



## Guide for People with Disabilities



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The Village of Oak Park  
Disability Access Commission

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**The Disability Access Commission's Mission:**

*To advise the Village in facilitating full participation in community activities by persons with disabilities, to bring persons with disabilities into the mainstream of Oak Park life by recognizing that persons with disabilities can lead proud and productive lives, to promote universal access throughout the Village, and to heighten public awareness to the needs of Villagers with disabilities.*

## Oak Park Guide for People with Disabilities

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The Village of Oak Park Disability Access Commission (DAC) is pleased to offer you this booklet of information and resources for individuals with disabilities and those who care for them. The DAC, formerly the Universal Access Commission, has been serving the needs of people with disabilities in Oak Park for approximately 18 years. The DAC is one of about 20 citizen advisory commissions in the Village of Oak Park.

Our commission strongly believes that the needs and concerns of people with disabilities in the Village of Oak Park need to be heard, considered, and addressed. As of 2000, 6.4 percent of Oak Park residents between the ages of 5 and 20, 8.7 percent of residents between the ages of 21 and 64, and 37.3 percent of residents age 65 older reported having a disability. Additionally, with its significant tourism industry, our Village serves the needs of an even broader population of people with disabilities.

The DAC has compiled this informational guidebook in an effort to heighten public awareness of the needs of people with disabilities in Oak Park, as well as to provide a comprehensive, quick resource guide for people with disabilities. We sincerely hope you find this to be a useful and beneficial tool.

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### **Please Join Us!**

*If you are interested in serving the needs of your community and promoting the full participation and enjoyment of it by individuals with disabilities, please join our commission! Applications can be found online at [www.oak-park.us/volunteer](http://www.oak-park.us/volunteer). We welcome you to attend one of our monthly meetings. We typically meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Oak Park Main Library at 7 p.m.*

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## **Comprehensive Services for People with Disabilities and Seniors**

### **Ada S. McKinley Community Service**

**Location:** 1359 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

**Phone:** (312) 554-0600 / Fax: (312) 554-0292

**Website:** [www.adasmckinley.org](http://www.adasmckinley.org)

Services for children, youth, adults and seniors with disabilities or other limiting conditions: Head Start, child care, after-school activities, summer programs, foster care, therapeutic/educational services, counseling for youth and family, recreational programs, vocational rehabilitation services, tutoring, food pantry. Services in Spanish available.

### **AgeOptions**

**Location:** 1048 Lake St., Suite 300, Oak Park, IL 60301

**Phone:** (708) 383-0258 / (800) 699-9043 / TTY: (708) 524-1653

Fax: (708) 524-0870

**Website:** [www.ageoptions.org](http://www.ageoptions.org)

Designated area agency on aging which connects older adults with a wide range of services and programs including in-home care and adult day services, telephone and in-person assistance, resources and education, nutrition/health care programs, advocacy, congregate meals, consumer information/protection, employment referrals, homemakers, respite care, case management, legal services, information and referrals.

### **Anixter Center**

**Location:** 2001 N. Clybourn Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Chicago, IL 60614

**Phone:** (773) 973-7900 / TTY: (773) 973-2180 / Fax: (773) 973-5268

**Website:** [www.anixter.org](http://www.anixter.org)

Job placement, employment, residential, educational, health care and other services to enhance the ability of people with disabilities to live successfully in the community.

### **Aspire of Illinois**

**Location:** 9901 Derby Lane, Westchester, IL 60154

**Phone:** (708) 547-3550 / Fax: (708) 547-4067

**Website:** [www.aspireofillinois.org](http://www.aspireofillinois.org)

Quality lifetime, neighborhood-based services at 21 facilities in west suburban Chicago for people with developmental disabilities; residential

placement for persons with severe developmental disabilities.

### **Catholic Charities West Regional Services**

**Location:** 1400 S. Austin Blvd, Cicero IL 60804

**Phone:** (708) 222-1491

**Website:** [www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net)

Each regional office offers a standard menu of services, as well as unique programming specific to the needs of that region. The best way to start is to call the West Regional office directly.

### **Easter Seal Society of Metropolitan Chicago**

**Location:** 1939 W. 13th St., Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60608

**Phone:** (312) 491-4110 / Fax: (312) 733-0247

**Website:** [chicago.easterseals.com](http://chicago.easterseals.com)

Comprehensive services for individuals with disabilities including autism therapeutic schools; Early Intervention, Early Head Start, Head Start and state pre-kindergarten; after school, dental services; adult vocational; as well as services for youth to develop a plan for the future, obtain career building skills, and gain paid work experience.

### **Handicapped Helpline**

**Phone:** (951) 791-0050

**Website:** [www.ahandicappedhelpline.org](http://www.ahandicappedhelpline.org)

A California-based nonprofit organization that can assist with referrals, guidance and listening with care.

### **Little City**

**Location:** 700 N. Sacramento Blvd. #220, Chicago, IL 60612

**Phone:** (773) 265-1539

**Website:** [www.littlecity.org](http://www.littlecity.org)

Services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; mental retardation, Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy and other disabilities, as well as visual, behavioral, hearing and emotional disabilities. Residential, vocational, foster care and adoption services; in-home services to families who prefer to keep their child at home; an award-winning arts program; recreational therapy and Special Olympics competition.

### **Oak Leyden Developmental Services**

**Location:** 411 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 524-1050 / Fax: (708) 524-2469

**Website:** [www.oak-leyden.org](http://www.oak-leyden.org)

Early intervention services for infants and children age 3 and younger and their families, comprehensive work training and placement services, long-term supported housing options and a specialized multidisciplinary clinic that addresses the total physical and behavioral needs of individuals with developmental disabilities.

### **Progress Center for Independent Living**

**Location:** 7521 Madison St., Forest Park, IL 60130

**Phone:** (708) 209-1500 / Fax: (708) 209-1735

**Website:** [www.progresscil.org](http://www.progresscil.org)

Non-residential, service and advocacy organization. Training on living independently, including budgeting, traveling, personal assistant management, job seeking, information and referral, peer counseling, housing issues, community reintegration, and presentations to community groups about independent living, disability rights and disability culture.

### **Ray Graham Association**

**Location:** 901 Warrenville Rd., Lisle, IL 60532

**Phone:** (630) 620-2222

**Website:** [www.ray-graham.org](http://www.ray-graham.org)

Early intervention, education, preschool, developmental training, vocational services for people with developmental, physical, social, and emotional disabilities.

### **Seguin Services**

**Location:** 3100 S. Central Ave., Cicero, IL 60804

**Phone:** (708) 863-3803 / Fax: (708) 863-3863

**Website:** [www.seguin.org](http://www.seguin.org)

Educational, vocational, employment and housing for adults and children with developmental disabilities; family support services and specialized foster care for children.

## **Disability Specific Services**

### **American Cancer Society**

**Location:** 225 N. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60601

**Phone:** (312) 228-0318

**Website:** [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Research and education, speakers, films, and educational materials free of charge to prevent cancer and to reduce its effects. Information and

guidance, sick-room equipment loan, transportation assistance; visiting program for breast cancer patients.

### **American Heart Association Greater Midwest Affiliate**

**Location:** 208 S. La Salle St., Chicago, IL 60604

**Phone:** (312) 346-4675

**Website:** [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)

Research, public awareness and education to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

### **Autism Society of Illinois**

**Location:** 2200 S. Main St., Lombard, IL 60148

**Phone:** (630) 691-1270 / Fax: (630) 932-5620

**Website:** [www.autismillinois.org](http://www.autismillinois.org)

Information and referral about community resources, educational programs for parents and professionals, parent support groups, legislative network, and educational materials related to autism.

### **CFS, Fibromyalgia and Chemical Sensitivity Coalition of Chicago (CFCCC)**

**Location:** PO Box 277, Wilmette, IL 60091

**Phone:** (773) 650-1332

**Website:** [www.cfccc.net](http://www.cfccc.net)

Information and resources; medical, legal and social services for people with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Multiple Chemical Sensitivities. Regular support group meetings. Quarterly newsletter. Lending library for members.

### **Chicago Lighthouse**

**Location:** 1850 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, IL 60608

**Phone:** (312) 666-1331 / Fax: (312) 243-8539

**Website:** [www.thechicagolighthouse.org](http://www.thechicagolighthouse.org)

Educational, clinical, vocational and rehabilitation services for children, youth and adults who are blind or visually impaired, including deaf-blind and multi-disabled.

### **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation**

**Location:** 150 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601

**Phone:** (312) 236-4491 / Fax: (312) 236-2797

**Website:** [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org)

Support groups and educational seminars for people with cystic fibrosis.

### **Les Turner Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Foundation**

**Location:** 5550 W. Touhy Ave, Skokie, IL 60077

**Phone:** (847) 679-3311 / Fax: (847) 679-9109

**Website:** [www.lesturnerals.org](http://www.lesturnerals.org)

Publicly funded organization devoted to research, treatment and elimination of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease. Treatment at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, including home visits and transportation to and from the clinic.

### **Multiple Sclerosis Society Greater Illinois Chapter**

**Location:** 525 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60661

**Phone:** (312) 421-4500 / Fax: (312) 421-4544

**Website:** [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)

Research, advocacy, professional education, and programs for people with MS and their families. Information and tips on how to maintain quality of life; strategies and support services aimed at enhancing health and wellness, maximizing productivity and independence, and helping to deal with emotional, social, financial, and vocational challenges.

### **Muscular Dystrophy Association**

**Location:** 520 W. Erie St., Chicago, IL 60654

**Phone:** (312) 254-0632

**Website:** [mdausa.org](http://mdausa.org)

Resource links, publications, webinars, advocacy, support groups, summer camp, and clinics at Northwestern Memorial Faculty Foundation and Shriners Hospital for Children.

### **Parents Allied with Children and Teachers for Tomorrow**

**Location:** 7101 N. Greenview Ave., Chicago, IL 60626

**Phone:** (773) 338-9102

**Website:** [www.pactt.org](http://www.pactt.org)

Operates two children's group homes in Oak Park and Elmwood Park. Each home serves six young people with autism.

### **Prevent Blindness America**

**Location:** 211 W. Wacker Dr, Ste. 1700, Chicago, IL 60606

**Phone:** (312) 363-6001

**Website:** [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org)

Professional and public education programs in eye health and safety.

### **United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago (West Suburbs)**

**Location:** 332 W. Harrison St., Oak Park, IL 60304

**Phone:** (708) 383-8887

**Website:** [www.ucpnet.org](http://www.ucpnet.org)

Advances independence and promotes inclusive opportunities through assistive technology. Services for infants and toddlers, family supports, adapted toy lending library, independent living skills development, employment training, information services, education and training for educators, professionals and parents.

### **Wellness Place**

**Location:** 131 N. County Line Rd., Hinsdale, IL 60521

**Phone:** (630) 323-5150 / Fax: (630) 654-5345

**Website:** [www.wellnesshouse.org](http://www.wellnesshouse.org)

Counseling, education and support at no cost for people with cancer, their families, friends and caregivers.

## **Medical & Therapy Services**

### **Access to Care**

**Location:** 2225 Enterprise Dr., Westchester, IL 60154

**Phone:** (708) 531-0680 / Fax: (708) 531-0686

**Website:** [www.accesstocare.org](http://www.accesstocare.org)

Primary health care for individuals and families without public or private health insurance (All Kids, FamilyCare, Medicaid, Medicare). Affordable diagnosis and treatment for a small co-payment per visit, procedure or prescription medication. Apply at Oak Park Health Department, Village Hall, 123 Madison St., Oak Park, (708) 383-6400.

### **Central Illinois Riding Therapy**

**Location:** 305 Neumann Dr., East Peoria, IL 61611

**Phone:** (309) 699-3710

**Website:** [www.cirt.info](http://www.cirt.info)

Rehabilitative therapy through equine activities for persons age 3 or older with physical or mental disabilities.

### **Community Health**

**Location:** 2611 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622

**Phone:** (773) 395-9900

**Website:** [www.communityhealth.org](http://www.communityhealth.org)

Volunteer-based, free medical facility that provides comprehensive medi-

cal and therapeutic services for uninsured people in the Chicago area.

### **Division of Specialized Care for Children—UIC**

**Location:** 1919 W. Taylor St., Chicago, IL 60612

**Phone:** (312) 996-6380 / Fax: (312) 413-0367

**Website:** [www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc](http://www.uic.edu/hsc/dscc)

Specialized medical care at reduced or no-cost. A child must have a treatable chronic medical condition in one of the following categories to be “medically eligible” for services: orthopedic, heart, hearing, speech, eye, neurological, urinary; certain birth and disfiguring defects, chronic and metabolic disorders.

### **Hines VA Hospital**

**Location:** 5000 S. 5th Ave., Hines, IL 60141

**Phone:** (708) 202-8387

**Website:** [www.hines.va.gov](http://www.hines.va.gov)

Provides combat veterans with free health care for conditions potentially related to their combat service for up to five years following their separation from active duty. Primary and specialty medical care; dental, pharmacy, audiology, speech and prosthetics services; polytrauma and traumatic brain injury screenings and services; rehabilitation medicine; combat stress and trauma services; sexual trauma counseling; Women Veterans programs; post-deployment mental health services; alcohol and drug dependency treatment; readjustment and transition programs.

### **Infant Welfare Society of Oak Park/River Forest**

**Location:** 320 W. Lake St., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 848-0528 / Fax: (708) 848-5855

**Website:** [www.childrenscliniciws.org](http://www.childrenscliniciws.org)

Dental examinations and treatment, physical examinations, health histories, school and sports physicals, immunizations, selected laboratory testing, development and growth assessments, asthma education, counseling and referral assistance.

### **La Rabida Children’s Hospital**

**Location:** 6501 S. Promontory Dr., Chicago, IL 60649

**Phone:** (773) 363-6700

**Website:** [www.larabida.org](http://www.larabida.org)

Specialty children’s hospital providing comprehensive, interdisciplinary inpatient and outpatient care for children with asthma and pulmonary disorders, arthritis, burn trauma, developmental disabilities, diabetes,

cerebral palsy, failure-to-thrive, and Down Syndrome. Children’s Advocacy Center provides services for children who have been sexually or physically abused, have experienced a trauma, or have sexual behavior problems. Fit Matters childhood obesity program for ages 8 to 18.

### **PCC Family Health Center**

**Location:** 14 W. Lake St., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 383-0113 / Fax: (708) 383-9911

**Website:** [www.pccwellness.org](http://www.pccwellness.org)

Primary health care services to the community with particular focus upon medically underserved populations. Sliding scale, Medicaid, Medicare. Transportation assistance (CTA passes) to clinic appointments, cab service if it’s a medical emergency.

### **Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago**

**Location:** 1440 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607

**Phone:** (312) 243-2000 / Fax: (312) 243-3954

**Website:** [www.lungchicago.org](http://www.lungchicago.org)

Prevention and control of lung diseases with emphasis on emphysema, chronic bronchitis, tuberculosis, asthma, lung cancer, and tobacco cessation.

### **Ronald McDonald House**

**Location:** 2160 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL 60141

**Phone:** (708) 327-2273

**Website:** [www.rmhccni.org](http://www.rmhccni.org)

A haven for families of children undergoing treatment for serious illnesses or injuries at Loyola and other hospitals in the Chicagoland area, particularly those in the western suburbs. The House is open to families with children who are hospitalized and also to those whose children are being treated as outpatients.

## **Assistive Devices & Accessibility**

### **Dogs for the Deaf**

**Location:** 10175 Wheeler Rd., Central Point, OR 97502

**Phone:** (541) 826-9220

**Website:** [www.dogsforthe deaf.org](http://www.dogsforthe deaf.org)

Rescues and professionally trains dogs from shelters to assist hard of hearing and deaf individuals at no charge.

### **Service Dogs for America**

**Location:** 920 Short St., Jud, ND 58454

**Phone:** (701) 685-2242

**Website:** [www.servicedogsforamerica.com](http://www.servicedogsforamerica.com)

Trains service dogs which provide mobility assistance to those using wheelchairs or other devices: hearing dogs, seizure alert dogs and therapeutic companion dogs which provide emotional support. The organization does not train seeing-eye or leader dogs.

### **Guide Dogs of America**

**Location:** 13445 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA 91342

**Phone:** (818) 362-5834

**Website:** [www.guidedogsofamerica.org](http://www.guidedogsofamerica.org)

Professionally trained guide dogs for qualified legally blind individuals ages 16 and older, free of charge.

### **Guiding Eyes for the Blind**

**Location:** 611 Granite Springs Rd., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

**Phone:** (800) 942-0149 / Fax: (914) 245-1609

**Website:** [www.guidingeyes.org](http://www.guidingeyes.org)

Breeds and provides fully trained guide dogs and instruction in their use to visually impaired and blind individuals, including special needs students with additional challenges.

### **Helping Hands Monkey Helpers for the Disabled**

**Location:** 541 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02134

**Phone:** (617) 787-4419

**Website:** [www.helpinghandsmonkeys.org](http://www.helpinghandsmonkeys.org)

Places specially trained capuchin monkeys with people who are paralyzed, or who have other severe mobility impairments, to assist with daily living activities. No fee is charged to the recipients.

### **Illinois Relay**

**Location:** Phone based

**Phone:** 7-1-1

**Website:** [www.illinoisrelay711.com](http://www.illinoisrelay711.com)

Facilitates communication between and with people with hearing and speech impairments, available 24 hours a day.

### **Leader Dogs for the Blind**

**Location:** 1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester, MI 48307

**Phone:** (888) 777-5332

**Website:** [www.leaderdog.org](http://www.leaderdog.org)

Educates the legally blind community how to use trained leader dogs to achieve greater mobility.

### **Lions of Illinois Foundation**

**Location:** 2814 De Kalb Ave., Sycamore, IL 60178

**Phone:** (815) 756-5633 / Fax: (815) 748-9087

**Website:** [www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org](http://www.lionsofillinoisfoundation.org)

Mobile vision and hearing units provide free screening to the public and assistance with hearing aids and eyeglasses.

### **National Education for Assistance Dog Services**

**Location:** P.O. Box 213, West Boylston, MA 01583

**Phone:** (978) 422-9064 / Fax: (978) 422-3255

**Website:** [www.neads.org](http://www.neads.org)

Programs include dogs for combat veterans; dogs for children with a physical disability; dogs that help parents “halt” children in an emergency situation; hearing dogs for people who are deaf or have hearing loss; service dogs for people with physical disabilities; dogs for the classroom, therapy and ministry; and dogs for children with autism.

### **Paws with a Cause**

**Location:** 4646 S. Division St., Wayland, MI 49348

**Phone:** (800) 253-7297 / Fax: (616) 877-0248

**Website:** [www.pawswithacause.org](http://www.pawswithacause.org)

Trains assistance dogs and provides lifetime team support which encourages independence: hearing dogs, seizure response dogs, service dogs for people with physical disabilities, and service dogs for children with autism.

## **Educational Services**

### **Collaboration for Early Childhood**

**Location:** Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 613-6122 / Fax: (708) 434-1259

**Website:** [www.collab4kids.org](http://www.collab4kids.org)

Works with community resources to better meet the educational and developmental needs of young children and their families.



### **Learning Ally**

**Location:** 180 N. Michigan Ave, Ste. 260, Chicago, IL 60601

**Phone:** (800) 221-4792

**Website:** [www.learningally.org](http://www.learningally.org)

An educational resource for people with disabilities that prevent them from being able to read standard print, which helps complete their education and advance their careers (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic).

### **Oak Leyden Developmental Disability Services**

**Location:** 411 Chicago Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 524-1050 / Fax: (708) 524-2469

**Website:** [www.oak-leyden.org](http://www.oak-leyden.org)

Provides a wide range of vocational and residential services for adults; and therapy, educational and family support for infants and young children with developmental disabilities.

## **Employment Services (local & web-based)**

### **AbilityLinks**

**Location:** 26W171 Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187

**Phone:** (630) 909-7443 / Fax: (630) 909-7441

**Website:** [www.abilitylinks.org](http://www.abilitylinks.org)

A nationwide, web-based community where job seekers with disabilities can post a resume, apply for jobs and network with inclusive employers.

### **CARES Chicago**

**Location:** 700 N. Sacramento, Ste. 221, Chicago, IL 60612

**Phone:** (773) 265-3300 / Fax: (773) 265-3308

**Website:** [www.careschicago.org](http://www.careschicago.org)

Career counseling, job development, job readiness, skills training, resume preparation, placement assistance, job coaching, mentoring and support.

### **Disabilityworks**

**Website:** [www.disabilityworks.org](http://www.disabilityworks.org)

Disabilityworks, a department of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, increases employment opportunities for people with disabilities throughout Illinois by acting as a hub for three groups: employers, people with disabilities, and service providers.

### **Disaboom**

**Website:** [www.disaboomjobs.com](http://www.disaboomjobs.com)

Online resource of jobs posted by companies which are actively seeking to recruit people with disabilities as part of their inclusive workforce.

### **Getting Hired**

**Website:** [www.gettinghired.com](http://www.gettinghired.com)

Job postings for people with disabilities.

### **Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin & Metropolitan Chicago**

**Location:** 30 N. Racine Ave., Ste. 230, Chicago, IL 60607

**Phone:** (312) 994-1440 / Fax: (312) 994-1441

**Website:** [www.goodwillsew.com](http://www.goodwillsew.com)

Rehabilitation services designed to increase the vocational functioning and employability of individuals. Work opportunities and skill development for people with disabilities, no work experience, ex-offenders, public aid recipients and other barriers to employment.

### **Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services**

**Location:** Applications available at local Illinois Department of Human Services Offices or Online\*

**Phone:** (800) 843-6154

**Applications Online:** [www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us)

Vocational counseling and guidance, information and referral to local resources, job placement assistance, physical/mental restoration and training assistance.

### **Jewish Vocational Service**

**Location:** 216 W. Jackson Blvd., Ste. 700, Chicago, IL 60606

**Phone:** (312) 673-4300 / Fax: (312) 553-5544

**Website:** [www.jvschicago.org](http://www.jvschicago.org)

Educational and vocational counseling, rehabilitation and skills training; individualized job development, resume preparation, application procedures, job placement and follow-up services.

### **Ticket to Work**

**Website:** [www.yourtickettowork.com](http://www.yourtickettowork.com)

A program run by the U.S. Social Security Administration for SSDI or SSI recipients that provides funding for training in marketable skills with the goal of returning to work.

## **Government Services (Local, State, & Federal)**

### **Village of Oak Park Department of ADA Compliance**

**Location:** Oak Park Village Hall, 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 358-5430

**Website:** [www.oak-park.us/building](http://www.oak-park.us/building)

The Building and Property Standards Department administers the Village's construction, property maintenance standards, and zoning regulations. The ADA Compliance Officer specifically works to ensure that Village owned property and local establishments are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

### **Village of Oak Park Department of Community Relations, Discrimination Complaints**

**Location:** 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 358-5405

**Website:** [www.oak-park.us/community](http://www.oak-park.us/community)

Fields discrimination complaints arising out of discriminatory actions within the Village of Oak Park against certain protected classes, including people with disabilities. If you feel you have been discriminated against, contact the Department to file a complaint.

### **Oak Park Department of Public Health**

**Location:** 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 358-5480

**Website:** [www.oak-park.us/health](http://www.oak-park.us/health)

Comprehensive public health programs and a variety of health care services: assessment and screening, education, immunizations, prevention services, case management, nursing, counseling, and linkage with community resources. Community health locator, day care and long-term care inspections, pregnant women and infant services, health screenings and check-ups, HIV counseling and testing, immunizations, insurance programs, lead poisoning prevention and tobacco programs.

### **Oak Park Department of Special Education Services**

**Location:** 970 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 524-3000 / Fax: (708) 524-3019

**Website:** [www.op97.org/special-education/Services.cfm](http://www.op97.org/special-education/Services.cfm)

Support and services for children who qualify for District 97 special programs, such as supplementary aids or services, instructional, DD, DI, and DLP classes, separate special education day school, and residential

placement. Also provides links to resources that can further support the educational, social and emotional success of our students.

### **Oak Park Township**

**Location:** 105 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** 708.383.8005 / Fax: (708) 383.8062

**Website:** [www.oakparktownship.org](http://www.oakparktownship.org)

Assists persons with disabilities in obtaining weekday transportation, disabled parking cards, RTA reduced fare cards, taxi cab coupons, home meal delivery, Access to Care health and wellness services and medical equipment lending.

### **Oak Park Vet Center (Veteran's Administration)**

**Location:** 155 S. Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** 708-383-3225 / Fax: 708-383-3247

Offers a host of counseling services, information on retaining military benefits, job referrals and employment counseling to help returning soldiers adjust to life in the United States.

### **Illinois Department of Human Services**

**Website:** [www.dhs.state.il.us](http://www.dhs.state.il.us)

Provides a wide array of services to help families, including people with disabilities, meet their most basic needs, such as food, shelter, and medical assistance. Administers programs such as SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid, and the Department of Rehabilitative Services programs. For Oak Park Residents, your local DHS office is located at 2701 W. Lake St., Melrose Park, IL 60160.

### **Social Security Administration—Disability Benefits**

**Phone:** (automated SSA number): (800) 772-1213

**Website:** [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability)

People with disabilities who are unable to work full-time due to their medical condition may qualify for SSA Social Security Disability (SSD) or Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) Benefits. Applications can be filed online or at your local SSA field office. For Oak Park residents, your local SSA field office is at 230 N. Mannheim Rd. in Hillside.

## **Legal Assistance**

### **Great Lakes ADA Center**

**Location:** 1640 W. Roosevelt Rd., Room 405, Chicago, IL 60608

**Phone:** (312) 413-1407 / Fax: (312) 413-1856

**Website:** [www.adagreatlakes.org](http://www.adagreatlakes.org)

Information, materials, technical assistance and training on the Americans with Disabilities Act, including non-discrimination in employment and the obligations of state and local governments and business to ensure that programs and services are readily accessible to people with disabilities.

### **Center for Disability and Elder Law**

**Location:** 79 W. Monroe Street, Ste. 919, Chicago, IL 60603

**Phone:** (312) 376-1880 / Fax: (312) 376-1885

**Website:** [www.probonocdel.org](http://www.probonocdel.org)

CDEL was founded by the Chicago Bar Association to provide legal information and attorney referrals around disability issues for low income, elderly, disabled youth and adults who have incurred discrimination.

### **Disability Rights Legal Center/Cancer Legal Resource Center**

**Phone:** (866) THE-CLRC or (866) 843-2572

**Website:** [www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org](http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org)

National, toll-free telephone assistance line where callers can receive free and confidential information about cancer-related laws and resources. Members of DRLC/CLRC's professional panel of attorneys, insurance agents, and accountants can provide additional assistance. Also hosts a free Cancer Rights Conference in Chicago every year.

### **Equip for Equality**

**Location:** 20 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 300, Chicago, IL 60602

**Phone:** (312) 341-0022 / Fax: (312) 541-7544

**Website:** [www.equipforequality.org](http://www.equipforequality.org)

Legal services and self-advocacy assistance for people with disabilities in the areas of discrimination, assistive technology, special education, guardianship defense, abuse, neglect, and community integration. Publishes a free newsletter and other self-advocacy publications.

### **Family Resource Center on Disabilities**

**Location:** 20 E. Jackson Blvd, Room 300, Chicago, IL 60604

**Phone:** (312) 939-3513 / Fax: (312) 854-8980

**Website:** [www.frcd.org](http://www.frcd.org)

An information service for parents and professionals; parent rights training sessions; advocacy, public presentations on special education rights for organizations.

### **Guardianship Services Associates**

**Location:** 41 South Blvd., #A, Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 386-5398

Information, assistance and actual guardianship for those in need, as well as counseling, referrals and assistance with durable powers of attorney.

### **Health and Disability Advocates**

**Location:** 205 W. Monroe St., Ste. 200, Chicago, IL 60606

**Phone:** (312) 223-9600 / Fax: (312) 223-9518

**Website:** [www.hdadvocates.org](http://www.hdadvocates.org)

Attorneys offer legal advice and representation to clients who experience barriers in accessing income and health care supports.

### **Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago**

**Location:** 120 S. LaSalle Blvd., Ste. 900, Chicago, IL 60604

**Phone:** (312) 341-1070 / Fax: (312) 341-1041

**Website:** [www.lafchicago.org](http://www.lafchicago.org)

Free legal services for low-income individuals and families in civil cases, such as domestic violence, consumer fraud, HIV-AIDS, landlord-tenant, eviction, immigration, employment problems, family law, guardianship of minors and consumer issues.

## **Mental Health Services**

### **Alternative Behavior Treatment Centers**

**Location:** 715 Lake St., Ste. 800, Oak Park, IL 60301

**Phone:** (708) 386-8145

Multicultural out-patient treatment program for children, youth, adults and families of diverse backgrounds, including individual therapy, family therapy and group therapy. Also specializes in assessments and therapeutic services for victims of physical and sexual abuse.

### **Genesis Therapy Center**

**Location:** 1010 Lake St., Ste. 502B, Oak Park, IL 60301

**Phone:** (708) 524-2655

**Website:** [www.genesistherapy.org](http://www.genesistherapy.org)

Assessment, counseling and consultation services for individuals, couples, families and organizations. The Community Care Program provides services on a sliding fee scale for those who have limited income.

### **Madden Mental Health Center**

**Location:** 1200 S. 1st Ave., Hines, IL 60141

**Phone:** (708) 338-7400

Public mental health system offering a continuum of services from intensive in-patient hospitalization to outpatient care. Supportive housing and employment programs; forensic services for people referred through the court system; specialized programs for children and adolescents.

### **Mental Health American of Illinois**

**Location:** 70 E. Lake St., Ste. 900, Chicago IL 60601

**Phone:** (312) 368-9070 / Fax: (312) 368-0283

**Website:** [www.mhai.org](http://www.mhai.org)

Non-profit organization which promotes mental health, prevents mental illnesses and improves care and treatment for persons suffering from mental and emotional disorders. Programs include consultative and training services, suicide prevention and outreach, mental health checkups for adolescents (TeenScreen), Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programs in Chicago area schools and disaster/crisis intervention programs.

### **Mental Health Association of Greater Chicago**

**Location:** 125 S. Clark St., #1820, Chicago, IL 60603

**Phone:** (312) 781-7780

**Website:** [www.mentalhealthchicago.org](http://www.mentalhealthchicago.org)

Training on mental health awareness for educators and parents. 24-hour crisis hotline provides a listening ear and referrals for people in need and their loved ones as well as for professionals.

### **Pillars Community Services**

**Location:** 333 N. LaGrange Rd., Ste. 1, LaGrange Park, IL 60526

**Phone:** (708) 745-5277 / Fax: (708) 698-5090

**Website:** [www.pillarscommunity.org](http://www.pillarscommunity.org)

Mental health services for people of all ages; children and family services, the Child and Family Development Center and Buddy's Place; addictions services for adults and adolescents; domestic and sexual violence services, community housing initiatives through programs and collaborations such as LaGrange Area Transitional Housing; Wellness Initiative Network and West Cook Housing Initiative Partnership.

### **Thrive Counseling Center**

**Location:** 120 S. Marion St., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 383-7500 / Fax: (708) 383-7780

**Website:** [www.thrivecc.org](http://www.thrivecc.org)

A comprehensive mental health center in Oak Park, Illinois which accepts most major insurance, Medicare and Medicaid. Sliding-scale fees offered to Oak Park and River Forest residents without insurance.

### **Oak Park Vet Center (Veteran's Administration)**

**Location:** 155 S. Oak Park Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 383-3225 / Fax: (708) 383-3247

Offers individual, family, and group therapy for combat veterans who served during the Vietnam era, and veterans sexually traumatized in the military.

## **Recreation**

### **Park District of Oak Park**

**Location:** 218 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 725-2000 / Fax: (708) 383-5702

**Website:** [www.oakparkparks.com](http://www.oakparkparks.com)

Strives to provide parks and recreation opportunities to all, regardless of economic means or physical ability. The Park District provides year round recreation programs for individuals of all ages with disabilities through the West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA).

### **Senior Citizens Center of Oak Park/River Forest**

**Location:** 414 S. Oak Park Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302

**Phone:** (708) 848-5251

**Website:** [www.sccopr.org](http://www.sccopr.org)

Educational, social and cultural activities for adults 50 and older to continue lifelong learning, support their independence, and encourage their involvement in the community.

### **West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA)**

**Location:** 2915 Maple St., Franklin Park, IL 60131

**Phone:** (847) 455-2100

**Website:** [www.wssra.net](http://www.wssra.net)

WSSRA provides recreation specialists, all of whom have degrees in therapeutic recreation or a related field, who are responsible for accommodating children and adults with special needs within existing Village recreation programs, such as the Oak Park Park District.

### **WSSRA Lekotek Center**

**Location:** 2915 N Maple St., Franklin Park, IL 60131

**Phone:** (847) 455-2100

**Website:** [www.wssra.net/lekotek](http://www.wssra.net/lekotek)

Helps families raising a child with special needs learn fun, creative and healthy ways to play together. Lekotek is the country's central source on toys and play for children with special needs. Program administered through WSSRA.

## **Transportation**

### **Chicago Transit Authority—ADA Advisory Committee**

**Location:** 567 W. Lake Street, Chicago, IL 60661

**Phone:** Meetings facilitated by the CTA's ADA Compliance Officer, Cara Levinson, (312) 681-2608

**Website:** [www.transitchicago.com](http://www.transitchicago.com)

Represents the interests of people with disabilities, provides comment on CTA's current services, policies and practices; provides informed input on the development and assessment of future CTA projects and services that impact people with disabilities.

### **Pace Bus Paratransit**

**Location:** 550 W. Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005

**Phone:** (847) 228-2322, select option 3 for program updates

**Website:** [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com)

Administers the ADA-required paratransit bus system in the Chicago suburbs. Paratransit vehicles make only pre-arranged trips for riders who are eligible for the particular service. Paratransit services offered include Dial-a-Ride, ADA Paratransit and Call-n-Ride.

### **SCR Medical Transportation**

**Location:** 8801 S. Greenwood Ave., Chicago, IL

**Phone:** (773) 768-7000 / Fax: (773) 768-7099

**Website:** [www.scrtransport.com](http://www.scrtransport.com)

Private ADA Paratransit service provider, serving the greater Chicago area.

## **IMPORTANT DISABILITY ACCESS CONTACTS**

**Stephen Witt**, Director and ADA Compliance Officer, Building and Property Standards Department, Village of Oak Park  
(708) 358-5432

**Steven Touloumis**, Chief Building Inspector, Building and Property Standards Department, Village of Oak Park  
(708) 358-5437

### **West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC)**

WSCDC currently dispatches police, fire and paramedics for Oak Park, River Forest and Elmwood Park. WSCDC also administers the Illinois Premise Alert program for the same areas. This program allows people with disabilities to voluntarily add their information to a database that will be provided to emergency responders when dealing with emergency situations involving those individuals.

(708) 771-9110

FAX: (708) 771-9119

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