

Families Experiencing Homelessness:

Are you and your family currently in a temporary living situation? This includes doubling up with another family member or living in a shelter or any type of transitional housing. If this applies to you or your family, please come into the main office to complete an application for our support program. Additionally, if you would like any referrals for housing support around the city, please refer to the list below or contact the social worker:

CASA Central

Phone: 773-645-2300-Admin. Office

Address: 1343 N. California, Chicago, IL - 60622

Services: *La Posada Interim Housing Program*

Opening its doors to the underserved homeless - monolingual Spanish-speaking individuals and families of all sizes. La Posada seeks to place families in their own independent and permanent housing within 120 days. Families must be referred through CDHS or another shelter. The program strives to assist families in moving from homelessness to permanent housing. The program provides childcare, transportation, food, clothing and emergency cash. Supportive services include life skills education, family literacy, counseling, nutrition education, and financial management to help families regain and sustain self-sufficiency.

Fees: No fees

Contact: Millie Hernandez - mhernandez@casacentral.org, 773-782-8820 (shelter)

Website: <http://www.casacentral.org/>

Catholic Charities

Homelessness Services

Phone: 312-655-7700

Address: 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL – 60610

Contact: Arlene Jackson-Ervin

Family Shelter Program

Phone: 312-655-7700 (intake)

Address: 651 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60661

Services: Provides interim housing to families at renovated convents at two locations in Chicago. The shelter services both one- and two-parent families, with children up to age 18. Heads of household must be at least 18 years of age. Residents are given basic needs, social services, counseling, and referral to other services as needed. Maximum length of stay is 120 days.

Street-To-Home Initiative

Address: 651 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL - 60661

Services: Through a grant from the Department of Housing and Low Income Housing Trust Fund, two full time social workers reach out to the chronic homeless and provide them with case management services and housing.

New Hope Apartments

Address: 651 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL - 60661

Services: Catholic Charities-New Hope Apartments provides housing with intensive case management services for homeless families with children under the age of 18 in both the City of Chicago and Suburban Cook County. Families are housed in scattered site transitional apartments and for up to 24 months receive services which include rental assistance, household furnishings, employment assistance with training and educational referrals, child care, budgeting assistance, transportation and assistance in accessing appropriate government programs. Through Individual Action Plans, clients focus on barriers to job placement. Families achieve job skills and income, decrease debt and increase self-determination during their time in the program. Additionally, in North/Northwest Suburban Cook County, families can receive up to nine months of emergency housing and intensive case management services in scattered site apartments.

Chicago Program

Phone: 312-655-7718 or 312-55-7157

Fax: 312-06-8265

Address: 651 W. Lake Street, Chicago 60661

North/Northwest Suburban Program

Phone: 847-76-2112

Fax: 847-390-8214

Address: 1717 Rand, Des Plaines 60016

West Suburban Program

Phone: 708-329-4043

Fax: 708-222-1495

Address: 1400 Austin Blvd. Cicero 60804

South Suburban Program

Phone: 708-430-0428

Fax: 708-430-0502

Address: 7000 W. 111th, Suite 101
Worth 60482

Homelessness Prevention Call Center

Client calls: via Chicago's 311

Sandra Murray, Department Director

Financial Assistance: Please call 311

Chicago residents can now dial 311 and connect to the Homeless Prevention Call Center to determine eligibility for financial assistance such as rent, mortgage or utilities. This program is a collaboration between Catholic Charities, the City of Chicago, private foundations, homeless prevention advocacy groups and local social service agencies. Call center Information and Referral Specialists screen callers experiencing a short-term, one-time crisis and determine if fund resources are available such as the State Homeless Prevention Fund or Emergency Fund. Eligible callers are then referred to the appropriate social service agency providing the assistance. Resource agencies benefit from the call center's process of intake and criteria-matching, while the community benefits from a centralized source of advocacy data.

Website: <http://www.catholiccharities.net/>

Cornerstone Community Outreach

Phone: 773-271-8163

Address: 4628 North Clifton Avenue, Chicago, IL - 60640

Services: Provides overnight shelter for homeless women aged 18 and over. Referrals are accepted from DHS and the Police Department.

Website: <http://www.ccolife.org/index.cfm>

Sylvia Center - Interim Housing for Families

Address: 4615 North Clifton, Chicago, IL - 60640-5013

Services: Sylvia Center - Interim Housing for Families accommodates approximately 150 people. The shelter provides housing, nutritious meals, daycare, clothing, group and individual counseling, individualized case management, nursing, as-needed mental health assessments, life-skills training, substance abuse counseling, money management, job assessment, job readiness, job referral, computer training classes, housing relocation assistance, and after-school programs for the kids. This program now operates year round.

Family Rescue, Inc.

Phone: 773-375-1918

Address: 9204 South Commercial Ave., Suite 407, Chicago, IL 60617 (Administrative Office)

Services: Family Rescue is dedicated to alleviating domestic violence in the Chicago community by providing comprehensive support services and shelter to victims of domestic violence, particularly to abused women and their children, engaging in systemic advocacy to promote future change, and encouraging prevention through community education.

Rosenthal Family Lodge Program

Providing safe refuge and support services for women and their children who are fleeing domestic violence.

Website: <http://www.familyrescueinc.org/>

Heartland Human Services (formally Known as Neon Street)

Phone: 312-660-1300

Address: 208 South LaSalle Street, Suite 1818, Chicago, IL 60604

Services: Heartland Alliance is a service-based, human rights organization focused on investments in and solutions for the most poor and vulnerable men, women, and children in our society. Heartland offers shelter and food for young men and women aged 18 - 21. The client's stay is based on his/her need and treatment plan. The maximum length of stay is 24 months. The program is offered at no cost. However youth are expected to work and to save 65% of his or her paycheck. Youth suffering from drug addiction are accepted, but are required to enroll in a substance abuse program.

Website: www.heartlandalliance.org/

LePenseur Youth and Family Services

Phone: 708-849-1264

Address: 15028 Dorchester, Dolton, IL 60419

Services: The Transitional Living Program is structured to help older, homeless youth ages 16 through 21 achieve self-sufficiency, and avoid long-term dependency on social services. This grant will provide shelter, skills training, and support services for a continuous period not exceeding 18 months.

Contact: Renee Hammond – Director of TLP

Neighborhood: Located in the Southern suburbs

Website: <http://www.lepenseur.org/index.html>

Matthew House

Phone: 866-211-8351

Address: 3722-28 South Indiana, Chicago, IL

Services: Matthew House is a tax-exempt, community-based, not-for-profit organization. Matthew House provides Daytime Homeless Services, Supportive Services, and Transitional Living Services to individuals who are homeless. The Transitional Living Facility is an 18-bed, 24-month program. Participants that are a part of our supportive services have the first option on space within Matthew House Transitional Living Facility. Matthew House takes a holistic approach to ending homelessness by offering a complete range of program and supportive services, which includes on- and off-site case management services, housing options, medical services, and domestic violence and crisis counseling intervention. Also provides referrals to other outside vital supportive services and organizations.

Neighborhood: Chicago, Douglas, Grand Blvd, Bronzeville, South Shore, and Hyde Park

Website: <http://www.matthewhousechicago.org/index.html>

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

Phone: 312-738-7560 (general) For the Girls Campus, call: (773) 881-3999

For Information on referring a child to Mercy Home:

Email: admissions@mercyhome.org

Call: (877) 24-START

Address: 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

Mailing Address:

Boys' Campus

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

Girls' Campus

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls

11600 S. Longwood Dr., Chicago, IL 60643

Services: Mercy Home for Boys & Girls is a long-term residential home for troubled and hurting young men and women, ages 11 to 21. Our fourteen different homes offer each child the structure or independence to work through their problems and to achieve success. Mercy Home offers youth who seek a new beginning hope and promise of a healthy and successful future, safety, respect and opportunities for growth

Fees: Provides excellent care for children and families on a sliding fee scale so that all families can benefit from the programs at Mercy Home. Cost never prevents someone from receiving services at Mercy Home.

Website: www.mercyhome.org

Rainbow House

Phone: 773-521-1815

Address: Little Village Outreach, 4149 W. 26th Street, Chicago, IL 60623

Services: Our Community Resource Program offers services through two community centers including intervention, counseling, advocacy, resources, and referrals for women and children affected by abuse. Our Children's Program offers specialized, comprehensive programming that addresses the emotional and developmental needs of children affected by abuse through individual, group, and family counseling; nondirective play therapy and art therapy; healthcare; and educational advocacy. Finally, our Domestic Violence Prevention and Education Program (DVPEP) focuses on the roots of domestic violence by providing community education, training, and public policy work to individuals and organizations at a local, regional, and national level.

Fees: No fees

Neighborhood: Sites are located in the Little Village and Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhoods of Chicago, and our clients come from all over the Chicago area.

Website: <http://www.rainbow-house.org/>

SOS Children's Villages

Phone: 773-783-0500

Address: Chicago Village, 7600 S. Parnell, Chicago, IL 60620

Services: Teenagers who have weathered neglect and abuse at home, compounded by multiple placements in foster care, may not be ready to live on their own when they turn 18. At SOS Children's Villages, teens get the support and mentoring they need to become self-reliant adults. The Independent/Transitional Living program prepares them to apply for a job, find housing, shop for groceries, pay their bills and balance their budget. Mentors and a full-time caseworker help youths connect to community-based resources, health care, schools, recruitment agencies and financial institutions to make the transition easier.

Website: <http://www.sosillinois.org/>

The ARK

Phone: 773-973-1000

Address: 6450 N. California, Chicago, IL 60645

Services: The ARK's Sarnoff Levin Residence opened in November 2000 to provide housing, food, and supportive services for homeless families and individuals. It offers a maximum stay of 120 days for those needing short-term shelter or a relatively short time for stabilization. Case managers meet with each guest regularly to assess progress and offer encouragement. All ARK services are available to help our guests, while the Residence's warm, loving atmosphere serves as a workable base from which our guests can regain control over their lives in privacy and with dignity.

Website: <http://www.arkchicago.org/housing.html>