providing legal advice or education to caregivers.

DuPage County State's Attorney 503 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton Illinois 60187 (630) 407-8000 (630) 407-8003 (TDD)

DuPage County State's Attorney prosecutes crimes committed in DuPage County. The Senior Division of DuPage County Community Services, the Township Supervisors, Mayors and Managers are united in their efforts to work with State's Attorney's Office on behalf of seniors and persons with disabilities.



The Investigator and Assistant State's Attorney assigned to these cases have received special training in the laws which protect seniors and persons with disabilities. They work in tandem with the County Senior Services representatives and members of partner agencies who are prepared to address special needs throughout the legal process.

Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. 400 W. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 1-888-965-7757 Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (630) 690-2130 (TDD) www.pslegal.org

Free civil legal services for low-income persons (follows federal poverty level guidelines) and senior citizens, age 60 and older, regardless of income. Specialty areas include government benefits (including Medicare and Medicaid), landlord tenant disputes, homeless issues, consumer issues, advance directives, and nursing facility law. Staff attorneys do not handle criminal or fee producing cases.



#### **HUMAN RIGHTS**

#### **AIM Center for Independent Living**

3130 Finley Road, Suite 500, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (630) 469-2300 (Voice/TTY) www.aim-cil.org

Provides advocacy and services to persons with disabilities in DuPage County. Services include information and referral, peer counseling, independent life skills, training and advocacy. There is no fee for services.

#### **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)**

500 W. Madison Street, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60661 (312) 869-8001 (TTY) 1-800-669-4000 www.eeoc.gov

Responsible for receiving charges of all forms of discrimination, including age. The older worker who has been discriminated against should file a charge with the EEOC for two reasons: (1) it makes the EEOC aware of possible discriminatory practices and allows them to investigate and attempt to informally resolve the charge; and (2) it preserves your right to file a lawsuit.

#### **Equip for Equality**

20 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 341-0022

Dedicated to advancing the rights of all children and adults with mental and physical disabilities. Provide self-advocacy assistance, legal services, public policy oversight and training.

#### **Hope Fair Housing Center**

245 W. Roosevelt Road, #15-107, West Chicago, IL 60185 (630) 690-6500 (630) 690-6553 (TTY) www.hopefair.org

Dedicated to promoting equal housing, lending and insurance opportunities for people of all economic levels. HOPE seeks to ensure that all people may freely choose a place to live without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or because they are disabled or have children in their family. Offers investigative services and legal referrals. No fees.

#### **Illinois Department of Human Rights**

100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 10-100, Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 814-6200 (1-866-740-3953 (TDD) (1-800-662-3942 www.state.il.us/dhr

Investigates charges of unlawful discrimination in employment, real estate transactions, financial credit and public accommodations (including housing) on the basis of age (40 and over), ancestry, arrest record (in employment), citizen status, color, marital status, national origin, physical or mental handicap, race, religion, military status or unfavorable military discharge. Charges must be filed within 180 days of the date you believe the discrimination took place.

#### **CREDIT COUNSELING**

National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) 2000 M Street, NW Suite 505, Washington, DC 20036 (202) 677-4300 1-800-388-2227 www.nfcc.org

Provides referrals to local area NFCC member agencies for comprehensive money management services including budget counseling and education, debt management plans, financial literacy courses, counseling referrals and housing counseling. Services are provided in-person or by phone.

#### **CONSUMER PROTECTION**

#### Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois, Inc.

State Office 330 N. Wabash Avenue, Suite 2006 Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 832-0500 www.chicago.bbb.org Regional Office 401 W. State Street, Suite 500 Rockford, IL 61101 (815) 963-2222

This non-profit organization promotes an ethical marketplace by helping to resolve buyer/seller complaints by means of conciliation, mediation and arbitration. Also reviews advertising claims, online business practices and charitable organizations. There are no fees.

#### Citizens Utility Board (CUB)

309 W. Washington, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606

1-800-669-5556

www.citizensutilityboard.org/savingmoney



A non-profit Illinois consumer group created by the Illinois General Assembly, focused on cutting utility bills. Provides tips on how to cut phone and electric/gas bills. Learn your choices for natural gas and electric companies. See discounts, rebates, and tax credits available to make your home more energy efficient. Will answer questions about your utility bills.

#### Illinois Office of the Attorney General

#### **Chicago Office**

## 100 W. Randolph Street Chicago, IL 60601

1-800-243-5377 (Senior Hotline)

1-800-964-3013 (TTY)

1-800-228-3368 (Victim Assist)

#### **Springfield Office**

500 S. Second Street Springfield, IL 62706

1-800-243-0618

1-877-844-5461 (TTY)

1-866-999-5630 (Identity Theft Hotline)

1-877-305-5145 (Health Care Bureau for complaints regarding health insurance,

or healthcare providers)

www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov

Protects Illinois seniors victimized by fraud or deception through its consumer fraud bureau; provides advocacy, information and referral through its senior hotline; offers crime prevention initiatives and provides assistance to crime victims; funds training and education programs through community-based organizations. Crime Victim Services are available to assist crime victims and witnesses and may offer financial assistance for expenses related to the crime.

Illinois Commerce Commission
Consumer Services Division
527 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 782-2024
1-800-524-0795 – Hotline to file complaint
1-800-858-9277 (TDD)

Serves Illinois citizens by assisting consumers in resolving complaints and answering consumer questions about regulated utilities.

#### Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation (DPR)

100 W. Randolph Chicago, IL 60601 (312) 814-4500 1-888-473-4858 (toll-free) 320 W. Washington Springfield, IL 62786 (217) 785-0820 www.idfpr.com

Protects Illinois residents in their dealings with the industries and professionals that it regulates and licenses; banking, financial institutions, insurance and professionals such as physicians, dentists, nurses, realtors, pharmacists etc. Complaints against an individual or entity regulated by DPR can be filed by contacting the Complaint Intake Unit or online through their web site.

National Do Not Call Registry 1-888-382-1222 www.donotcall.gov

Allows you to block telemarketing calls. Most telemarketers should not call your home once it has been on the registry for 31 days. Register home or mobile phone for free. The Registry is managed by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency and is enforced by the FTC, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and state law enforcement officials. Call or log on to the information provided above.

#### TRIAD / S.A.L.T.

TRIADS are a coordination of police, and older adults working together to reduce criminal victimization and enhance law enforcement services to older persons. Some of TRIAD's goals are to develop and implement effective crime prevention programs; expand awareness of resources; present educational seminars and implement means of making the community a safer place for senior citizens. A key element in the success of TRIADS is the advisory council, S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Lawmen Together), which is comprised of older members of the community, representatives from agencies who work with the elderly and law enforcement personnel.

Addison S.A.L.T. Addison Police Department (630) 543-3080

S.A.L.T. TRIAD of Darien 1710 Plainfield Road (630) 971-3999 Downers Grove Township S.A.L.T. Council (630) 719-6682

Elmhurst S.A.L.T. City of Elmhurst Police Department (630) 530-3050 The TRIAD of Naperville and Lisle Townships (serving Aurora, Lisle, Naperville, Warrenville and Woodridge) (630) 968-2087 – Lisle (630) 355-2786 – Naperville Milton Township S.A.L.T. Council (630) 668-1616

Wood Dale S.A.L.T. Wood Dale Police Department (630) 766-2060

#### Anonymous Crime Tips (ACT)

Citizens of DuPage County have the ability to report criminal behavior or tips anonymously via text or email. Text the word "SHERIFF" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). From a computer, email **www.dupagesheriff.org**. Click on the link for ACT. A form will pop up to contain your report. Press send. The message in either text or email is then encrypted to hide the identity of the sender and forwarded to the Sheriff's Office. The identity of the sender will never be known. THIS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR DIALING 911 IN AN EMERGENCY!

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) 222 N. LaSalle, Suite 710, Chicago, Illinois 60601 1-866-448-3613 (Chicago Office) www.aarp.org



**AARP** is a non-profit membership organization for persons age 50 and older. Call the above number for local chapter information. Enrollment in AARP does involve a small membership fee. Benefits include:

- Representation in Washington. AARP is your advocate for fairness in employment and retirement benefits.
- Award winning publications. You'll get AARP magazine, plus timely AARP bulletins.
- Savings on prescriptions with the pharmacy service.
- Opportunities for quality health, home and auto insurance.
- ♦ Investment program offering no-load funds designed for your needs.
- Stimulating volunteer opportunities.
- ♦ A low-fee, low interest Visa card. All AARP members are eligible to apply.
- Protection on the road. Low-cost motoring plan with emergency road service and personalized trip routing.
- Special discounts on hotels, motels and car rentals nationwide.



#### **OLDER WOMEN'S LEAGUE (OWL) Illinois**

1627 Eye Street NW, Suite 600, Washington DC 20006 **(202) 450-8986** www.owl-national.org

The Older Women's League works on a national, state and local level to effect change, to improve the status and quality of life for mid-life and older women. As an advocacy organization seeking social change, OWL's current agenda includes:

- 1. Health issues
- 2. Economic security
- 3. Full access to appropriate housing and housing alternatives
- 4. Ending violence against women and the elderly
- 5. Staying in control throughout life
- 6. Combating discrimination in the workplace

OWL accomplishes its mission through research, education and advocacy. Call for the chapter nearest you.

#### **MORE HELP ON THE WEB**



#### **Illinois Attorney General**

Information regarding consumer protection; includes a section specific to seniors and various scams targeted toward them.

www.ag.state.il.us

#### **National Association of Elder Law Attorneys**

Provides referrals to attorneys specializing in Elder and Special Needs Law. **www.naela.org** 

### NUTRITION

Nutrition plays a major role in the prevention, treatment and recovery from illness and disease. Many seniors may not receive adequate nutrition due to rising food costs, health problems, or the inability to shop and/or prepare meals. Listed below are a variety of resources meant to address these obstacles.



## DU PAGE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL'S (DSCC) SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

DuPage Senior Citizens Council Senior Nutrition Program 1990 Springer Drive Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 620-0804 www.dupageseniorcouncil.org

The DuPage Senior Citizens Council's (DSCC) Senior Nutrition Program helps seniors remain healthy and independent. This program has two components: Home Delivered Meals and Community Dining. The Senior Nutrition Program is available to all seniors age 60 and older. The program is donation based, and no senior is denied service because of his or her inability or unwillingness to pay. The total cost of a meal is approximately \$7.00 – any donation amount is appreciated and helps keep the program available for all eligible DuPage seniors.

#### **Home Delivered Meals**

Help seniors remain healthy and independent by providing them with regular well being checks and nutritious meals delivered to their homes. Meals are packed and delivered each weekday to homebound seniors by volunteers who have been trained in food safety. All meals are well-balanced, nutritious, low sodium, and meet many special dietary needs, such as, vegetarian, puréed, and/or diabetic. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., 52 weeks per year. Frozen meals are provided for weekends and holidays.

To request Home Delivered Meals, please contact **DuPage County Senior Services** at **(630) 407-6500**, or **1-800-942-9412**. Intake staff will conduct a phone screening to determine preliminary eligibility. A case manager will conduct an

in-home assessment to confirm eligibility, discuss other resources, and provide case management services as needed.

#### **Community Dining**

Volunteers serve meals at Nutrition Sites throughout DuPage County. Seniors receive a balanced and nutritious meal and the opportunity to socialize with other seniors. Menu items can be viewed on the website. Meals are available midday Monday through Friday at most sites. Any senior age 60 or older is invited. Bring a friend or a grandchild and enjoy a fun dining experience with us! Activities are available at most sites, such as holiday and seasonal celebrations, educational seminars, bingo games, card games, music performances, movie screenings, or short exercise programs. Reservations must be made a day in advance by calling the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at (630) 620-0804. Visit www.dupageseniorcouncil.org for days of service.

Consecra – Castle Towers – (Classic American Cuisine and Deli Sandwiches)

325 S. York Road, Bensenville, IL 60106 (630) 620-0804, ext. 310

Consecra - Peace Memorial Senior Residence - (Classic American Cuisine and Deli Sandwiches)

3737 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515 **(630) 620-0804, ext. 304** 

Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens (Classic American Cuisine and Deli Sandwiches)

260 Civic Center Plaza, Glendale Heights, IL 60139 **(630) 620-0804, ext. 320** 

Marian Park Senior Residence – (Classic American Cuisine) 2126 W. Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 620-0804, ext. 308

Metropolitan Asian Family Services - (Indian/Vegetarian Cuisine)

Wednesday and Friday only. Lunch served 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 127 E. Main Street, Roselle, IL 60148

(630) 620-0804, ext. 317

#### **Shahi Nihari – (Authentic Pakistani-Indian Cuisine)**

530 E. North Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148 Thursday only, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., minimal donation \$3.00 required Reservations required: Call **(630) 776-7456**, or **(630) 803-8130** 

Westmont Park District Senior Center – (Classic American Cuisine) 55 E. Richmond Drive, Westmont, IL 60559 (630) 620-0804, ext. 318

York Township Senior Center – (Classic American Cuisine and Deli Sandwiches) 1502 S. Meyers Road, Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 620-2421

#### **FOOD RESOURCES**

**Food pantries**, located at some township offices (listed on inside back cover); churches and other non-profit agencies throughout DuPage County, maintain a supply of food for individuals in need. When government commodities are available, they are also distributed through local food pantries. Eligibility requirements vary. Call **DuPage County Senior Services** at **(630) 407-6500** or **1-800-942-9412**, for the sites nearest you or visit **www.communityhungernetwork.org** to locate the food pantries that serve your area.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), "Food Stamps", help low-income households buy the food they need for good health. Those individuals age 60 and over or disabled with monthly gross income below \$1,945 (in 2015) can apply. Assets may be considered in some cases. The monthly food stamp allowance depends on the number of people in the household and the monthly income after allowable deductions such as rent and utilities. Benefits are provided through the Illinois Link System via a debit-like card. Applications are taken at the local DHS Office/Family Community Resource Center, see page 34, or call (630) 530-1120.

**DuPage Senior Citizens Council** 1990 Springer Drive Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 620-0804

Home Delivered Meals, a private pay option, provides a daily choice of either a hot meal or deli sandwich Monday through Friday. This service includes the benefit of a personal visit each day providing the reassurance of a well-being check. A six-week menu cycle assures variety. Each meal is equivalent to 1/3 of the Reference Dietary

Intake for adults over 60. Some special diets can be accommodated. Fee is \$7 per meal (subject to change).

Humanitarian Service Project
The Senior Citizen Service Project
465 Randy Road
Carol Stream, IL 60188
(630) 221-8340
www.humanitarianservice.org



Provides fresh, wholesome and nutritious food, personal care items and household products to DuPage County's low-income elderly. Sponsorship is solicited from individuals, groups and corporations to purchase these items for the senior they have "adopted". Volunteers deliver food directly to eligible participants every month. This service is based on availability.

#### **GROCERY DELIVERY**

**Hometown Grocer's** will take your order by phone for groceries delivered by Caputo's. Call for more information or to place your order, **1-877-933-3003**, or visit online at **www.hometowngrocers.com** 

**Peapod** is an online service for placing your orders and having your groceries and sundries delivered to your home. Visit online at **www.peapod.com**.

#### **MEAL PREPARATION SERVICES**

For individuals finding it difficult to shop for and prepare meals or caregivers trying to balance multiple responsibilities, meal preparation services might be the answer. Some "kitchens" offer an opportunity for a customer to visit and prepare 6, 8, or 12 fresh meals. These meals can be taken home and refrigerated or frozen until needed, then cooked and served. For others strapped for time, the service may assemble the meals for pick up or delivery. Meals are chosen from a large selection of entrees. For menus or fees, call or visit on-line.

Dinner By Design 6238 S. Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516 (630) 810-0107 www.dinnerbydesignkitchen.com

Twelve or more entrees are prepared each month, refrigerated or frozen. Deliver to all Chicagoland area.

Entrée Kitchen 26W276 Geneva Road, Unit A, Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 668-4450 www.entreekitchen.com

Fourteen different entrees per month, assemble your own on site or request preassembly. Pick-up or delivery available. Tuesday – Thursday offers four varieties of fresh 30 minute meals. Stocks frozen meals six days a week.

Kate's Comfort Food 123 E. Ogden Avenue, Suite 102A, Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 323-7231 www.marvandmikecare.com

Prepared by Casey's Market in Western Springs, delivered by Home Helpers HomeCare. Meals are fresh or fresh frozen, can be microwaved or oven heated. Delivery area southeastern DuPage and southwestern Cook counties.

Mom's Meals 1-866-971-6667 www.momsmeals.com

Offers fifty fresh, diabetic-appropriate breakfasts, lunches and dinners delivered to your door by Federal Express. Standard, heart healthy, gluten free, vegetarian, pureed, and low carb options available.

Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating 1-800-442-3438 www.seattlesutton.com

Five week rotation of meals, includes three meals per day. Delivered fresh, but can be frozen. Meals are microwaveable.



### PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

#### MEDICARE PART D

Medicare Part D, is an insurance program for prescription drug coverage, available to everyone with Medicare regardless of age, income or resources. Part D policies are offered by private insurance companies, and cover both generic and brand name drugs. Like other insurance, you pay a monthly premium, a yearly deductible not to exceed \$320 in 2015 and part of the cost of your prescriptions. Those costs vary from plan to plan and may be affected by other assistance you qualify for.



Enrollment is voluntary but should be seriously considered. There is a 1% per month penalty added to the premium if enrollment is delayed beyond initial eligibility. Those individuals with coverage through other resources such as the VA or private pension plans are exempt from this penalty while they continue to carry acceptable coverage. Though many older adults may not be taking any regular prescription medication upon enrolling in Medicare that is likely to change with age.

Part D Plans change each year and vary from state to state. Plans may have different formularies or lists of drugs that they include in their plan and different costs associated with them. Annual Coordinated Election Periods are scheduled in late fall each year allowing enrollees to change plans. Individuals should review their coverage regularly to insure they have the best plan for their personal needs. For help with this, visit www.medicare.gov or call DuPage County Senior Services, (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

Those individuals with limited income and assets may apply for **Extra Help.** To qualify for **Extra Help** from the Social Security Administration in 2015, assets are limited to \$13,640 for an individual and \$27,250 for a married couple living together. The annual income limits are \$17,655 and \$23,895 respectively. **Extra Help** may eliminate monthly premiums or deductibles and reduce co-payments. For more information or to apply on line, go to **www.socialsecurity.gov**.

#### OTHER GOVERNMENT PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

#### **DuPage County Prescription Drug Card**

Prescription discount cards are available to all county residents thanks to a contract between DuPage County/National Association of Counties and Caremark. The Prescription Drug Card is free, provides an average of 24% off a pharmacy's regular retail prices and is accepted at 65,000 retail pharmacies nationwide. Some pet medications that can be filled at a regular pharmacy may be covered. Caremark Mail Service Program is also available for up to a 90-day supply of select medications. For more information visit the Caremark website at www.naco.advancerx.org, phone toll free 1-877-321-2652, or call DuPage County Senior Services for locations where these discount cards are available at (630) 407-6500, or 1-800-942-9412.

#### Illinois Department of Human Services/Medicaid

Offers assistance for medical care and prescription drugs to low income residents. See page 88 for more details.

#### Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Through the **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**, IDPH provides assistance to persons who are HIV positive and not eligible for Medicaid. For eligibility details, contact **IDPH** at **1-800-825-3518** or **www.idph.state.il.us/health/aids/adap.** 

#### Illinois RX Card

As a resident of Illinois, you and your family have access to a statewide Prescription Assistance Program (PAP). Create and print your *FREE* discount prescription drug card online. No enrollment forms, age or income requirements! The Discount Prescription Card is pre-activated and accepted at over 56,000 pharmacies around the country including most major chains. View details at **www.illinoisrxcard.com**.

#### **VA Pharmacy Benefits**

Veterans may receive their prescription drugs from a VA facility at a reduced rate, or in some cases free of charge. Veterans should inquire with their local Veterans Affairs office or nearest VA facility. For the nearest location call **1-800-827-1000** or visit **www.va.gov.** 

## PRIVATE AND CHARITABLE PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



**AARP Prescription Discount Catamaran** 

1600 McConnor Parkway Schaumburg, IL 60173-6801

1-800-282-3232

1-877-422-7718

http://discounts.aarp.org/offer/index/offerId/460036/

AARP members, their spouse and children or grandchildren under age 27 can benefit from a discount on prescriptions. This discount program through Catamaran offers savings

on average of 38%. This is not an insurance plan and does not replace Medicare Part D. Register on-line or call Catamaran member services.

#### CanUSAmeds.com/Canadian Prescriptions online or by mail

3108 S. Route 59, Suite 124-287 Naperville, IL 60564 (630) 904-3677

No membership, enrollment, or sign-up fees required. A Canadian doctor reviews your "chart" and approves your prescription under his/her Canadian license. Company also has U.S. Pharmacy options for Medicare "D" clients.

Caring Voice Coalition 1-888-267-1440 www.caringvoice.org

Patients diagnosed with chronic conditions can apply for grants that can assist with copayments for expensive prescription therapy, helping pay the premium for health insurance coverage or various other self-pay responsibilities related to prescription therapy. These grants may be applied for online or by calling. Grants are usually processed within 24 to 48 hours.

HealthWell Foundation 1-800-675-8416 www.healthwellfoundation.org

Provides financial assistance to eligible individuals to cover coinsurance, copayments, healthcare premiums and deductibles for certain treatments. To qualify for assistance from HealthWell, patients must have some form of health insurance (major medical or prescription drug) that covers part of the cost of their treatment.

National Organization for Rare Disorders, Inc. (NORD) 1-800-999-6673 (voicemail only) www.rarediseases.org

A patient assistance program to help uninsured or underinsured individuals obtain lifesaving/life sustaining drugs. NORD also administers early access programs to investigational new drugs, approved by the FDA, prior to the drug's marketing. All of NORD's programs are subject to eligibility requirements.

Needy Meds 1-800-503-6897 www.needymeds.org

Provides information about patient assistance programs providing no cost prescription medications to eligible participants.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance 1-888-477-2669 www.pparx.org

America's pharmaceutical companies have partnered with the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, the NAACP and the National Medical Association to create the Partnership for Prescription Assistance to assist qualifying individuals with enrollment in programs which provide prescription drugs at no cost or very low cost.

Individuals who qualify will be directed to the public or private programs that meet their specific needs and qualifying criteria. The Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps low-income, uninsured patients enroll in existing patient assistance programs or gain access to free or low-cost brand name medicines.

# Patient Advocate Foundation/Copay Relief 1-866-512-3861 www.copays.org

Provides direct financial support for prescription copayments to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who financially qualify and have a condition that is covered on the list online.

For further information on these or other Prescription
Assistance Programs, call **DuPage County Senior Services**at (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412 or
Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-548-9034.



### RECREATION AND SOCIAL

Throughout DuPage County there are opportunities for recreation, entertainment and socialization for seniors. Senior Centers and other organizations offer a wide range of activities, which support the older person's independence and encourage their involvement in the community. These include travel, crafts, special events, exercise, cards and bingo, educational programs, health screenings and other supportive services. Programs differ from one community to



another; some offering activities on a daily basis, while others meet only once a month. Activities for older adults continue to expand so visit the websites listed below for current events and schedules.

Churches, high schools, colleges and other community organizations may also offer opportunities of interest to seniors. Following the <u>Senior Centers/Clubs</u> listing, information can be found on the National Park Service Senior Pass, Hunting and Fishing Licenses, and Senior Olympics.

#### **SENIOR CENTERS/CLUBS**

#### <u>ADDISON</u>

Addison Park District 120 E. Oak Street Addison, IL 60101 (630) 833-0100 www.addisonparkdistrict.org

#### **AURORA**

Fox Valley Park District Eola Community Center 555 S. Eola Road Aurora, IL 60504 (630) 851-8990 www.foxvalleyparkdistrict.org

#### **BENSENVILLE**

Bensenville Park District
Deer Grove Leisure Center
1000 W. Wood Avenue
Bensenville, IL 60106
(630) 766-7015
www.bensenvilleparkdistrict.org

Bensenville Senior Citizens Club Monty's Banquets (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month) 703 S. York Road Bensenville, IL 60106 (630) 594-1010 www.bensenville.il.us

#### **BLOOMINGDALE**

#### **Bloomingdale Park District**

172 S. Circle Avenue Bloomingdale, IL 60108 (630) 529-3650 www.bloomingdaleparks.org

### Bloomingdale Township Senior Center

6N050 Rosedale Road Bloomingdale, IL 60108 (630) 529-7794 www.bloomingdaletownship.com

#### **BURR RIDGE**

#### **Burr Ridge Park District**

15W400 Harvester Drive Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 920-1969 www.brparks.org

#### **CAROL STREAM**

#### Carol Stream Park District Simkus Recreation Center

849 Lies Road Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 784-6100 www.csparks.org

#### **CLARENDON HILLS**

#### **Clarendon Hills Park District**

315 Chicago Avenue Clarendon Hills, IL 60514 (630) 323-2626 www.clarendonhillsparkdistrict.org

#### **DARIEN**

#### **Darien Park District**

7301 Fairview Avenue Darien, IL 60561 (630) 968-6400 www.darienparks.com

#### **DOWNERS GROVE**

#### **Downers Grove Park District**

Active Adult Center
935 Maple Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515
(630) 963-1314 (Voice & TDD)
www.dgparks.org

#### **ELMHURST**

## Elmhurst Park District Abbey Leisure Center

407 W. St. Charles Road Elmhurst, IL 60126 (630) 993-8193 www.epd.org

#### **GLEN ELLYN**

### Glen Ellyn Park District

Main Street Recreation Center 501 Hill Avenue Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 (630) 858-2463 www.gepark.org

#### **Glen Ellyn Senior Service Center**

493 Forest Avenue Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (630) 858-6343 www.glenellyn.org

#### **GLENDALE HEIGHTS**

#### Glendale Heights Center for Senior Citizens

260 Civic Center Plaza Glendale Heights, IL 60139 (630) 260-6050 www.glendaleheights.org

#### Village of Glendale Heights Recreation Department 250 Civic Center Plaza

Glendale Heights, IL 60139 (630) 260-6060 www.glendaleheights.org

#### **HANOVER PARK**

## Hanover Park District Senior Run-a-bouts

1919 Walnut Avenue Hanover Park, IL 60133 (630) 837-2468 (Tuesdays) www.hpparks.org

#### **HINSDALE**

#### Hinsdale Parks and Recreation Memorial Building

19 E. Chicago Avenue Hinsdale, IL 60521 (630) 789-7090 www.villageofhinsdale.org

### The Community House Senior Center

415 W. Eighth Street
Hinsdale, IL 60521
(630) 323-7500
www.thecommunityhouse.org

#### **ITASCA**

#### Itasca Park District Senior Citizens Club

350 E. Irving Park Road Itasca, IL 60143 (630) 773-2257 www.itascaparkdistrict.com

#### **LISLE**

#### **Lisle Park District Recreation Center**

1925 Ohio Street Lisle, IL 60532 (630) 969-0992 www.lisleparkdistrict.org

#### **LOMBARD**

#### **Butterfield Park District**

21W730 Butterfield Road Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 858-2229 www.butterfieldpd.com

## Lombard Community Senior Center ("The White House")

205 W. Maple Street Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 629-9707 (Wednesday and Friday, 9-3pm)

#### **Sunset Knoll Recreation Center**

820 S. Finley Road Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 620-7322 www.lombardparks.com

#### **York Center Park District**

1609 S. Luther Avenue Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 629-0886 www.ycpdfun.com

#### **LOMBARD CONT.**

**York Township Senior Center** 

1502 S. Meyers Road Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 620-2424 www.yorktwsp.com

#### <u>MEDINAH</u>

Medinah Park District
Medinah Active Adults Club

22W130 Thorndale Avenue Medinah, IL 60157 (630) 893-2560 www.medinahparkdistrict.org

#### **NAPERVILLE**

Naperville Park District Community Center

305 W. Jackson Avenue Naperville, IL 60540 (630) 848-3613 www.napervilleparks.org

#### **Xilin Asian Community Center**

Iroquois Shopping Center 1163 E. Ogden Avenue, Suite 301-A Naperville, IL 60563 (630) 355-4322 www.xilin.org

#### **OAKBROOK**

Oak Brook Park District

1450 Forest Gate Road Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 990-4233 or (630) 645-9516 www.obparks.org

#### **OAKBROOK TERRACE**

Oakbrook Terrace Park District Community Senior Citizens Club

1S325 Ardmore Avenue Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 627-6100 www.obtpd.org

#### ROSELLE

**Roselle Park District** 

555 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue Roselle, IL 60172 (630) 894-4200 www.rparks.org

#### **VILLA PARK**

**Villa Park Recreation Center** 

320 E. Wildwood Street Villa Park, IL 60181 (630) 834-8525 www.vprd.org

#### **WARRENVILLE**

**Warrenville Park District** 

Recreation Center 3S260 Warren Avenue

Warrenville, IL 60555 (630) 393-7279

www.warrenvilleparks.org

#### WEST CHICAGO

**Wayne Township Seniors** 

27W031 North Avenue West Chicago, IL 60185-5122 (630) 231-7155

www.waynetwp-il.org

#### WEST CHICAGO CONT.

**West Chicago Park District** 201 W. National Street West Chicago, IL 60185

(630) 231-9474

www.we-goparks.org

#### WESTMONT

**Westmont Park District Senior Center** 

55 E. Richmond Street Westmont, IL 60559

(630) 969-8080

www.westmontparks.org

#### **WHEATON**

**Wheaton Park District** The Leisure Center

208 W. Union Avenue Wheaton, IL 60187

Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(630) 665-1415

www.wheatonparkdistrict.com

#### WINFIELD

Winfield Park District

0N020 County Farm Road Winfield, IL 60190

(630) 653-3811

www.winfieldparkdistrict.com

#### WOOD DALE

**Wood Dale Senior Citizens Club** 

111 E. Foster Avenue Wood Dale, IL 60191

(630) 595-9333

www.wooddaleparkdistrict.org

#### WOODRIDGE

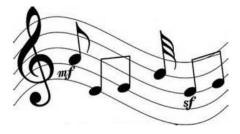
**Woodridge Park District Golden Years Program** 

2600 Center Drive Woodridge, IL 60517

(630) 353-3300

www.woodridgeparks.org

Senior Suburban Orchestra (630) 935-7103 (Membership Information) (630) 691-8502 (Concert Information) www.seniorsuburbanorchestra.org



A 50 piece orchestra with musicians from more than 20 western suburbs. Provides an opportunity for older musicians to continue playing their instruments on a regular basis as members of an active and challenging performance organization. Membership is free, no auditions required. New members are always welcome. Currently based at OakTrace Retirement Facility in Downers Grove.

#### **SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS**

Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA)

1770 W. Centennial Place Addison, IL 60101 (630) 620-4500 www.nedsra.org

Provides quality recreational programs and community services to individuals of all ages with disabilities. NEDSRA serves: Addison, Bensenville, Glendale Heights, Itasca, Lombard, Medinah, Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park, and Wood Dale.

Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)

116 N. Schmale Road Carol Stream, IL 60188 (630) 681-0962 www.wdsra.com

Provides recreational opportunities, special events and trips for individuals of all ages with special needs. WDSRA serves Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Roselle, Naperville, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton and Winfield.

#### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE - SENIOR PASS

National Park Service National Capital Region 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240 (202) 208-3818 www.nps.gov

U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 and over can purchase a lifetime pass for \$10.00 in person at the park, or \$20.00 by mail. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an entrance fee. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at "per vehicle" fee areas (children under 16 are admitted free). At many parks, the Senior Pass provides a 50 percent discount on amenities such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretive services.

#### **HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES**



Illinois Department of Natural Resources
1 Natural Resource Way, Springfield, IL 62702
(217) 782-2965
www.dnr.illinois.gov

Legislation requires senior citizens age 65+ to obtain hunting and fishing licenses, but at a reduced fee. If you are a hunter or fisherman, make sure you inquire about the latest regulations before engaging in these activities. Check website, or call for license fees.

#### **SENIOR OLYMPICS**

Illinois Senior Olympics, Inc. 701 W. Mason, Springfield, IL 62702 (217) 528-4035 Ext. 130 www.ilsenoly.org



Men and women age 50 and older may compete in multiple events including swimming, track and field, bowling, golf, archery, bridge, cycling, basketball, volleyball, and other games. Medals are awarded, and qualified competitors are invited to go on to the National Competition, which is held in odd numbered years. There is a \$35.00 registration fee; other event fees may apply.

### TAX RELIEF AND SERVICES

#### FEDERAL AND STATE TAX INFORMATION

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) www.irs.gov 1-800-829-1040 General questions 1-800-829-3676 Forms 1-800-829-4059 (TDD) Illinois Department of Revenue www.tax.illinois.gov 1-800-732-8866 1-800-544-5304 (TDD)

Access to Federal and State Tax law is available on line at the above websites. Tax forms can be completed and submitted on line or you can call to request paper applications which can be mailed in.

#### **INCOME TAX COUNSELING**

Free income tax information and return preparation for low and middle income individuals age 60 and older is provided by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). Volunteers are trained cooperatively through the Internal Revenue Service and the American Association of Retired Persons. This service is available from February 1 through April 15 of each year. For a local site call 1-800-906-9887 or visit irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/.

#### **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

**Disabled Persons Homestead Exemption** – Applicants must be disabled or become disabled during the assessment year (i.e., cannot participate in any "substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determined physical or mental impairment" which will result in the person's death or that will last for at least 12 continuous months), must own or have a legal or equitable interest in the property, or a leasehold interest of a single-family residence, must occupy the property as their principal residence on January 1 of the assessment year, and is liable for the payment of the property taxes. This Homestead Exemption reduces the net taxable assessed value by a maximum of \$2,000. The actual tax savings is dependent on the applicable tax rate.

**Mobile Home Exemption -** Seniors, 65 and older, who own and live in mobile homes, which do not have permanent foundations, are eligible for a 20 percent reduction in mobile home privilege tax. For more information, call the **DuPage County Clerk's** office, (630) 407-5540.

Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption - This exemption would freeze the equalized assessed value (EAV) of an individual's property at the base year amount and prevent any increase due to inflation. The base year is the year prior to the year you first qualify and apply for the exemption. The assessment freeze exemption does not freeze the amount of your property tax bill, which will still increase if the tax rate increases. Your assessment and tax bill may also increase if you add improvements to your home. In subsequent years, if the new assessed value is lower than the established base assessment, the new lower value becomes the base. To be eligible you must be 65 years of age or older and have a total household income of no more than \$55,000 in the previous calendar year. You must own and occupy the home before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the application year and prior base year. If you are eligible for this exemption you must apply by October 1 with the DuPage County Supervisor of Assessments, (630) 407-5858.

**Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption** - Available for those age 65 and older. Allows annual savings on property tax bills, regardless of income or the original amount of real estate taxes. A maximum \$5,000 exemption is applied to the equalized value of the elderly person's home. File for this exemption when either the husband or wife, as shown on the deed, reaches the age of 65. Annual renewal cards are sent to qualified taxpayers and must be returned to the Supervisor of Assessments.

#### Veterans may be eligible for one of two exemptions:

- Disabled Veterans' Standard Exemption The applicant must be an Illinois resident who is a veteran with at least a 50% service-related disability as certified by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and; the home must be owner-occupied by the disabled veteran or the surviving unmarried spouse of the disabled veteran as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of eligibility year, and the property value must not be more than \$750,000. Those claiming exemption under the Disabled Persons Homestead Exemption or the Disabled Veterans' Adaptive Housing Exemption are not eligible. This benefit provides an annual exemption of: \$5,000 off the total assessed value if disability is 70% or more or \$2,500 if disability is 50% to 69%.
- Disabled Veterans' Exemption (For Adaptive Housing) The applicant must be a disabled Veteran (or surviving un-remarried spouse) who has served in the Armed Forces of the United States and who has acquired, in connection with that service, a disability of such a nature that the Federal Government has authorized payment for purchase or construction of specially adapted housing as set forth in the U.S. Code Title 38, Chapter 21. The Disabled Veterans' Exemption provides an annual deduction of up to \$70,000 off of the taxable assessed valuation for the home. Eligibility is determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Information regarding the above exemptions can be obtained from your Township Assessor's office, or the **DuPage County Supervisor of Assessments**, (630) 407-5858.

#### OTHER DU PAGE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX PROGRAMS

**Duplicate Delinquency Tax Notice** – Allows you to designate someone other than yourself to receive a duplicate delinquency tax notice. This notice will be sent when and if your taxes remain unpaid in October, when they become delinquent. A one-time \$5.00 fee is required for registering. For additional information please contact the **Supervisor of Assessments** at **(630) 407-5858.** 

Prepayment Plan for Current Real Estate Tax Amounts – DuPage County Treasurer established a prepayment program to make it easier for taxpayers to pay their property taxes throughout the year. Make as many monthly or periodic payments between December and the following August. Choose the amount of your payments, and select from a variety of payment options. For more details, contact the **Treasurer's** office at **(630) 407-5900**.

**Property Tax Deferral** - Property owners, age 65 or older by June 1st who have a total household income of \$55,000 (effective 1/1/13) or less, fire and casualty insurance and no delinquent real estate taxes, may elect to defer all or part of their property tax payments up to a maximum of \$5,000. Taxes would be repaid once the home is sold or when the taxpayer dies, with interest at 6% per annum. **Applicants must apply by March 1** of each year for the taxes due that year. For additional information, or to apply, call the **Office of the DuPage County Collector**, **(630) 407-5900**.

The offices of the Supervisor of Assessments, County Clerk, and Treasurer are located at: DuPage County Complex, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.



### TRANSPORTATION

Transportation has consistently been a problem in the suburban area. Traveling for medical attention, social services, education and employment can be challenging. Many resources are available from your municipality, park district, townships or the county and are listed on the following pages.

For specific information about services available in your local community, see the grid starting on page 132, or contact **DuPage County Senior Services at (630) 407-6500, 1-800-942-9412**, or your local city, village hall, or township office.

#### **RIDE DU PAGE**

Many townships, cities, and villages operate or subsidize transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities. **Ride DuPage** is a program that combines many of those services into one, easy to use system. **Ride DuPage** began coordinating transportation services for a few sponsors in July 2004. More have been added, with more to come. Transportation is provided via taxi or bus, curb-to-curb. Once you are registered for **Ride DuPage** through one of the sponsoring agencies, you can call the Ride DuPage call center directly to set up rides at **1-800-713-7445.** Each sponsor determines eligibility for their program and establishes the cost to their rider.

The DuPage County Paratransit Program is a Ride DuPage sponsor and offers transportation to county residents who meet low-income guidelines. Travel is provided to medical appointments within DuPage County, DuPage County Health Department locations, and DuPage County Community Services at 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL. Proof of eligibility must be provided and applicants must pre-register. There is a charge of \$4 each way to the 421 and 111 N. County Farm Road Buildings, all other destinations are \$1.50 for the first 6 miles, then \$1.50 each additional mile. To register, seniors should call DuPage County Senior Services at (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

Senior Transportation Grant, another Ride DuPage sponsor, is funded through the Older Americans Act and is administered by DuPage County Senior Services. Eligibility is determined on an individual basis with priority given to low income frail elderly who do not qualify for or cannot afford other transportation programs. Rides can be provided to medical appointments, nutrition sites, adult day centers or other locations with approval. For more information, please call **DuPage County Senior Services** at **(630)** 407-6500.

#### THE DU PAGE COUNTY PILOT II PROGRAM

Pilot II is a subsidized transportation program utilizing taxi cabs to provide services to older adults and people with disabilities. The program allows participants to purchase coupons at a discount from sponsor agencies. Arrangements for the taxi ride are made directly with the cab company. Individual sponsoring agencies decide the eligibility requirements and the specific rules for participation. Those interested must enroll through a sponsor agency. (See Transportation grid on page 132) No lift-equipped vehicles are available. For further information, please call **DuPage**County Community Services (630) 407-6500 or 1-800-942-9412.

#### **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**First Transit** provides rides to medical appointments for seniors and disabled persons receiving Medicaid benefits. To arrange transport call **1-877-725-0569** with your Medicaid ID number, date, time, location and phone number of medical appointment, no less than 24 hours in advance.

#### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RTA)/PACE**

PACE (Suburban Bus Division of the RTA)
550 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
(847) 364-7223
(847) 364-5093 (TTY)
www.pacebus.com



Pace has two programs, which offer curb-to-curb services in DuPage County. These are:

**Dial-A-Ride Services** provide transportation for older adults, persons with disabilities, and in some cases, the general public. These services may be available through your Local Township or municipality. (See Transportation Grid on page 132 for specific information.)

**ADA Paratransit Service** provides curb-to-curb transportation to people with disabilities who meet regional eligibility criteria. Registration is completed through the RTA. ADA Paratransit Service is only available in areas served by fixed route services.

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is responsible for registration and determination of eligibility for PACE Regional ADA Paratransit Services. The RTA can also tell you where you can register for the ADA Paratransit ID card. Eligible riders may travel with one companion at no additional charge. If space permits, more than one companion may accompany the passenger, but are required to pay

the full fare. All trips must be scheduled at least one day in advance. To apply for ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and CTA Paratransit, call (312) 663-4357 or (312) 913-3122 (TTY).

To determine if ADA Paratransit or Dial-A-Ride services can transport you to a specific destination, call (847) 364-7223 (Pace Suburban Bus), or 1-800-606-1282.

RTA Reduced Fare Permit allows adults age 65 years and older, veterans with 100% service related disability, Medicare card holders, and qualified disabled persons to ride all CTA buses/rapid transit, PACE buses and Metra trains for half the full fare. Permits are valid for four years and take approximately 3 to 4 weeks from date of application to receive. To apply, call the RTA Travel Information Center at (630) 836-7000 or (312) 836-4949 (TTY) for the registration center nearest you, or www.rtachicago.com.

**Benefit Access Program** allows low-income Illinois residents age 65 and over or persons with disabilities, living in the RTA service region, free transit on fixed-routes operated by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace. Eligibility guidelines include:

- ◆ Applicant must be 65 years or older by December 31 of the current year or be 16 years of age or older and totally disabled at the time you file.
- ♦ Applicant must be a resident of Illinois at the time the application is filed.
- ♦ Income must be less than:
  - \$27,610 for a 1 person household
  - \$36,635 for a 2 person household

The Benefit Access Program application is only available online at the **Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA)** website: **www.state.il.us/aging**.

Once you have approval of your application, riders must then request the **Ride Free Transit Card**. Call **(312) 913-5414** or visit **www.rtachicago.com** for registration sites for the permit. You will need a government-issued picture I.D. that verifies your age and a photo of yourself 1 ½ inches square. Some sites are able to take your photo, but may charge \$5 to do so.

#### **VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

American Cancer Society Road to Recovery Program 1-800-227-2345 1-800-735-2991 (TTY)

Volunteers provide transportation to and from cancer related medical appointments for ambulatory individuals with a cancer diagnosis (depending on driver availability). Four business day notice is needed not including date of travel.

Downers Grove FISH (630) 964-7776 (Message Center)

Provides volunteer transportation on an emergency need basis, for medical and dental needs. 24 to 48-hour advance notice required. Transports up to a ten mile radius of Downers Grove and government agencies. Covers Darien, Downers Grove, Lisle, Westmont and Woodridge.

#### PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The following businesses provide specialized transportation services. Fees for services vary depending on destination, special needs, etc. If possible, call at least one week before the date that transportation is needed. Payment may be required at the time of service.

# Access EZ Transport, Inc.

6912 Main Street, Suite 120, Downers Grove, IL 60516 **(630) 824-0884** 

Provides door to door wheelchair transport. Can provide a wheelchair if needed for duration of the ride. Weekend and holidays rides by appointment only.

#### **AC Medtran**

1100 Jorie Blvd., Suite 301, Oak Brook, IL 60532 **(630)** 568-3850

Offers non-emergency transportation to doctor appointments, physical therapy, airport etc. Wheelchair accessible included.

#### **Angels Wheels Transportation**

2206 N. Main Street, Suite 162, Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 534-6900

www.angelwheelsinc.com

Provides wheelchair transport 7 days a week and on holidays, prefers 48-hour notice.

#### **Comfort Coach**

P.O. Box 447, Addison, IL 60101 **(630) 285-1900** 

Lift available for a wheelchair. Please provide 2-3 day notice.

#### **NEWT Non-Emergency Wheelchair Transport**

611 S. Ahrens Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148

(630) 542-6398

www.n.e.w.t.com

Newt provides 24/7, door to door wheelchair transportation. Equipped to bring people up or down stairs and can provide a wheelchair if needed. Offers reasonable rates with all major credit cards accepted.

#### Platinum Care, Inc.

P.O. Box 2553, Naperville, IL 60567

(630) 778-8585

www.platinumcareinc.com

Wheelchair and ambulance transport.

#### Special Needs Chicago, Inc.

507 S. Naperville Road, Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 668-9999

www.specialneedschicago.org

Provides wheelchair accessible transportation.



## **MobilityWorks**

155 E. North Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181 1-877-275-4907 - www.mobilityworks.com

Offers a selection of accessible vehicles, both used and new, for purchase or short term rental. Options available include raised roofs, automatic ramps, mechanical hand controls and other high tech driving aids. Can customize vehicle to meet individual needs, and service your current accessible vehicle.

#### **SECRETARY OF STATE**

Illinois Secretary of State
Drivers License and State Identifications
213 State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62756
1-800-252-8980
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Issues Illinois driver's licenses and identification (ID) cards. To receive an Illinois driver's license or ID card, you must provide acceptable documentation to prove name, date of birth, Illinois residency, Social Security number, and your signature for comparison. To obtain an Illinois driver's license, you must successfully complete a vision screening, written examination and possibly a driving examination, and pay the appropriate fee. Also, provides disability license plates and parking placards. Local offices:

#### Aurora

339 E. Indian Trail Aurora, IL 60565

#### Lombard

Eastgate Shopping Center 837 S. Westmore Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 629-0434 (recording only)

#### <u>Naperville</u>

Hobson Shopping Center 931 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 161 Naperville, IL 60565

#### West Chicago

1280 Powis Road West Chicago, IL 60185

Chicagoland facility information call **(312) 793-1010.** Hours for the above offices are: Tuesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

#### **Wheaton Express**

128 W. Liberty Wheaton, IL 60187 Open M-F 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

License Plates and Driver's License Discounts – If you qualify for the Benefit Access Program (see Page 125), you can save \$75 on license plate fees. Also, drivers age 69 to 80 pay a reduced rate of \$5 for their drivers license, which is good for four years. Drivers age 81 through 86 receive a two-year license for only \$2. Those 87 and older are tested annually and the license is free. For additional information call the Office of the Secretary of State, toll-free, at 1-800-252-2904.

**Disability License Plates** can be issued to a person with a permanent disability who owns a vehicle titled in their name or to a family caregiver who lives with the person with disabilities and is responsible for their transportation. It must be permanently affixed to the vehicle and allows for parking in designated handicapped spaces. It does not exempt parking meter fees. Applications are available at local offices or online. Call **(217) 782-2709** or visit **www.cyberdriveillinois.com** for more information.

**Parking Placards** are issued to individuals with temporary or permanent disabilities. Three different placards can be applied for:

- Meter Exempt Permanent Placards are issued to persons with permanent disabilities that cause difficulty accessing a parking meter. These individuals are exempt from paying the parking meter fees. It also allows usage of spaces reserved for the disabled. Eligible persons must have a valid Illinois Drivers' License and physician certification of need.
- **Non-meter Exempt Permanent Placards** authorizes persons with permanent disabilities to park in designated handicapped spaces but does not exempt them from paying parking meter fees.
- **Temporary Placards** are available to those with a temporary disability and are valid based on physician determination, not to exceed 6 months when issued by the Secretary of State. It can be used in designated handicapped spaces but does not exempt parking meter fees.

Applications are available at local offices or online. Call **(217) 782-2709** or visit **www.cyberdriveillinois.com**, for more information.

I-PASS Assist – I-PASS is the Illinois Tollway's electronic toll collection system. An electronic I-Pass transponder, which is mounted on the windshield, allows tolls to be automatically deducted from a pre-paid account as you drive through a toll collection station. The Illinois Tollway authority offers a discount for some individuals unable to afford the standard up-front cost of I-PASS. Those enrolled in **Medicare** or

**Medicaid** can apply. You must present a valid ID, such as an Illinois Driver's license as well as verification that you are enrolled in one of these programs. I-PASS Assist costs \$20, which includes a \$10 deposit and \$10 in pre-paid tolls. I-PASS can be purchased at the Tollway Customer Care Center, 2700 Ogden Ave. in Downers Grove, Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. or in select Tollway oases and online at **www.illinoistollway.com**. For more information call **1-800-824-7277.** 

#### **DRIVERS EDUCATION AND SAFETY**

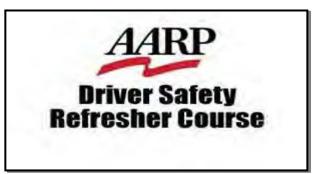
Statistics indicate that older adults are safe drivers. However, medical conditions, medication usage and reduced physical and mental function can increase the risk of accidents and injury. The following resources are available to help assess, educate and advise older drivers.

<u>State of Illinois Rules of the Road Classes</u> – Prepares seniors through a review of the Rules Of The Road manual for their Illinois Drivers exam. The course is free of charge. For registration and class information contact the **Secretary of State** at **(312) 814-3676**, or www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services.

# AAA Senior Driving www.seniordriving.AAA.com

A comprehensive website that addresses multiple factors for mature drivers including smart car features, understanding body and mind changes and much more.

AARP Smart Driver Course – Designed to make adults, 55 years of age and older, better drivers and may provide a reduction in their auto insurance. Participants must preregister and attend 8 hours of classes in order to receive a Course Completion certificate. An online course is also available. There is a fee for the courses. AARP also launched a



Driving Resource Center, an interactive online experience where participants access tools and activities including driving simulations, rules of the road, and new vehicle technologies. For more information and course locations, dates and times please contact AARP at 1-888-227-7669, or www.aarp.org/families/driver\_safety.

#### **Marianjoy Driver Rehabilitation Center**

26W171 Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 909-6082 www.marianjoy.org

Provides driver evaluation and education to help individuals with disabilities learn or relearn how to drive. Uses a fleet of vehicles that have been adapted for various disabilities. Also offer a comprehensive evaluation and examination for older adults to determine whether they can still drive safely. Call or visit the website for more information.

#### **Optimal Mobility Solutions**

P.O. Box 123, Frankford, IL 60423 www.optimalmobilitysolutions.com

Optimal Mobility has professional licensed and registered physical therapists and Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists to help people learn to drive or return to driving after injury, illness or disability. The program provides in home clinical evaluation of physical, visual and cognitive skills; behind the wheel evaluation; training in using adaptive equipment and an inspection to insure proper installation of any adaptive equipment on your vehicle. For more information call, **(630) 922-1600.** 

# <u>The Hartford/Mature Market Excellence</u> www.thehartford.com/mature-market-excellence

Research and information addressing concerns for safety behind the wheel and in the home.



# **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS**

Below are the subsidized transportation options listed by town. Many require an ADA, RTA or CB Ride Free Transit Card. For details on how to apply for these, see page 132.

#### **VILLAGE OF ADDISON**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Bloomingdale Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Addison Township	(630) 530-8161	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	with ADA or RTA card
Addison Township	(630) 530-8161	65+ or Disabled
Pilot II	Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	Pilot II ID card required

## **CITY OF AURORA**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Winfield Township Senior and Disabled Bus	(630) 520-0054 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled
Naperville Township	(630) 357-8058	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	with ADA or RTA card
Naperville Township	(630) 357-8058	65+ or Disabled
Ride to Work	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	with ADA or RTA card

#### **VILLAGE OF BARTLETT**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Wayne Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Wayne Township Pilot II	(630) 231-7140 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	60+ or Disabled

# **VILLAGE OF BENSENVILLE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Village of Bensenville Dial-A-Bus	(630) 350-3425 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm	General Public
Addison Township Ride DuPage	<b>630) 530-8161</b> Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Addison Township Pilot II	(630) 530-8161 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled

# **VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Bloomingdale Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public

# VILLAGE OF BOLINGBROOK

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Lisle Township Ride DuPage	(630) 968-2087 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Lisle Township Ride to Work	(630) 968-2087 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card

# **VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Downers Grove Township Dial-A-Ride	(630) 719-6685 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Village of Burr Ridge Pilot II	(630) 654-8181 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm	60+ or Disabled and in financial need

# **VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Bloomingdale Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Milton Township Ride DuPage	(630) 668-1616 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Wayne Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Wayne Township Pilot II	(630) 231-7140 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	60+ or Disabled

## **VILLAGE OF CLARENDON HILLS**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Downers Grove Township Dial-A-Ride		65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card

## **CITY OF DARIEN**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Downers Grove Township Dial-A-Ride	(630) 719-6685 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
City of Darien Pilot II	(630) 852-5000 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm	65+ or Disabled

## **VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Downers Grove Township Dial-A-Ride	(630) 719-6685 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Village of Downers Grove Subsidized Taxi Program	(630) 434-5500 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm, Tues 8:00am to 7:00pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card

Lisle Township Ride DuPage	(630) 968-2087 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Lisle Township Ride to Work	(630) 968-2087 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Milton Township Ride DuPage	(630) 668-1616 Mon-Fri 8:30pm to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
York Township Senior Transportation Service	(630) 620-2424 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	55+

#### **CITY OF ELMHURST**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
York Township Senior Transportation Service	(630) 620-2424 Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	55+
Addison Township Ride DuPage	(630) 530-8161 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Addison Township Pilot II	(630) 530-8161 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled
City of Elmhurst Subsidized Taxi	(630) 530-3015 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm	65+ or Disabled in Incorporated area only
City of Elmhurst Pilot II	(630) 530-3015 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 5:00pm	65+ or Disabled Need photo for ID

# **VILLAGE OF GLEN ELLYN**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Village of Glen Ellyn	(630) 858-6343	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon-Fri 9:00am to 1:00pm	with ADA or RTA card
Village of Glen Ellyn	(630) 858-6343	65+ or Disabled
Ride to Work	Mon–Fri 9:00am to 1:00pm	with ADA or RTA card

Milton Township Ride DuPage		65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
York Township Senior Transportation Service	(630) 620-2424 Mon–Fri 8:30 to 4:30pm	55+

# VILLAGE OF GLENDALE HEIGHTS

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Bloomingdale Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Milton Township Ride DuPage	(630) 668-1616 Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card

## **VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Bloomingdale Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Wayne Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Wayne Township Pilot II	(630) 231-7140 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	60+ or Disabled with proof of Disability income

# **CITY OF HINSDALE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Downers Grove Township Dial-A-Ride	(630) 719-6685 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm (630) 620-2424	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
York Township Senior Transportation Service	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	55+

# **VILLAGE OF ITASCA**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Bloomingdale Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Addison Township	(630) 530-8161	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	with ADA or RTA card
Addison Township	(630) 530-8161	65+ or Disabled
Pilot II	Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	Pilot II ID card required

# **VILLAGE OF LEMONT**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Downers Grove Township	(630) 719-6685	65+ or Disabled
Dial-A-Ride	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm	with ADA or RTA card

## **VILLAGE OF LISLE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Lisle Township	(630) 968-2087	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	with ADA or RTA card
Lisle Township	(630) 968-2087	65+ or Disabled
Ride to Work	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	with ADA or RTA card
Village of Lisle Taxi Subsidy Program	(630) 271-4100 Mon-Fri 7:00 am to 5:00pm	65+ or Disabled

## **VILLAGE OF LOMBARD**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Village of Lombard Taxi Subsidized Program (Incorporated only)	(630) 620-5700 Mon 8:00am to 7:00pm Tues-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled
Addison Township Ride DuPage	(630) 530-8161 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Addison Township Pilot II	(630) 530-8161 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled Pilot II ID card required
Bloomingdale Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Milton Township Ride DuPage	(630) 668-1616 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
York Township Senior Transportation Service	(630) 620-2424 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	55+

# VILLAGE OF MEDINAH

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Bloomingdale Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public



#### **CITY OF NAPERVILLE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Lisle Township	(630) 968-2087	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	with ADA or RTA card
Lisle Township	(630) 968-2087	65+ or Disabled
Ride To Work	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	with ADA or RTA card
Naperville Township	(630) 357-8058	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	with ADA or RTA card
Naperville Township	(630) 357-8058	65+ or Disabled
Ride to Work	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	with ADA or RTA card

# **VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
York Township Senior Transportation Service	(630) 620-2424 Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	55+

# VILLAGE OF OAKBROOK TERRACE

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
	(630) 620-2424 Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	55+

## **VILLAGE OF ROSELLE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public

# **CITY OF ST. CHARLES**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Wayne Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public

Wayne Township	(630) 231-7140	60+ or Disabled with
Pilot II	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	Proof of Disability
	·	income

# VILLAGE OF VILLA PARK

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
York Township Senior Transportation Service	(630) 620-2424 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	55+
Addison Township Ride DuPage	(630) 530-8161 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Addison Township Pilot II	(630) 530-8161 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled Pilot II ID card required
Villa Park Subsidized Senior Ride Program (Incorporated only)	(630) 834-8500 Mon-Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm	65+ or Disabled with doctor's letter

# **CITY OF WARRENVILLE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Winfield Township Senior and Disabled Bus	(630) 520-0054 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled
City of Warrenville Pilot II	(630) 393-9427 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm	65+ or Disabled
Acorn Van Curb-to-Curb	(630) 393-9427 Mon–Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm	60+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card

# **VILLAGE OF WAYNE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Wayne Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public

Wayne Township		60+ or Disabled with
Pilot II	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	proof of Disability
		income

# **CITY OF WEST CHICAGO**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Wayne Township Dial-A-Ride	<b>1-800-713-7445</b> Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	General Public
Wayne Township Pilot II	(630) 231-7140 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	60+ or Disabled with proof of Disability income
Winfield Township Senior and Disabled Bus	(630) 520-0054 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled

# **VILLAGE OF WESTMONT**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Downers Grove Township Dial-A-Ride	(630) 719-6685 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
York Township Senior Transportation Service	(630) 620-2424 Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	55+

# **CITY OF WHEATON**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
City of Wheaton Ride DuPage	(630) 260- 2019 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm If no RTA card (630) 668-1616	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
City of Wheaton	(630) 260-2019	65+ or Disabled
Ride To Work	Mon-Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm	with ADA or RTA card
Milton Township	(630) 668-1616	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	with ADA or RTA card

# **VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Downers Grove Township Dial-A-Ride	(630) 719-6685 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
Village of Willowbrook Pilot II	(630) 323-8215 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled

# **VILLAGE OF WINFIELD**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Winfield Township Senior and Disabled Bus	(630) 520-0054 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled
Milton Township Ride DuPage	(630) 668-1616 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card

## **CITY OF WOOD DALE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
City of Wood Dale Dial-A-Ride	Not required – For rides call <b>(630) 787-3763</b>	General Public
Addison Township	(630) 530-8161	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30 pm	with ADA or RTA card
Addison Township	(630) 530-8161	65+ or Disabled
Pilot II	Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	Pilot II ID card required

# **VILLAGE OF WOODRIDGE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
Downers Grove Township	(630) 719-6685	65+ or Disabled
Dial-A-Ride	Mon-Fri 8:30am to 3:30pm	with ADA or RTA card
Lisle Township	(630) 968-2087	65+ or Disabled
Ride DuPage	Mon–Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	with ADA or RTA card

(630) 968-2087 Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:00pm	65+ or Disabled with ADA or RTA card
(630) 852-7000 Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	60+ or Disabled

#### **DU PAGE COUNTY RIDE DU PAGE**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
DuPage County Ride DuPage	` '	DuPage Resident, Call for eligibility

#### **DU PAGE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
DuPage County Senior Transportation Grant	( <b>630) 407-6500</b> Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm	60+, Limited grant, call for eligibility and availability

# **VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Program	Registration	Resident Eligibility
DuPage VAC Transportation	( <b>630) 407-5655</b> Mon-Fri 8:00am to 4:00pm	DuPage County Veteran With VA medical card or DD214 discharge papers

**Note:** Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital provides a free shuttle to its location in Hines, IL from local clinics for Vet's who have an appointment there. Call your closest VA clinic, page 146 for more information or to schedule a ride.

# **VETERANS BENEFITS**

Did you know that Illinois is one of only seven states with a veteran population of one million or more? Veterans in Illinois are a vital and thriving part of our community, but many are unaware of the veterans' benefits that may be available to them, a spouse, a surviving spouse, or a dependent. The agencies listed below can answer questions or provide additional information.

## Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA)

833 S. Spring Street
P.O. Box 19432
Springfield, IL 62794-9432
(217) 782-6641
www.state.il.us/agency/dva

**DuPage Office:** 421 N. County Farm Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, rear of the cafeteria Wheaton, IL 60187 **(630)** 690-9449



Provides a wide variety of benefits to veterans and their families. VA benefits include pensions for wartime veterans; compensation for service related and non-service related disabilities; education and training; home mortgage loans; specially adapted homes, clothing, autos for disabled veterans; life and mortgage insurance; burial fees; various forms of employment assistance; and medical care. This office can also assist veterans in obtaining military separation/discharge papers, fishing licenses, military license plates, pension's applications, and widow's pensions.

Veterans Assistance Commission of DuPage County (VAC) 421 N. County Farm Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, rear of the cafeteria Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 407-5655 www.dupageco.org/vac

Provides emergency financial assistance to veterans and their families in DuPage County. Assistance may include mortgage/rent payments, utility payments and emergency essentials. Transportation arranged to Hines Hospital for qualified veterans for medical trips only, limited to twice a week. This office can also assist veterans in obtaining military separation/discharge papers. Provides information on local veterans' organizations.

#### **Veterans' Medical Benefits**

Congress appropriates funds each year to provide medical coverage for veterans. The number of veterans who can be served each year is determined by this appropriation. Since funds are limited, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) developed priority groups to insure that the neediest are served. There are no premiums for this coverage but there may be co-payments. For more information contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000, or visit their website at www.va.gov/healtheligibility.

Military One Source (MOS) 1-800-342-9647 www.militaryonesource.com

A Department of Defense contracted resource to provide help to any military member or one of their families, whether on Active Duty, National Guard or Reserve. Via phone call or Internet, questions will be answered or resources provided on just about everything from maintaining a budget to issues of deployment. MOS also provides short term counseling for military members and their families. MOS can be contacted 24 hours a day, 7 days per week with interpreter services available.

#### **Illinois Veterans Care**

Offers affordable, comprehensive healthcare for Illinois veterans age 19-64, providing medical, dental and vision coverage. Veterans pay a premium of \$40 or \$70 depending on their income. To pre-register stop by one of the 50 veteran service offices, call **1-877-4VETSRX (483-8779)** or visit the web site **www.illinoisveteranscare.com**.

## AID AND ATTENDANCE & HOUSEBOUND BENEFIT

Little known benefits, the **Aid and Attendance Benefit** and the **Housebound Benefit**, are paid in **addition** to monthly pension for veterans and surviving spouses who need in home care, or live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. To qualify, applicants must be 65 years of age of older, need assistance with activities of daily living, and must be eligible for a pension. For additional information or to apply, call **(630) 690-9449** or online at **www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov.** 

#### **VA MEDICAL CENTERS**

Eligible veterans can access services through the VA Medical Center or VA outpatient clinic nearest their home. Once enrolled, veterans may use services at any one of the 1,200 VA locations nationwide.

#### **Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital**

5000 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hines, IL 60141-5000 **(708) 202-8387** 

Services provided include specialized clinical programs in areas such as Blind Rehabilitation, Spinal Cord Injury, Cardiovascular Surgery and Residential Care.

#### Jesse Brown VA Medical Center

820 S. Damen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612 (312) 569-8387

The center consists of a 200-bed acute care facility, and four community based outpatient clinics. Jesse Brown VAMC provides care to approximately 62,000 veterans who reside in the City of Chicago and Cook County Illinois and in six counties in northwestern Indiana.

#### North Chicago VA Medical Center

30001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064 **(847) 688-1900** 

Services provided include comprehensive mental health services, extended and primary care, a homeless domiciliary, and a drug and alcohol program.

# **VA CLINICS**

Offer primary care services and outpatient pharmacy services.

# **Aurora Veterans Outpatient Clinic**

1700 N. Landmark Road, Aurora, IL 60506 **(630) 859-2504** 

# **Elgin Veterans Outpatient Clinic**

450 Dundee Avenue, Suite 100, Elgin, IL 60120 **(847) 742-5920** 

Joliet VA Clinic 1201 Eagle Street, Joliet, IL 60432 (815) 740-8100



#### **VET CENTERS**

Offer mental health counseling, job placement assistance, and information and referrals to veterans.

#### **DuPage County Vet Center**

750 Shoreline Drive, Suite 150, Aurora, IL 60504 **(630)** 585-1853

#### Oak Park Veterans Center

1515 South Harlem Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60130 **(708) 457-8805** 



#### **Veteran's Crisis Line**

Lifeline connects veterans in crisis, their friends or family with **Department of Veterans Affairs** responders 24/7. Call **1-800-273-8255** or text a message to **838255**.

# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS AND SHELTERS FOR VETERANS

#### **ReVive Center for Housing and Healing**

1668 W. Ogden Avenue Chicago, IL 60612 (312) 997-2222 www.revivecenter.org

Residential short and long term living and treatment centers for those with cooccurring Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse disorders.

> VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans 1-877-424-3838

Call for yourself, or someone else!

#### **Eddie Beard Homeless Veterans**

2425 W. Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60612-2937 (312) 455-9767

# Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs The Prince Home at Manteno

One Veterans Drive Manteno, IL 60950 (815) 468-6581, ext. 316

Provides housing and support services for disabled homeless veterans, male and female, on the grounds of Manteno Veterans Home. Skilled nursing facility on site with separate Alzheimer's unit.

#### **Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans**

119 N. West Street Wheaton, IL 60187 (630) 871-8387 www.helpaveteran.org

Provides transitional housing, education, therapy, legal assistance, and job training. Veterans can receive clothing, furniture, household and personal need items. VA per diem program. Veteran must present with diagnosis or symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, substance abuse or depression. Serves both male and female with greater than dishonorable discharge.

#### St. Leo's Residence for Veterans

7750 S. Emerald Chicago, IL 60620 (773) 651-9950 www.stleoveterans.com

Housing with case management services to assist homeless veterans become self-sufficient. VA clinic on site.

#### **Veterans Administration Medical Center**

5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Roosevelt Road Hines, IL 60141 www.catholiccharities.net

A partnership of the Veterans Administration and Catholic Charities provides the following two housing resources on the grounds at Hines Hospital.

# Bishop Goedert Residence (708) 273-6600

Veteran housing for those with low-incomes age 62 and older.

# Cook's Manor (708) 343-2873

500 W. Roosevelt Road Hines, IL 60141 Transitional housing for homeless veterans.

#### **LONG TERM CARE - ILLINOIS VETERANS HOMES**

Each **Illinois Veterans Home** provides quality long term care services to the residents living there. Volunteers from local community and veterans' organizations provide many additional supporting services and activities. Illinois law and Department rules determine specific eligibility for admission to one of the Veterans Homes.

#### **Illinois Veterans Home Anna**

792 N. Main Street Anna, IL 62906 (618) 833-6302

# Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno

1 Veterans Drive Manteno, IL 60950 (815) 468-6581

#### Illinois Veterans Home in LaSalle

1015 O'Conor Avenue LaSalle, IL 61301 (815) 223-0303 Ext. 210

# Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy

1707 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Quincy, IL 62301 **(217) 222-8641** 

Several local long term care facilities within DuPage County also have contracts with the Veterans Administration to provide long term care services to veterans. For a list of Long Term Care Facilities, visit www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs or call Senior Services at (630) 407-6500.

#### **MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES**

(An alternative to institutional long term care)

Matches a veteran who is frail or terminally ill and cannot live independently with an individual or family who commit to providing personalized care in their home. The caregiver must own or rent a home on one level without any stairs, must live in the home and have a plan for relief caregivers. The veteran must have a private bedroom and the expectation that this is his or her permanent home. Payment to the caregiver is provided by the veteran, his family or legal representative. For further information contact the Medical Foster Home Coordinator at Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital at (708) 202-7878.

## **DuPage Veterans Memorial, Inc.**

421 N. County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187

email: veterans.memorial@comcast.net www.dupageco-il-vetsmemorial.org



The DuPage Veterans Memorial, Inc. is a not for profit corporation formed by veterans to assist in the maintenance, care, and enhancements to the Veterans Memorial site, which is located on the grounds of the DuPage County Government Center in Wheaton. The corporation also organizes and hosts veteran related ceremonies and activities for presentation to the community.

A web page is dedicated to presenting a positive image of all members of the United States Armed Forces, and promoting patriotism. The web page also provides a variety of Internet links to DuPage County, State, and Federal information and resources specific to the interests and needs of veterans.

#### **MORE HELP ON THE WEB**



#### **Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs**

List of state benefits for veterans; location of offices www.state.il.us/agency/dva

## **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Access information and linkage to Veterans benefits and services. **www.va.gov** 

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notice is not required to receive this assistance.

DuPage County residents may call (630) 407-6500 to make an appointment with DuPage County Community Services, 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton. If you are a homebound senior citizen or disabled, a LIHEAP staff person can come to your home and take your application. You may also call your township office for an appointment.



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