

Financial Assistance Programs

The following organizations are sources of financial support for general and medical needs. Many students with severe disabilities will eventually be eligible for the income and health programs under the Social Security Administration (SSI, SSDI, Medicaid and/or Medicare). Specific eligibility criteria should be discussed with each organization. Sources of financial assistance for specific needs such as educational or vocational services may be listed in other sections of this guide also.

Because of ongoing systematic changes, the DuPage County Transition Planning Committee directs your attention to the websites of each agency to view the most current information available.

Questions to ask sources of financial assistance:

- What proof of my financial situation or disabling condition is required?
- What happens to the financial/medical benefits if I get a job?
- How often is my eligibility for benefits reviewed?
- How are benefits affected if I live at home with my parents?
- What do I need to do to continue receiving the financial benefits?
- What records need to be turned in regularly?
- What changes in my situation need to be reported?

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
1-800-772-1213 or 1-800-325-0778 (TTY)
www.ssa.gov/chicago/illinois.htm

Local Office Locations:

Aurora, Bloomingdale, and Woodridge

To begin the application process, you may call 1-800-772-1213.

Assistance may also be available through townships. Contact your local office for information on what types of services they provide.

Addison Township
www.addisontownship.com
(630) 530-8161

www.lisletownship.com
(630) 968-2087

www.waynetwp-il.org
(630) 231-7173

Bloomington Township
www.bloomingtontownship.com
(630) 529-9993

Milton Township
www.twp.milton.il.us
(630) 668-1616

Winfield Township
www.winfieldtownship.com
(630) 231-3591

Downers Grove Township
www.twp.downers-grove.il.us
(630) 968 0451

Naperville Township
www.napervilletownship.com
(630) 355-2786

York Township
www.yorktwp.com
(630) 620-2400

Lisle Township

Wayne Township

Townships administer the following programs:

- General Assistance is a source of funds for single adults actively looking for work, having no other ongoing source of income, who do not qualify for Public Aid.
- Limited one-time Emergency Financial Assistance in a 12-month period for rent, mortgage, utility, or medications.
- LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) will provide a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy bills. The amount of the benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type and geographic location.

Illinois Department of Human Services

(630) 530-1120 or (630) 530-1135 for TTY

146 W. Roosevelt Rd., Suite 2

Villa Park, IL 60181

www.dhs.state.il.us

DHS administers a variety of welfare programs for people who need money and medical care to help take care of themselves and their children. Some of these include:

- Food Stamps
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Aid to the aged, blind or disabled
- Women Infant Children (WIC)
- Medicaid

- Health Benefits for Workers with disabilities (HBWD)
Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities
(217) 558-6067
www.hbwdillinois.com
- The goal of this program is to help people with disabilities return to work with full Medicaid healthcare benefits.
- HBWD encourages people to return to work or to increase the number of hours they are currently working.
- Eligible Illinois residents between the ages of 16 and 64, who have a disability and who are employed can purchase HBWD.
- Income and assets can be higher than Medicaid normally allows

Illinois Department of Employment Security

837 S. Westmore-Meyers
Lombard, IL 60148
(630) 495-4345
www.ides.state.il.us

- Unemployment Insurance Benefits

Illinois Comprehensive Health Insurance (CHIP)

1-866-851-2751
www.chip.state.il.us

- A health insurance program for people who are unable to obtain traditional health insurance because they are perceived as being high-risk due to their health or past medical condition.

Division of Specialized Care for Children

DuPage County Regional Office
8205 S. Cass Ave, Suite 110
Darien, IL 60561
(630) 964-9887 or (630) 964-9603 for TTY
www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc

- DSCC is Illinois' Title V agency for specialized treatment and rehabilitation of children with certain chronic physical disabilities and health impairments.
- To be eligible for assistance with the cost of medical care children must be under 21 years of age, must meet certain residency and financial criteria, and must have a

diagnosed chronic medical condition which is amenable to treatment and falls within one of 11 impairment categories.

Circuit Breaker

Voice/TTY (800) 528-2000

www.cbrx.il.gov

- Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance programs are funded through the Illinois Department of Aging. The Circuit Breaker Program provides assistance with paying property tax and mobile home tax for people with disabilities and seniors who reside in Illinois. It also administers the People With Disabilities Ride Free Program. The Pharmaceutical Assistance Program offers assistance with paying for certain medications.

Lifeline and Link Up

www.universalservice.org/li/consumers/lifeline_support.asp

- Lifeline provides qualified customers with discounted phone service and the ability to add additional services and features. Linkup provides for discounted new phone installation.
- To qualify for Lifeline or Link Up a household must participate in one of the following: Food Stamps, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing/Section 8, LIHEAP, TANF, or National School Lunch Program (NSL)

Access DuPage

(630) 510-8720

www.accessdupage.org

- Access DuPage is a charitable program established to provide assistance to eligible persons in DuPage County. Access DuPage and its participating physicians will try to provide a “medical home” where clients can receive primary care medical services, routine x-ray services and prescription drugs at a small cost until they become insured.
- To be eligible for Access DuPage the applicant must be a resident of DuPage County for at least 90 days, under age 65, have a household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, and not be eligible for any other health insurance programs.
- All persons in Access DuPage are enrolled for a one-year period. At the end of each one-year period of eligibility, persons may re-enroll if they still meet eligibility requirements