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ADD/ADHD

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
ADD Education www.add.about.com/ed/adhdresources/a/organizations.html	Links to other sites.
ADHD SUPPORT www.adhdsupport.com	Resource center for adults, parents, and children.
American Academy of Pediatrics 141 Northwest Point Blvd. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098 www.aap.org/healthtopics/adhd.cfm	Organization dedicated to the health of all children: Publications, Resources, Advocacy and more.
Attention Deficit Disorder Association www.add.org	Information and advocacy helping adults with ADHD lead better lives.
Attention Deficit Disorder Resources 223 Tacoma Avenue South #100 Tacoma, WA 98402 253.759.5085 www.addresources.org	Helping people with ADHD achieve full potential through education and support.
Children & Adults with Attention Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) 8181 Professional Place, Suite 150 Landover, MD 20785 800.233.4050 www.chadd.org	National advocacy organization with local chapters, information, newsletter, support, training and conferences.
HEALIA www.healia.com	Search medical questions to make healthy decisions.
Kids Health www.kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/behavior/adhd.html	

ADVOCADY

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Access Services of Northern Illinois 7399 Forest Hills Loves Park, IL 61111 815.282.8884 1.800.921.0094 www.accessni.com	The point of entry for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to access state or federally funded services.
Attorney General of Illinois 100 West Randolph Chicago, IL 60601 1.800.386.5438	Assistance with government services and providing advocacy for citizens.
Attorney General of Illinois Northern Illinois Regional Office 200 South Wyman Street, Suite 307 Rockford, IL 61101 815.967.3883 www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/about/oagdirectory.html	Assistance with government services and providing advocacy for citizens.
Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities in Illinois 300 East Monroe, Suite 100 Springfield, IL 62701 217.522.7016 www.ccdionline.org	Statewide disability advocacy organization.
Family Matters Parent Training And Information Center Lincolnland Building 1901 South Fourth Street, Suite 209 Effingham, IL 62401 1.866.436.7842 info@fmptic.org www.fmptic.org	Assist parents of children with disabilities to understand their rights and responsibilities, and to be informed participants in the special education process. Will also supply teachers and other special service professionals with information.

ADVOCACY

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission Rockford Regional Office 4302 North Main Street Rockford, IL 61103 815.987.7657 www.gac.state.il.us	Protecting the rights and promoting the welfare of persons with disabilities
Illinois Life Span www.illinoislifespan.org	Statewide information resource and referral for Advocacy and services.
Northwest Illinois Center for Independent Living (NICIL) 229 First Avenue, Suite 2 Rock Falls, IL 61071 815.625.7860 www.nicil.org	Non-residential advocacy and information center dedicated to enhancing options to people with disabilities so they can choose and maintain individualized lifestyles.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Abledata Assistive Technology www.abledata.com	
Education World: Special Education: Assistive Technology www.educationworld.com/special_ed/assistive/index.shtml	
Illinois Assistive Technology Program 1 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 100 Springfield, IL 62701 217.522.7985 www.iltech.org	Information on IATP and assistive technology devices.
Simple Solutions Center for Sight and Hearing 8038 MacIntosh Lane Rockford, IL 61107 815.332.6800 www.rockfordcenter.org	Products for vision and hearing loss: demonstration, trial and purchase.

AUTISM

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Autism Society of Illinois 1.888.691.1270 www.autismillinois.org	Connecting and supporting the autism community.
Illinois Autism Training & Technical Assistance Project 1590 South Fairfield Avenue Lombard, IL 60148 630.889.7398 www.illinoisautismproject.org	ISBE Technical Assistance Project re: autism spectrum disorders.
Illinois Center for Autism 618.398.7500 www.illinoiscenterforautism.org	
Kreider Services Inc. 500 Anchor Road Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.6691 www.kreiderservices.org	Resource room and parent information.
The Autism Program of Illinois (TAP) 928 South Spring Street Springfield, IL 62704 217.525.8332 www.theautismprogram.org	Network of resources for Autism Spectrum Disorders, addressing issues of diagnosis, treatment, and research.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
BBB Autism Support Network www.bbbautism.com/behavior_management_strategies.htm	Support information
About.com www.specialed.about.com/od/behavioremotional/a/5step.htm	
Lutheran Social Services of Illinois 1261 IL Rt. 38 Dixon, IL 61021 815.284.7796 www.lssi.org	Residential and Crisis Intervention programs, Substance Abuse and Counseling services, and more.

BIPOLAR DISORDER

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
National Institute of Mental Health www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml	Information: signs, symptoms, causes, diagnosis, medications, etc.
Kidshealth www.kidshealth.org	Information for parents and children.

CAMPS

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Camp Big Sky P.O. Box 56 Farmington, IL 61531 309.258.6002 www.campbigsky.org	Provides fishing, camping, boating, and other outdoor experiences to persons of any age with a disability that restricts or limits their access to the outdoors.
Camp Courageous 12007 190th Street P.O. Box 410 Monticello, IA 52310-0418 319.465.5916 www.campcourageous.com	Provides exceptional year round recreational and respite care opportunities for individuals with special needs and their families.
Camp Lions of Illinois Lions of Illinois Foundation 2814 DeKalb Avenue Sycamore, IL 60178 1.800.933.3739 V/TTY www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org	Seasonal camp sessions for visually and hearing impaired individuals.

CAREER PLANNING

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
America's Career Infonet www.acinet.org	Labor market resource, assessments, training options, job search tips, resume guides, etc.
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc (BEST) Old Lee County Courthouse 112 East Second Street, Third Floor Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.1260 www.best-inc.org	Provides workforce development training and services for residents and businesses through assessment, evaluation, career exploration, job development training, financial aid, GED preparation, credit recovery, and job seeking workshops.
Career Cruising www.careercruising.com (User name: Dixon / Password: highschool)	Explore careers, education, training, career matchmaker, career quiz, etc.
Career Voyages www.careervoyages.gov	Explore in-demand careers, and the skills and education required.
Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) 2607 Woodlawn Road, Suite 1 Sterling, IL 61081 815.625.8885 www.dhs.state.il.us/ors	Vocational testing, education, training, guidance, placement, and support services to adults and youth with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities.
Illinois Work Net Center www.illinoisworknet.com	Learn about careers, job searches, work support services, career advice, etc.
Occupational Outlook Handbook www.bls.gov/oco	Assistance to those making decisions about their future work lives.
One Source Illinois Career Resource Network www.ilworkinfo.com	Career information and planning, job search tips, interview assistance, labor markets, education information, etc.

CAREER PLANNING

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Illinois Forward www.illinoisforward.com	A guide to career schools, colleges, careers, military, financial aid, etc.
O*Net www.online.onetcenter.org	Accessible interactive occupational information.
Riley Guide www.rileyguide.com	Employment opportunities, job resources, self-assessments, interviewing, and more.
Student Transitions www.studenttransitions.com	Resources to prepare students from school to career.
World of Work Map www.act.org/wwm	Career exploration by personality type.

CEREBRAL PALSY

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
United Cerebral Palsy Association 1.800.872.5827 www.ucp.org	

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce 101 West Second Street, Suite 301 Dixon, IL 61021 815.284.3675 www.dixonillinoischamber.com	Association with over one hundred Dixon area service organizations, recreational clubs, and programs.

COUNSELING

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW

Alliance Counseling Services
119 West First Street, Suite 110
Dixon, IL 61021
815.285.3073

Dr. Chakilum, Ped. Psychiatrist
KSB Medical Center
15 West Third Street
Sterling, IL 61081
815.626.3880

Dr. Richard Jaconette, Ped. Psychiatrist
Rockford Health Systems
2819 Glenwood Avenue
Rockford, IL
815.971.7343

Lutheran Social Services
1247 Galena Avenue
Dixon, IL 61021
815.288.6655

Margo Myers and Associates
Myers Counseling
402 Second Avenue
Sterling, IL 61081
815.626.8760

Pathways Counseling
208 Brink Circle
Sterling, IL 61081
815.625.5583

COUNSELING

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Lisa K. Perino, Psy.D.,P.C. Licensed Clinical Psychologist 402 Second Avenue Sterling, IL 61081 815.626.2600	
Dr. Rehan Sheikl, Ped. Psychiatrist Rockford Clinic 2300 N. Rockton Avenue Rockford, IL 815.968.0051	
Sinnissippi Mental Health Center 325 Illinois Route 2 Dixon, IL 61021 815.284.6611 1.800.242.7642	Delivers community-based mental services in assessment and crisis, clinical services, family systems, and addictions.

DENTAL

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Dr. Richard Stewart Elburn Dental 135 South Main Street P.O. Box 190 Elburn, IL 60119 630.567.4989	
Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Oral Health 535 West Jefferson Springfield, IL 62761 309.693.5397 www.illinois.gov	Oral health
Milestone Dental Clinic 275 North Phelps Avenue Rockford, IL 61108-2434 1-815-484-8678	Provides comprehensive preventative and general dentistry to adults and children with developmental disabilities.

DIABETES

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
American Diabetes Association 1.800.232.3472 www.diabetes.org	
Juvenile Diabetes Association www.dLife.com	

DOWN SYNDROME

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Advocate Adult Down Syndrome Center 1999 Dempster Street Park Ridge, IL 60068 847.318.2303	To enhance the well being of adults with Down syndrome by providing comprehensive holistic community based health care services by a multi-disciplinary team.
Heart Of Illinois Down Syndrome Association, Inc. (HOIDSA) c/o Bethel Lutheran Church 425 North Missouri Avenue Morton, IL 61550 309.712.4852 www.hoidsa.org	Newsletters, events, supports, and educational opportunities to individuals, families, and community advocates.
National Down Syndrome Society 1.800.221.4602 www.ndss.org	

DYSLEXIA

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
International Dyslexia Association www.interdys.org	

EDUCATION

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Career Colleges and Vocational Schools in Illinois www.u101.com/colleges/vocational/Illinois	Listings and information about vocational schools and career training in Illinois.
Harper College 1200 West Algonquin Road Palatine, IL 60067 847.925.6191 www.harpercollege.edu	College information.
Finaid www.finaid.org	Financial aid, college scholarships, student loans, and more.
Heartland Community College 1500 West Raad Road Normal, IL 61761 309.268.8041 www.heartland.edu	College Information.
Illinois Central College One College Drive East Peoria, IL 61611 309.694.5749 www.icc.edu	College information.
Illinois Colleges and Universities www.u101.com/colleges/Illinois	Listings and information to search by major, by name, including on-line schools.
Illinois Forward www.illinoisforward.com	A guide to schools, military, careers, financial aid, scholarships, links.

EDUCATION

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Lincoln College 300 Keokuk Lincoln, IL 62656 217.732.3155 www.lincolncollege.edu	College information
Sauk Valley Community College (Special Needs Services) 173 IL Route 2 Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.5511 (ext. 246) Room 1G22 www.svcc.edu/UserMenu/current/sneeds/index.html	Provides orientation, note takers, extended test time, tutoring, readers, agency referral, transition planning, and advocacy to students with disabilities.
U.S. Department of Education: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services www.ed.gov/osers/rsa	
Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) 1608 Fifth Avenue Sterling, IL 61081 815.626.5810 www.wacc-online.org	

EMPLOYMENT

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Business Employment Skills Team, Inc (BEST) Old Lee County Courthouse 112 East Second Street, Third Floor Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.1260 www.best-inc.org	Provides workforce development training and services for residents and businesses through assessment, evaluation, career exploration, job development, training, financial aid, GED preparation, credit recovery, and job seeking workshops.
Creative Employment Services 500 Anchor Road P.O. Box 366 Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.5917 (ext.236)	Job training assistance, job accommodation, job restructuring, and employee development to help disabled individuals become employed in the community.
Disabilityworks 200 East Randolph, Suite 2200 Chicago, IL 60601 312.494.6702 www.disabilityworks.com	Employment related information.
Hot Jobs www.hotjobs.yahoo.com	Current job listings in your area.
Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities www.state.il.us/agency/icdd	Help improve education, employment, transportation, community living, and health care for the developmentally disabled.
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity 620 East Adams Springfield, IL 62701 312.814.8418 www.illinois.gov	Information on services available through IDCEO, Illinois WorkNet and disabilityworks

EMPLOYMENT

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) 2607 Woodlawn Road, Suite 1 Sterling, IL 61081 815.625.8885 www.dhs.state.il.us/ors	Vocational testing, education, training, guidance, placement, and support services to adults and youth with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities.
Kreider Services, Inc. 500 Anchor Road Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.1636 www.kreiderservices.org	Early intervention, skills training, production workshops, respite, creative employment, and individual supports for developmentally disabled persons.
Manpower Temporary Services 207 West Second Street Dixon, IL 61021	Employment services for individuals 18 years old and over.
North Central Illinois Works 3691 Cougar Drive, unit B Peru, IL 61354 815.224.7930 www.nciworks.org	Enables workers to work and businesses to compete.
Office of Apprenticeship Training www.doleta.gov/OA/eta_default.cfm	
Snag A Job www.snagajob.com	Source for hourly and part time jobs, as well as job advice.
Ticket to Work 1.866.968.7842 www.yourtickettowork.com	Opportunities for Social Security Disability beneficiaries to obtain employment, vocational rehabilitation, and other supports.

EMPLOYMENT

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Work Incentive Planning and Assistance Program 1.800.807.6962 www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29983	Free help to individuals who receive SSI or SSDI, are interested in getting a job, and want to know how working will affect their benefits.

EPILEPSY

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Epilepsy Foundation 1.888.332.1000 www.epilepsyfoundation.org	
Epilepsy Foundation North Central IL 321 West State Street #208 Rockford, IL 61101 309.231.3706 www.efncil.org	Community education, support groups, case management, advocacy and referral.

EQUIPMENT

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
A To Z Mobility P.O. Box 99 Somonauk, IL 60552 815.495.3423	Plan, design, install, service equipment, and other solutions for individuals who may face challenges with mobility in their home.
Medical Products Group 727 North Brinton Avenue Dixon, IL 61021 815.284.9771	
Northern Illinois Home Medical Supply 1309 North Galena Avenue Dixon, IL 61021 815.285.5857	

FAMILY/PARENT SUPPORT

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
ARC of Lee County 500 Anchor Road P.O. Box 366 Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.6691 www.arcoflee.org	Information, referral, and family support for those with mental retardation, or related developmental disabilities.
Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois 910 Second Avenue Rockford, IL 61104 815.962.1943 www.childrenshomeandaid.org	Early childhood care and education, intact family services, parent support, youth services, tutoring, foster care, child and family counseling, and adoption services.
Family Matters Parent Training And Information Center Lincolnland Building 1901 South Fourth Street, Suite 209 Effingham, IL 62401 1.866.436.7842 info@fmptic.org www.fmptic.org	Assist parents of children with disabilities to understand their rights and responsibilities, and to be informed participants in the special education process. Will also supply teachers and other special service professionals with information.
Family Support Network of Illinois 5739 West Martindale Lane Peoria, IL 61615 309.693.8981 www.familysupportnetwork.org	Unifying individuals and their families to advocate for funding, services, and community resources throughout the lifetime of the individual.
Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities www.state.il.us/agency/icdd	Help improve education, employment, transportation, community living, and health care for the developmentally disabled.

FAMILY/PARENT SUPPORT

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Managing the Art of Living 42 Easy Breeze Effingham, IL 62401 217.315.0052 www.managingtheartofliving.org	A project of the Illinois Council on Development Disabilities aimed at helping people live the lives they want to live, through family support community, and public resources.
National Dissemination Center for Children With Disabilities (NICHCY) P.O. Box 1492 Washington, DC 20013 1.800.695.2085 www.nichcy.org	A central source of information on disabilities in infants, toddlers, children, youth, special education law, No Child Left Behind, and effective educational practices.
Northwest Illinois Center for Independent Living (NICIL) 229 First Avenue, Suite 2 Rock Falls, IL 61071 815.625.7860 www.nicil.org	Non-residential advocacy and information center dedicated to enhancing options to people to with disabilities so they can choose and maintain individualized lifestyles.
Parent Support Group 815.441.9408 815.625.1689	For parents, grandparents, guardians, and those who work with special needs children.
Tri-County Opportunities Council 405 Emmons Avenue P.O. Box 610 Rock Falls, IL 61071 815.625.7830 1.800.323.5434	Provides low income or homeless families assistance with housing, home energy, weatherizing, nutrition, health, finances, transportation, job creation, and scholarships.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Dixon Township Office 315 Highland Avenue Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.4475	Administers general assistance programs.
Family Benefit Solutions 1110 West Lake Cook Road #150 Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 847.279.8506 www.familybenefitsolutions.com	Help with obtaining SSDI, SSI and Medicaid benefits.
Illinois Department of Human Services Family Community Resource Center 106 North Second Street Oregon, IL 61061 815.732.2166 www.dhs.state.il.us	Receives applications for cash, food stamps, and medical assistance.

FUNDING

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Access Services of Northern Illinois 7399 Forest Hills Loves Park, IL 61111 815.282.8884 1.800.921.0094 www.accessni.com	The point of entry for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to access state or federally funded services.

HEALTH INSURANCE

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
All Kids 1.866.255.5437 www.allkids.com	Affordable, comprehensive health insurance for children.
Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities P.O. Box 19145 Springfield, IL 62794-9145 1.800.226.0768 www.illinois.gov	State medical card for individuals who are working and disabled.
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services www.hfs.illinois.gov	Dedicated to improving lives of Illinois families through health-care coverage and child support enforcement.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Ben Gordan Center 12 Health Services Drive DeKalb, IL 815.756.4875	
Dr. Phillip Minor, Ped. Neurologist Rockford Clinic 2300 North Rockton Avenue Rockford, IL 61103 815.971.2000	
Dr. Pasternick, Ped. Neurologist 2650 Ridge Avenue, Suite 315 Evanston, IL 847.570.2577	
Easter Seals 507 East Armstrong Peoria, IL 61608 309.686.1177 www.ci.easterseals.com	Information on fitness center services and other services
Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital (KSB) 403 East First Street Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.5531 www.ksbhospital.com	Physical, speech, occupational, and audiology therapies. Surgical, pediatrics, critical care, psychiatric evaluation and treatment, hospice, emergency care, dietician, home health care, maternity, and community education classes.
Lee County Health Department 309 South Galena Avenue, Suite 100 Dixon, IL 61021 815.284.3371 www.lchd.com	A variety of programs and services to protect the health and safety of residents.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Sinnissippi Mental Health Center 325 Illinois Route 2 Dixon, IL 61021 815.284.6611 1.800.242.7642	Delivers community-based mental services in assessment and crisis, clinical services, family systems, and addictions.
Tri-County Opportunities Council 405 Emmons Avenue P.O. Box 610 Rock Falls, IL 61071 815.625.7830 1.800.323.5434	Provides low income or homeless families assistance with housing, home energy, weatherizing, nutrition, health, finances, transportation, job creation, and scholarships.
University of Illinois at Chicago Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) Rockford Regional Office 815.987.7571 (Voice) 800.651.9319 (Toll Free) 815.987.7995 (TTY) www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc	Illinois children birth-21. Helps families arrange, coordinate and pay for their child's specialized medical treatment when an eligible medical condition and financial criteria are met.

HEARING IMPAIRED

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Center for Sight and Hearing 8038 Macintosh Lane Rockford, IL 61107 815.322.6800 www.rockfordcenter.org	Technology, training, employment assistance, employer support, and communication services to promote personal and social independence for clients.
Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission 1630 South Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217.557.4495 www.idhhc.state.il.us	Assuring equality, respect, accessibility, and independence for individuals with a hearing loss. Hearing aid resources, interpreter directory.
Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services(DRS) 2607 Woodlawn Road, Suite 1 Sterling, IL 61081 815.625.8885 www.dhs.state.il.us/ors	Vocational testing, education, training, guidance, placement, and support services to adults and youth with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities.
Illinois School for the Deaf 125 Webster Jacksonville, IL 62650 217.479.4286 www.morgan.k12.il.us/isd	Information about services.
Seri Deaf Education www.seriweb.com/hearing.htm	

HOUSING

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Kreider Services, Inc. 500 Anchor Road Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.1636 www.kreiderservices.org	25 group homes in Dixon, Ashton, Amboy, Franklin Grove, Rock Falls, Stockton, and Galena.
Lee County Housing Authority 1000 Washington Avenue Dixon, IL 61021 815.284.2759	Providing low income individuals with safe, decent, sanitary, affordable housing.
St. Mary's Square Living Center 239 South Cherry Street Galesburg, IL 61401 309.343.4101 www.SMSliving.org	Residential options for individuals with developmental disabilities.
Tri-County Opportunities Council 405 Emmons Avenue P.O. Box 610 Rock Falls, IL 61071 815.625.7830 1.800.323.5434	Provides low income or homeless families assistance with housing, home energy, weatherizing, nutrition, health, finances, transportation, job creation, and scholarships.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Learning Disabilities Association of America www.ldanatl.org	
National Center For Learning Disabilities www.ncld.org	

LEGAL SERVICES

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Equip for Equality 20 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 300 Chicago, IL 60602 1.800.537.2632 www.equipforequality.org	Legal advocacy and self advocacy education.
Illinois Legal Aid www.illinoislegalaid.com	
Law Offices of Brian Rubin & Associates 1110 West Lake Cook Road Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 847.279.7999 www.SNFP.net	Legal services for persons with disabilities.
Matt Cohen, Esq. Monahan & Cohen 55 West Monroe, Suite 3700 Chicago, IL 60603 312.419.0252 www.monahan-cohen.com	Provides advocacy and legal services in the areas of special education, disability rights, health care, guardianship and human services law.
Prairie State Legal Services, Inc. 1021 Clinton Street Ottawa, IL 61350 815.434.5903 or 800.892.7888 www.pslegal.org/office/ottawaoffice.htm	Legal help to low income people dealing with public aid, housing issues, nursing homes, hospital bills, utility terminations, domestic violence and supplemental income.

MEDICAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Division of Specialized Care For Children (DSCC) 4302 North Main Street, Room 106 Rockford, IL 61103 815.987.7571 1.800.651.9319 www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc	Services include reduced cost or no cost diagnosis and treatment in an office, hospital, clinic or other treatment area, as well as providing specialized equipment and services.
Illinois Department of Human Services Family Community Resource Center 106 North Second Street Oregon, IL 61061 815.732.2166 www.dhs.state.il.us	Receives applications for cash, food stamps, and medical assistance.
Social Security Administration 3512 East Lincolnway Sterling, IL 61081 815.625.7301 1.800.772.1213	Provides income or medical insurance to aged, disabled, and surviving family members after the death of a spouse or parent.
Illinois Cares Rx 1.800.226.0768 www.illinoiscaresrx.com	State prescription assistance to people with disabilities age l6 and over.

RECREATION

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Carein' Connections Unlimited Arena of Dreams 6831 Blackjack Road Hanover, IL 61041 815.776.9420 630.523.4747 www.careinconnections.com	To use therapeutic riding as a way to improve the health and well being of people with handicaps and disabilities.
Dixon Park District 804 Palmyra Dixon, IL 61021 815.284.3306 www.dixonil.com/parks	A variety of recreational programs and community events.
Pegasus Special Riders 6668 South Carthage Road Oregon, IL 61061 815.732.3986 www.pegasusspecialriders.org	Provides special needs children and adults with therapeutic horseback riding in a safe, supportive, non-competitive environment.

RESPITE

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Kreider Services, Inc. 500 Anchor Road Dixon, IL 61021 815.288.1636 www.kreiderservices.org	Residential respite services, and temporary relief to families.

RETT SYNDROME

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
International Rett Syndrome Association 1.800.818.7388 www.rettsyndrome.org	

SPECIAL EDUCATION

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Family Resource Center on Disabilities 20 East Jackson, Room 300 Chicago, IL 60604 312.939.3513 www.frcd.org	Providing brochures, newsletter and special education information.

SPEECH/LANGUAGE

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/	Information and links to professionals and self-help groups.
Education.com www.education.com/topic/speech-language-issues	Articles, activities, school and college info, related topics, & uncommon issues.
Speech and Language Rehabilitation Services SLRS, Ltd. 2001 Willow Knolls Drive, Suite 106 Peoria, IL 61614 309.689.9920 SLRS, Ltd. 2206 Eastland Drive, Suite 306 Bloomington, IL 61704 309.661.1350 www.speech-language.com	Services, referrals, specialty areas, Professional staff, and links to other services.

SPINA BIFIDA

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Spina Bifida Association of America www.sbaa.org	

THERAPY

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
American Occupational Therapy Association www.aota.org	
American Physical Therapy Association www.apta.org	
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association www.asha.org	

TRANSPORTATION

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
Lee County Public Transportation 815.288.2117	Provides public transportation for all ages, and disabilities.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED

RESOURCE	OVERVIEW
American Foundation for the Blind 11 Penn Plaza, Suite 300 New York, NY 10001 212.502.7600 1.800.232.5463 www.afb.org	Broadening access to technology and promoting independent and healthy living to those with a vision loss.
Center for Sight and Hearing 8038 Macintosh Lane Rockford, IL 61107 815.322.6801 www.rockfordcenter.org	Technology, training, employment assistance, employer support, and communication services to promote personal and social independence for clients.
Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) 2607 Woodlawn Road, Suite 1 Sterling, IL 61081 815.625.8885 www.dhs.state.il.us/ors	Services for the visually impaired, including vocational, training, placement and support.
Illinois School for the Visually Impaired 658 East State Street Jacksonville, IL 62650 217.479.4404	Information about services.
Talking Book Center of Northwest Illinois P.O. BOX 125 Coal Valley, IL 61240 309.799.3137	Provides books, magazines, and references on cassette, CD and in Braille for people unable to read conventional print due to a physical or visual disability.

QUESTIONS TO ASK AGENCY/PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES

- What services/programs does your agency provide?
- What are the eligibility requirements to receive services?
- At what age should individuals apply for services?
- What information is needed to be considered for services?
- Who is responsible for providing the necessary information?
- When and where should an application for services/programs be made?
- Is there a cost to the consumer?
- How is it determined who pays for recommended services/programs?
- What services/programs are free?
- How long does it take between applying and the start of services?
- How long will services be provided?
- Who decides which services/programs an individual will receive?
- Can any condition cause the loss of services?
- What assistance can be given to help people secure jobs?
- How much money may an individual earn, and still remain eligible for services?

Additional resources/services can be found at: www.svcc.edu/services-directory/