

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

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.

As of 6/1/22, minors are now allowed to proceed with abortion services in the state of Illinois without notifying a parent/guardian, consent is not needed.

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 a suicidal crisis or in emotional distress. They can be reached by calling or texting 988.

Housing and Support Services	
CHICAGO /EVANSTON	
Chicago Public Schools – Students in Temporary Living Situations (STLS)	https://www.cps.edu/services-and-supports/crisis-support/students-in-temporary-living-situations/ (773) 553-2242 STLSInformation@cps.edu Provides assistance for unhoused students or those without permanent housing with transportation, school uniforms, supplies, fee waivers, and referrals to community resources.
Streetlight Chicago	www.streetlightchicago.org/ 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	https://www.lacasanorte.org/ (773) 276-4900 info@lacasanorte.org Permanent, transitional, and emergency housing for youth and families.

<p>*The Night Ministry 1735 N. Ashland Ave, Suite 2000 Chicago, IL 60622</p>	<p>https://www.thenightministry.org/get-assistance (773) 784-9000 info@thenightministry.org Provides youth engagement services, temporary shelter, early intervention services for parenting youth, support services, and long-term residential services for youth.</p>
<p>El Rescate</p>	<p>https://prcc-chgo.org/housing-list/# (872) 829-2662 Transitional living program provides identity-affirming housing for LGBTQ+ and HIV positive youth ages 18-24.</p>
<p>*Broadway Youth Center 1023 W. Irving Park Rd. Chicago, IL 60613</p>	<p>https://howardbrown.org/service/broadway-youth-center/ (773) 388-1600 Drop-in services including hot meals, hygiene kits, snack packs, showers, and laundry, housing resources, bus cards, groceries, masks/hand sanitizer available 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday drop in is from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>*Ignite (formerly Teen Living Program) 3745 S. Indiana Ave. Chicago, IL 60653</p>	<p>www.ignitepromise.org/ 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>
<p>Youth Outreach Services 2411 W. Congress Pkwy Chicago, IL 60612</p>	<p>www.yos.org/ (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>https://newmoms.org/programs/ (773) 252-3253 contact@newmoms.org Provides permanent supportive housing at New Moms, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing in the</p>

	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.
Thresholds 4101 N Ravenswood Ave. Chicago, IL 60613	https://www.thresholds.org/ (773) 572-5500 intake@thresholds.org Provides housing search assistance, case management, independent living skills training, mental health services, and substance use treatment.
UCAN 3605 W. Fillmore Chicago, IL 60624	https://ucanchicago.org/our-programs/ (773) 588-0180 info@ucanchicago.org UCAN provides services to youth such as counseling, support services for families/teen parents, education and youth empowerment, and violence prevention.
Aunt Martha's Crisis Intervention (serving Cook, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Vermilion, and Will counties)	https://www.auntmarthas.org/community-support/ (708) 679-8100 Crisis intervention for homeless youth that helps assist with placement in a licensed shelter for minors, temporary foster home, host home, or family reunification.
The Harbour 1440 Renaissance Dr. Ste 240 Park Ridge, IL 60068	https://theharbour.org/programs/ 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.
*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	<p>https://211lakecounty.org/ 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</p>
Community Youth Network 18640 West Belvidere Rd Grayslake, IL 60030	<p>https://cyngrayslake.org/our-services/crisis-intervention/ (847) 548-6000 info@cyngrayslake.org 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.</p>