

## Resources for Unaccompanied Minors and Unhoused Youth

### Unaccompanied Minors

Illinois state law allows unaccompanied minors to access medical care without parental consent when the minor has documentation from one of the following sources:

- An adult relative
- A representative of a homeless service agency
- An attorney licensed in Illinois
- A public school homeless liaison or social worker
- A social service agency providing services to at risk, homeless, or runaway youth
- A representative of a religious organization

Unaccompanied minors may also access other public benefits such as SNAP and TANF. If the young person is married, pregnant, or a parent they do not need consent from a parent or guardian for medical care and they can apply for public benefits independently.

Erie has an established medical legal partnership with Loyola University Chicago School of Law called the Health Justice Project. Through this partnership, youth can access free legal support services and information on becoming unaccompanied and how to access benefits. Your Erie healthcare providers can place referrals to the Health Justice Project to support you and your legal needs.

More information about unaccompanied minors can be found here [bit.ly/IDHSminors](https://bit.ly/IDHSminors)

### Reproductive Services

Minors can access certain reproductive health services without parental consent, such as: pregnancy testing, testing for sexually transmitted infections including HIV, birth control, and emergency contraception (Plan B).

Consent is required for the HPV vaccine.

Minors seeking abortion are required by Illinois law to notify a parent or guardian 48 hours prior to the procedure, consent is not needed. Notification may be waived by judicial bypass if the minor is not able to notify a parent or guardian. Learn more about judicial bypass here: [bit.ly/jbypass](https://bit.ly/jbypass)

### Mental Health Services

For minors ages 12-16, no consent is needed from a parent or guardian for eight 90-minute counseling sessions. For minors ages 17 and older no consent is required. For inpatient mental health, minors can voluntarily admit themselves without parental consent at age 16 but a parent or guardian is notified immediately after admission.

For substance use treatment, minors ages 12 and up can access services inpatient or outpatient without parent or guardian consent.

In cases of sexual violence or assault, no consent from a parent or guardian is needed for:

- Making a police report
- Consenting to healthcare at the hospital, including treatment for STIs, HIV, and emergency contraception
- Consenting to evidence collection and release
- 90-days of follow up medical care
- 5 counseling sessions at a rape crisis center (ages 12-16)

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides free and confidential support for people in suicidal crisis or in emotional distress. They can be reached by calling or texting 988.

Housing and Support Services	
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Chicago Public Schools – Students in Temporary Living Situations (STLS)	<a href="https://bit.ly/CPSSTLS">bit.ly/CPSSTLS</a> (773) 553-2242 <a href="mailto:STLSInformation@cps.edu">STLSInformation@cps.edu</a> Provides assistance for unhoused students or those without permanent housing. Provides assistance such as transportation, school uniforms, supplies, fee waivers, and referrals to community resources.
Streetlight Chicago	<a href="http://www.streetlightchicago.org/">www.streetlightchicago.org/</a> Online database of shelters, drop-in centers, health centers, and beds available for unhoused youth.
*La Casa Norte 3533 W. North Ave Chicago, IL 60647	<a href="https://bit.ly/lacasanorte1">bit.ly/lacasanorte1</a> (773) 276-4900 <a href="mailto:info@lacasanorte.org">info@lacasanorte.org</a>

	Permanent, transitional, and emergency housing for youth and families.
*The Night Ministry 1735 N. Ashland Ave, Suite 2000	<a href="http://bit.ly/nightmin1">bit.ly/nightmin1</a> (773) 784-9000 <a href="mailto:info@thenightministry.org">info@thenightministry.org</a> Provides youth engagement services, temporary shelter, early intervention services for parenting youth, support services, and long-term residential services for youth.
El Rescate 2073 W. Division St Chicago, IL 60622	<a href="http://bit.ly/elrescateprcc">bit.ly/elrescateprcc</a> (872) 829-2662 Transitional living program provides identity-affirming housing for LGBTQ+ and HIV positive youth ages 18-24.
*Broadway Youth Center <a href="#">1023 W. Irving Park Rd.</a> Chicago, IL 60613	<a href="http://bit.ly/BYCsvecs">bit.ly/BYCsvecs</a> (773) 388-1600 ext 9 Drop in services including hot meals, hygiene kits, snack packs, showers, and laundry, housing resources, bus cards, groceries, masks/hand sanitizer available 9:00am – 3:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday drop in is from 1:00pm – 5 pm.
The V.O.I.C.E.S. Project: Tripe S – Southside Safe Space <a href="#">1023 W. Irving Park Rd.</a> <a href="#">Chicago, IL 60613</a>	<a href="https://howardbrown.org/services/byc-the-voices-project/">https://howardbrown.org/services/byc-the-voices-project/</a> (773) 388-1600 ext 1060 Safe space for transgender and gender nonconforming people ages 12-29 that provides hot meal pickups, grocery gift cards, hygiene kits, masks/sanitizer, and resource advocacy.
*Ignite (formerly Teen Living Program) <a href="#">3745 S. Indiana Ave.</a> <a href="#">Chicago, IL 60653</a>	<a href="http://www.ignitepromise.org/">www.ignitepromise.org/</a> call: (773) 891-2505 text: (312) 625-1858 Services for youth ages 14-26 experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Provides housing resources, access to employment, healthcare, and education opportunities.

<p>Youth Outreach Services 2411 W. Congress Pkwy Chicago, IL 60612</p>	<p><a href="http://www.yos.org/">www.yos.org/</a> (773) 777-7112 Provides counseling, prevention, child welfare, and juvenile justice services for youth ages 12-21.</p>
<p>New Moms 5317 W. Chicago Ave Chicago, IL 60651</p>	<p><a href="http://bit.ly/newmomschi">bit.ly/newmomschi</a> (773) 252-3253 Provides permanent supportive housing at New Moms, Transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing in the community. To utilize housing services at New Moms, clients must complete an assessment at an Access Point. New Moms also provides job training for young moms and family support services such as doulas, prenatal education, home visiting, and parenting education.</p>
<p>Thresholds 4101 N Ravenswood Ave Chicago, IL 60613</p>	<p><a href="http://www.thresholds.org/">www.thresholds.org/</a> (773) 572-5400 <a href="mailto:intake@thresholds.org">intake@thresholds.org</a> Provides housing search assistance, case management, independent living skills training, mental health services, and substance use treatment.</p>
<p>UCAN 3605 W. Fillmore Chicago, IL 60624</p>	<p><a href="http://bit.ly/UCANchi">bit.ly/UCANchi</a> (773) 588-0180 <a href="mailto:info@ucanchicago.org">info@ucanchicago.org</a> UCAN provides services to youth such as counseling, support services for families/teen parents, education and youth empowerment, and violence prevention.</p>
<p>Aunt Martha's Crisis Intervention (serving Cook, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Vermilion, and Will counties)</p>	<p><a href="http://bit.ly/amarthas">http://bit.ly/amarthas</a> (877) 870-2663 Crisis intervention for homeless youth that helps assist with placement in a licensed shelter for minors, temporary foster home, host home, or family reunification.</p>

The Harbour 1440 Renaissance Dr. Ste 240 Park Ridge, IL 60068	<a href="http://theharbour.org/programs/">theharbour.org/programs/</a> Call: (847) 297-8540 Text: 77948 (text SHELTER for immediate access to shelter staff) Provides case management, emergency shelter, transitional housing, support services for pregnant and parenting youth, and education and employment training and opportunities.
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\*Indicates youth access point locations, here youth can be assessed for housing and supports and fill out a Standardized Housing Assessment with a professional to be matched to an appropriate intervention.

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211 – United Way of Lake County	<a href="http://211lakecounty.org/">211lakecounty.org/</a> Dial 211 or text your zip code to 898211 211 is a centralized resource hotline and website with resources specific to Lake County, IL including housing and social support resources
Community Youth Network 18640 West Belvidere Rd Grayslake, IL 60030	<a href="http://www.c4chicago.org/">http://www.c4chicago.org/</a> (847) 548-6000 <a href="mailto:info@cyngrayslake.org">info@cyngrayslake.org</a> Provides temporary shelter, support, and follow up for youth ages 11-17 who are homeless, locked out, or at risk of such. Crisis workers are on call 24/7.

#### Mental Health and Counseling Services

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Community Counseling Centers of Chicago – Crisis support 42 W. Madison St. Chicago, IL 60602	<a href="http://bit.ly/CPSSTLS">bit.ly/CPSSTLS</a> (773) 553-2242 <a href="mailto:STLSinformation@cps.edu">STLSinformation@cps.edu</a> Comprehensive Outpatient Mental Health Services for youth and families, Substance Abuse prevention and treatment, employment assistance,
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	Advocacy, Psychiatric services, SASS services
JCFS Chicago Multiple Locations	<a href="https://www.jcfs.org/our-services/children-adolescents">https://www.jcfs.org/our-services/children-adolescents</a> (855)275-5237 <a href="mailto:ask@jcfs.org">ask@jcfs.org</a> Supportive services, special education, counseling, psychological testing, and social and recreational opportunities for children and their families.
Metropolitan Family Services Multiple Locations	<a href="https://www.metrofamily.org/programs-and-services/emotional-wellness/behavioral-health/">https://www.metrofamily.org/programs-and-services/emotional-wellness/behavioral-health/</a> 312-986-4000 <a href="mailto:contactus@metrofamily.org">contactus@metrofamily.org</a> Supportive counseling for adults, children, and families in any phase of life to better handle their challenges Youth counseling services, LGBT support group, men and women mentorship programs
UCAN 3605 W. Fillmore, Chicago, IL 60624	<a href="https://www.ucanchicago.org/our-programs/healing-trauma/">https://www.ucanchicago.org/our-programs/healing-trauma/</a> 773-588-0180 <a href="mailto:info@ucanchicago.org">info@ucanchicago.org</a> Youth counseling services, LGBT support group, men and women mentorship programs
BUILD Multiple Locations	<a href="https://www.buildchicago.org/what-we-do/integrated-services/">https://www.buildchicago.org/what-we-do/integrated-services/</a> (773)227-2880 Individual and group counseling, onsite and school-based counseling, family services, art therapy, restorative justice programs and more.
Youth Outreach Services <a href="#">Administrative office:</a> 2411 W. Congress Pkwy, Chicago, IL 60612 <a href="#">Multiple locations</a>	<a href="http://www.yos.org/">www.yos.org/</a> (773) 777-7112 <a href="mailto:info@yos.org">info@yos.org</a> Provides counseling, prevention, child welfare, and juvenile justice services for youth ages 12-21.
NAMI Chicago – End the Silence	<a href="https://www.namichicagoyouth.org/">https://www.namichicagoyouth.org/</a> (833)626-4244 Online resources and helpline
My CHI, My Future – Mental Wellness Playlist	<a href="https://mychimfuture.org/playlist?id=1161&amp;ref=explore#">https://mychimfuture.org/playlist?id=1161&amp;ref=explore#</a> Mental health activities and resources for youth and young adults.

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Lake County Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Services (CABS) 3010 Grand Avenue Waukegan, IL 60085	<a href="https://www.lakecountyil.gov/698/Child-Adolescent-Behavioral-Health-CABS">https://www.lakecountyil.gov/698/Child-Adolescent-Behavioral-Health-CABS</a> 847-377-8000 24 hour crisis care line: 847-377-8088 CABS provides individual, family, group, respite and crisis counseling. Connect with case managers to find resources.

<b>Employment</b>	
<b>CHICAGO /EVANSTON</b>	
Youth Job Center 1114 Church St., Evanston, IL, 60201	<a href="https://youthjobcenter.org/">https://youthjobcenter.org/</a> (847) 864-5627 <a href="mailto:info@youthjobcenter.org">info@youthjobcenter.org</a> Youth Job Center provides work-readiness training, personalized career advising, job placement, and support to over 2,000 youth per year across Evanston, Chicago, and Cook County
Howard Area Community Center 7648 N Paulina St, Chicago, IL 60626	<a href="https://howardarea.org">https://howardarea.org</a> (773) 262-6622 Walk in employment resource center helping adults acquire the academic, workforce, and life skills they need to achieve meaningful employment and economic self-sufficiency. Walk-in computer lab for employment-related purposes. Free computer classes.
One Summer Chicago	<a href="http://www.onesummerchicago.org/">http://www.onesummerchicago.org/</a> <a href="mailto:OnceSummerChicago@cityofchicago.org">OnceSummerChicago@cityofchicago.org</a> One Summer Chicago brings together government institutions, community-based organizations and companies to offer over 20,000 employment and internship opportunities to youth and young adults ages 14 to 24.
Chicago Youth Centers Multiple Locations	<a href="https://www.chicagoyouthcenters.org/outofschool-time-ost">https://www.chicagoyouthcenters.org/outofschool-time-ost</a> 312-913-1700 <a href="mailto:info@chicagoyouthcenters.org">info@chicagoyouthcenters.org</a> These centers offer career exploration and many other great programs. Phone numbers and center addresses are listed on website.
After School Matters 66 East Randolph Street Chicago, IL 60601	<a href="https://www.afterschoolmatters.org/teens/programs/">https://www.afterschoolmatters.org/teens/programs/</a> 312-768-5200

	Apprenticeships, assistantships, and internships in arts, communications and leaderships, sports, and stem fields.
<b>WAUKEGAN</b>	
Waukegan Township Summer Youth Workforce Development 149 S Genesee St Waukegan, IL 60085	<a href="https://www.waukegantownship.com/287/Summer-Youth-Workforce-Development">https://www.waukegantownship.com/287/Summer-Youth-Workforce-Development</a> 847-244-4900 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm Young men and women can be employed for the summer with Waukegan Township and earn a decent wage of \$15 per hour, and receive 1 of 5 trade certifications.
Lake County Summer Youth Employment Program	<a href="https://www.lakecountyworkforce.org/summer-youth-employment-program-2022-application-period-now-open/">https://www.lakecountyworkforce.org/summer-youth-employment-program-2022-application-period-now-open/</a> 847-377-3447 jeverett@lakecountyil.gov A program funded by the Lake County Board to provide meaningful work experiences in either onsite or virtual environments for approximately 215 young people during the summer.

<b>LGBT Resources</b>	
<b><u>CHICAGO /EVANSTON</u></b>	
Center on Halsted Youth Resources Directory	<a href="https://www.centeronhalsted.org/resource-directory/youth/index.html">https://www.centeronhalsted.org/resource-directory/youth/index.html</a>
Evanston Public Library LGBTQIA+ Resources List	<a href="https://www.epl.org/lgbtqia_resources/">https://www.epl.org/lgbtqia_resources/</a>
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LGBTQ+ Center Lake County P.O. Box 593 Grayslake, IL 60030	<a href="https://lgbtqlc.com/">https://lgbtqlc.com/</a> (224) 419-4095 <a href="mailto:info@lgbtqlc.com">info@lgbtqlc.com</a> The LGBTQ+ Center Lake County is an open and affirming environment for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We provide support, education, resources, and advocacy to achieve a stronger and healthier world for LGBTQIA+ people and allies.
LGBTQ+ Center Lake County Resource List	<a href="https://lgbtqlc.com/resources/">https://lgbtqlc.com/resources/</a>



<b>Food Resources</b>	
<u>CHICAGO /EVANSTON</u>	
Greater Chicago Food Depository 4100 W Ann Lurie Place Chicago, IL 60632	<a href="https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/">https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/</a> 773-247-3663 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
Evanston Food Accessibility and Assistance Website	<a href="https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/departments/health-human-services/preserve/food-accessibility-and-assistance">https://www.cityofevanston.org/government/departments/health-human-services/preserve/food-accessibility-and-assistance</a>
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Lake County Food Banks	<a href="https://www.cpahousing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Lake-County-Food-Banks.pdf">https://www.cpahousing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Lake-County-Food-Banks.pdf</a>

<b>Teen Parenting Resources</b>	
<u>CHICAGO /EVANSTON</u>	
IDHS Teen Parent Services Program	<a href="https://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/2942-R-.PDF">https://www.dhs.state.il.us/OneNetLibrary/27897/documents/Brochures/2942-R-.PDF</a> 773-881-2900 Teen Parent Services (TPS) is a program of the Illinois Department of Human Services. If you are a teen parent under the age of 20, TPS can help you: get education and training, delay subsequent pregnancy, work through the TANF application process, connect with community resources and services, and get preventative health care for yourself and your child(ren)
IDHS Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)	<a href="https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30355">https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30355</a> 1-800-843-6154 Choosing a childcare provider is an important job for anyone who works. But paying for that care can be a problem. We may be able to help. You may be able to get help paying for child care if: you have a child (or children) under the age of 13, and you are working and meet income requirements, or you receive TANF and are in an education, training, or other work activity approved by your caseworker, or you are a teen parent (under age 20) in high school, an alternative high school, or GED program, or you are attending education or training activities including ESL, high school equivalency, GED, vocational training and 2- and 4-year college degree programs.
Family Focus Multiple Locations	<a href="https://family-focus.org/programs/">https://family-focus.org/programs/</a> 773-643-0452

5467 S. University Avenue, Chicago IL 60615	At Family Focus our support and life-enrichment services for children start at the prenatal stage and continue to the age of 18. We also serve families by giving parents the support, knowledge, and resources they need to give their children the best possible start in life.
NorthShore University HealthSystem Prenatal Education Group for Teens 2650 Ridge Ave, Evanston IL 60201	<a href="https://www.northshore.org/pediatrics/specialty-programs/neonatology/perinatal-family-support-center/pregnant-and-parenting-teens/">https://www.northshore.org/pediatrics/specialty-programs/neonatology/perinatal-family-support-center/pregnant-and-parenting-teens/</a> 847.570.4717 <a href="mailto:phealy@northshore.org">phealy@northshore.org</a> Wednesday 4:30pm-7:30pm The Prenatal Education Group for Teens serves pregnant teens (younger than 20) who are delivering at Evanston or Highland Park Hospitals. Partners are also welcome.
Infant Welfare Society of Evanston Teen Baby Nursery 2010 Dewey Avenue Evanston, IL 60201	<a href="https://www.iwse.org/programs/teen-baby-nursery">https://www.iwse.org/programs/teen-baby-nursery</a> 847-864-6945 Teen Baby Nursery (TBN) is a NAEYC Accredited, full-day child care and early education program with a capacity for 16 children of young parents ages 14 to 23 who live in Evanston, specializing in infant and toddler care for children of teenage parents.
The Greater Chicago Food Depository Cook County Diaper Map	<a href="https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/diapers/">https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/diapers/</a> The Greater Chicago Food Depository is partnering with Share Our Spare to deliver nearly 6 million diapers to food pantries and other partners. through June 2022.
Permanent Diaper Relief Gifts from Liam	<a href="https://permanentdiaperrelief.org/chicago/">https://permanentdiaperrelief.org/chicago/</a> 501-291-0423 <a href="mailto:info@pdroklahoma.org">info@pdroklahoma.org</a> Gifts from Liam participates in the Emergency Diaper Assistance Program, which provides 10 reusable diapers per diapered baby to each applicant. 10 reusable diapers is equivalent to a day's worth of diaper changes plus one small load of laundry.
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The Teen & Single Mother Resource, Inc 2770 Grand Ave, Waukegan IL 60085	<a href="https://www.teenandsinglemom.com/">https://www.teenandsinglemom.com/</a> 224-419-5540 The Teen & Single Mother Resource, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that focuses on a holistic change leading to self-sufficiency and positive parental role modeling for teen and single mothers between the primary ages of 18 – 34

Keeping Families Covered 3250-B N. Oak Grove Ave. Waukegan, IL 60087	<a href="https://www.keepingfamiliescovered.org/get-help">https://www.keepingfamiliescovered.org/get-help</a> 224-637-1644 Monday-Friday, 9am-2:30pm <a href="mailto:info@keepingfamiliescovered.org">info@keepingfamiliescovered.org</a> Keeping Families Covered provides diapers and other basic needs to families. We distribute items through community partners and direct-to-client service.
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Support Hotlines	
National	
988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline	Dial or text 988 <a href="https://988lifeline.org/">https://988lifeline.org/</a>  24/7 free, confidential crisis line that connects individuals in crisis with trained counselors across the United States. People do not have to be suicidal to call – reasons to call include: substance abuse, economic worries, relationships, sexual identity, illness, getting over abuse, depression mental and physical illness, and loneliness.
Crisis Text Line	Text HOME to 741741 <a href="https://www.crisistextline.org/">https://www.crisistextline.org/</a> Available 24/7 Crisis Text Line is here for any crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. The volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.
The Trevor Project	Text 'START' to 678-678. Call 1-866-488-7386. Begin a chat at <a href="https://www.thetrevorproject.org/get-help/">https://www.thetrevorproject.org/get-help/</a> Available 24/7 212-695-8650 – general inquiries Our trained counselors understand the challenges LGBTQ young people face. They will listen without judgment. All of your conversations are confidential, and you can share as much or as little as you'd like.
Love is respect	Text ("LOVEIS" to 22522) Call (866.331.9474) Live chat online at <a href="https://www.loveisrespect.org/get-relationship-help/">https://www.loveisrespect.org/get-relationship-help/</a> Available 24/7

	We offer confidential support for teens, young adults, and their loved ones seeking help, resources, or information related to healthy relationships and dating abuse in the US.
National Runaway Safeline 3141B N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL 60657	CALL 1-800-RUNAWAY Chat online at <a href="https://www.1800runaway.org/">https://www.1800runaway.org/</a> 773-880-9860 – general inquiries Open 24/7  The mission of the National Runaway Safeline (NRS) is to keep America’s runaway, homeless and at-risk youth safe and off the streets.