Introduction

The purpose of this resource guide is to support family and student participation in planning for life after high school into adulthood.

Transition Services are a coordinated set of activities for students as part of the IEP, designed to promote movement from school to post-school activities, including post-secondary education, vocational training, integrated employment (including supported employment), continuing and adult education, related services, independent living, or community participation. In Illinois, transition planning becomes a part of the IEP process for students at age 14-1/2. The sooner families and students begin to plan for the transition to employment and adult services, the more successful the child will be.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a powerful educational law, which outlines the transition planning process. Students have rights within the special education system. Once the transition to adult services is complete, families will find that a child's rights are different and much less comprehensive.

Special education students are entitled to special education services. Adult services are based on eligibility and availability of funding. Many services and supports readily available in special education are not available in the arena of adult services. Good transition planning is critical to a successful transition to adult services.

When a child exits the special education system, many of the same advocacy skills learned in special education will be needed; but the rules and laws are dramatically different in the adult service system.

Disclaimer: The information contained in The Transition Planning Community Resource Guide is general in nature and may not apply to all individuals. It is not designed to be a substitute for medical decisions, legal advice, future planning or financial guidance from qualified professionals serving individuals with disabilities and their families. Families, consumers and guardians are advised to seek guidance from appropriate professionals at all times regarding individual situations. We recognize that each individual has unique gifts and challenges and therefore, will need an individualized process for transition. Families, consumers and guardians are advised to seek guidance from appropriate professionals at all times regarding individual situations.
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### 14 YEAR OLDS

1. Student must be invited to IEP meeting.
2. Obtain necessary release forms for identified transition activities.
3. Parents and/or students should follow up with referrals for services from adult service providers.
4. Complete transition needs questionnaire/surveys/interest inventories.
5. Explore recreation and leisure interests.
6. Discuss medical needs and therapies.
7. Develop independent living skills.
8. Begin early career exploration.
9. Explore summer employment options.
10. Increase self advocacy skills.
12. Students who demonstrate a Developmental Disability or a related condition in the form of Cerebral Palsy, Autism or Epilepsy should complete/update the PUNS.
13. Review transition plan and services. Revise if necessary.

### 15 YEAR OLDS

1. Student must be invited to IEP meeting.
2. Obtain necessary release forms for identified transition activities.
3. Parents and/or students should follow up with referrals for services from adult service providers.
4. Attend career event for special needs (usually sponsored by local TPC)
5. Discuss supplemental social security (SSI) and social security work incentives (SSWI).
6. Discuss home services and assistive technology.
7. Discuss and visit residential programming options as appropriate.
8. Determine transportation needs/mobility training.
10. Consider placement on residential waiting lists.
11. Consider referral to a school work program.
12. Students who demonstrate a Developmental Disability or a related condition in the form of Cerebral Palsy, Autism or Epilepsy should complete/update the PUNS.
13. Review transition plan and services. Revise if necessary.

### 16 YEAR OLDS

1. Student must be invited to IEP meeting.
2. Obtain necessary release forms for identified transition activities.
3. Parents and/or students should follow up with referrals for services from adult service providers.
4. Complete vocational interest inventory.
5. Discuss Supported Employment (SEP) and job coaching.
6. Access career counseling and job shadowing.
7. Consider school based and community work experience programs
8. Obtain driver’s license and/or state ID card.
9. Explore legal representation; estate planning, guardianship, wills and trusts.
10. Attend college fairs, college career nights, and/or transition fairs.
11. Students who demonstrate a Developmental Disability or a related condition in the form of Cerebral Palsy, Autism or Epilepsy should complete/update the PUNS.
12. Review transition plan and services. Revise if necessary.
### 17 YEAR OLDS

1. Student must be invited to IEP meeting.
2. Obtain necessary release forms for identified transition activities.
3. Parents and/or students should follow up with referrals for services from adult service providers.
4. Discuss age of majority. All legal rights transfer to a child when they turn 18 unless there is a need for families to obtain guardianship.
5. Enroll in vocational education classes/programs, as appropriate.
6. Discuss taxes and medical insurance.
7. Investigate financial aid
8. Consider vocational evaluation.
9. Discuss mental health services.
10. Establish graduation date.
11. Visit campuses and post-secondary training programs.
12. Revisit residential programs.
13. Take ACT, SAT, or IAA.
15. Discuss adult agency options with DRS, PAS Agents, etc.
16. Apply for reduced fare card and/or Para-transit Door-to-Door services.
17. Consider guardianship, power of attorney, wills and trusts.
18. Students who demonstrate a Developmental Disability or a related condition in the form of Cerebral Palsy, Autism or Epilepsy should complete/update the PUNS
19. Review transition plan and services. Revise if necessary.

### 18 YEAR OLDS

1. Student must be invited to IEP meeting.
2. Obtain necessary release forms for identified transition activities.
3. Parents and/or students should follow up with referrals for services from adult service providers.
4. Students becomes own guardian unless the family has obtained guardianship.
5. Consider guardianship, power of attorney, wills and trusts.
6. Apply for post-secondary vocational, apprenticeship programs and contact special needs coordinator.
7. Explore options for accessing therapy/counseling and or other community agencies.
8. Refer to adult service providers and include in transition planning meetings.
9. Confirm student’s legal status for self representation.
10. Apply for income support (SSI), public and (Medicaid), and general assistance.
11. Delegation of educational rights.
12. Register to vote and (for males) selective service.
13. Obtain district records upon exit from school.
14. Contact case management agency that coordinates funding for in-home and residential supported living in the community as necessary.
15. Students who demonstrate a Developmental Disability or a related condition in the form of Cerebral Palsy, Autism or Epilepsy should complete/update the PUNS
16. Review transition plan and services. Revise if necessary.

### 19-22 YEAR OLDS

1. Student must be invited to IEP meeting.
2. Obtain necessary release forms for identified transition activities.
3. Parents and/or students should follow up with referrals for services from adult service providers.
4. Parents/guardians become primary advocates for students’ post-secondary needs.
5. Identify and access recreation/leisure options.
6. Parents may have to actively participate in post-secondary vocational services and/or employment.
7. Encourage active participation with adult service providers (for students remaining in high school).
8. Investigate and/or confirm day programs and workshops.
9. Students who demonstrate a Developmental Disability or a related condition in the form of Cerebral Palsy, Autism or Epilepsy should complete/update the PUNS
10. Review transition plan and services. Revise if necessary.
EMPLOYMENT/JOB PLACEMENT

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION (ROE) 17
Emily Kull
Transition Specialist
Regional Office of Education 17
200 W. Front St. Suite 500 D
Bloomington, IL 61701
www.roe17.org
ekull@roe17.org
(309) 888-5120 x 232

Case Managers: Emily Kull should be invited to IEP’s for students enrolled in VTAP and all seniors.

Official DRS Definition: Transition Specialists (TS) are rehabilitation Counselors, performing established functions and duties prescribed for the general DHS/DRS rehabilitation counselor. TSs serve customers in the Secondary Transitional Experience Program (STEP), or individual customers needing services concurrent with their education or immediately upon exit from school.

Specific TS Duties:
1. Oversee the STEP program and manage the STEP caseload
2. Quarterly contact (via face to face, phone, letter, email, etc.) with each student on the STEP caseload
3. Receive all student referrals for STEP and Transition Services
4. Assess student and open cases on behalf of DRS for those who are eligible for DRS services
5. Attending IEP’s
   a. Priority: Students who are entering and exiting the program. Paul will attend other IEP’s if schedule permits.
6. Before student graduates, case will either be put into plan status or closed to DRS.
   a. Will work with the student, teachers, parents, etc. to determine what option best fits the need of the student
7. Assist students/families with accessing community services before/after graduation from high school. If students need DRS assistance for longer than 3-4 months after graduation, case will be transferred to the appropriate DRS office upon DRS supervisor approval
8. Assist schools with work placements, accessing community resources, assessing student needs, mock interviews, resume reviews and other “as requested” services when possible

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207 S. Prospect
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 662-1347 Voice (309) 662-7219 FAX

Case Managers: Send invites to DRS office staff for exiting senior’s who are seeking financial assistance with education or assistance with competitive employment. If staff are not able to attend the meeting, please make sure to give families a copy this transition packet along with a DRS Brochure.

Description: Services provided to individuals with disabilities including the following: vocational counseling and assessment, job training and placement, education, assistive devices, and short term medical services. Home services are provided for adults with diseases/disabilities to avoid nursing home placement.
1. **WHAT IS THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (VR) PROGRAM?**
   
   Every state gets money from the federal government to help people with disabilities who want to get or keep a job. The Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) uses this money to run the VR program to help people get or keep a job.

2. **WHAT IS A “PERSON WITH A DISABILITY”?**
   
   This is someone who has a physical or a mental disability that makes it hard for a person to work and the person needs help from DRS to get or keep a job.

3. **WHO CAN QUALIFY FOR VR SERVICES?**
   
   You can qualify if you have a disability and need services from DRS to get or keep a job. You do not qualify if your disability makes it too hard for you to work even with VR services. If you do not want to get or keep a job, you don’t qualify.

4. **WHAT IS A TICKET TO WORK?**
   
   If you get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), you may get a Ticket to Work from Social Security. You should talk to a DRS counselor about why the ticket should be given to DRS.

5. **HOW DO YOU APPLY?**
   
   You need to call a DRS office where someone will help you apply. Your records from doctors, schools, past jobs or other programs will help DRS. When this is done, a counselor will look at all of the information to see if you qualify. If the counselor needs more information, DRS may pay for it. Counselors should do all of this in 60 days unless they cannot get the records or office visits soon enough.

6. **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU QUALIFY?**
   
   You work with a counselor to see what services you need to get or keep a job. The counselor will help you write a plan of services. You have the right to make decisions and choices.

7. **WHAT KIND OF SERVICES CAN DRS PROVIDE?**
   
   DRS can provide counseling and guidance, information and referral and job placement assistance. There are other services that you may qualify for to help you get or keep a job.

8. **DO YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR VR SERVICES?**
   
   Sometimes you have to help pay for services. It depends on your income. The counselor will let you know if there is a need to pay. You do not have to use your SSDI or SSI to pay for services. However, you must pay your own normal living expenses.

9. **WHAT ARE COMPARABLE SERVICES AND BENEFITS?**
   
   Counselors will help you find out if you qualify for other programs or services. Some programs are Medicaid, scholarships, work-study programs or other benefits. The counselor can help you apply for these services.

10. **HOW DOES DRS MAKE SURE YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH SERVICES?**
    
    You have the right to disagree with services. You should first try to work it out with the counselor or with the counselor’s supervisor. If this does not work, you can file an appeal. You can get information how to appeal from your counselor or local office. You can ask for help from the Client Assistance Program at any time.

11. **WHAT IS THE CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?**
    
    The Client Assistance Program (CAP) can help you discuss concerns you may have about your case.

    **CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
    
    100 N First Street 1st Floor West
    Springfield, IL 62702
    (800) 641-3929 (V/TTY)

12. **HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DRS?**
    
    The addresses and telephone numbers of the local DRS offices are usually in the phone book under “State Government”. Or, contact:

    **BUREAU OF FIELD SERVICES**
    
    PO Box 19429
    Springfield, IL 62794-0000
    (217) 782-2004 (Voice)
    (888) 440-8982 (TTY)
    (800) 843-6154 (Voice)

    **BUREAU OF BLIND SERVICES**
    
    PO Box 19429
    Springfield, IL 62794-0000
    (217) 785-3887 (Voice)
    (800) 447-6404 (TTY)
BRIDGEWAY
310 Wylie Drive Suite 464, Normal, IL 61761
(309) 808-9073 ©
(309) 452-9811 (F)
Taylor Carr, Coordinator of Community Employment
taylorec@bway.org
www.bway.org
Description: Bridgeway’s IPS program helps people find employment in a variety of different settings. Services include; Personal Benefits Planning, Vocational Assessments, Job Finding Supports, Job Retention Supports, Job Leaving Supports and Follow Up.

Marcfirst - Supported Employment Program
1606 Hunt Drive
Normal, IL 61761
Phone: (309) 451-8888
www.marcfirst.org
Contacts: Michael Predmore, Senior Director of Employment and Educational Services
michaelpredmore@marcfirst.org
Hannah Morgenroth, Director of Supported Employment, extension 238
hannahmorgenroth@marcfirst.org
Anne Taylor, Customized Employment Specialist, extension 291
annetaylor@marcfirst.org

Description: In the Supported Employment Program, individuals receive support in all aspects of searching, applying, and interviewing for jobs. When an individual is offered a position, Marcfirst coaches assist, side-by-side, with orientation, on the job training, and helping the individual build professional relationships with his or her coworkers. Throughout this process, individuals receive support in writing and revising resumes and cover letters, practicing their interview skills, and exploring their interests to give individuals the tools necessary to find a fulfilling and appropriate work match.

Eligibility: Individuals interested in this program must be 18 years or older, be diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability, and have received their high school diploma or GED.

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln (UCP) – Employment Services
Patricia Gerth, Job Developer
211 S. Prospect Road, Suite #1
Bloomington, IL 61704
309-585-0629 Extension 1301
309-585-0640 (Fax)
www.ucpll.org
vkilburn@ucpll.org

Description: Vocational skills courses offer training in computer training, janitorial skills, social skills and career exploration and assessment. UCP’s employment services provides an intense job development and placement program to assist people with disabilities with finding employment in their communities.

Supported Employment provides coaching and case management for people needing on-site job assistance and support.
Careerlink
207 E. Hamilton Road, Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 827-6237 Voice, (800) 526-0844 TTY
(309) 828-2967 FAX
www.careerlink16.com, dweth@careerlink16.com
Adult Program (Age 22 & older), Dislocated Worker Program, Youth Program (Age 17 – 21)
Fees: No fees
Referral Procedures: Walk in or call for appt. Applications available at the Illinois Employment and Training Center or individuals may request info through the Career Link website. Services: Employment Job & Training and Dislocated worker Program

Life Center for Independent Living (Life-Cil)
2201 Eastland Drive, Suite 1
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 663-5433
(888) 543-3245 Toll Free
www.lifecil.org

Kim Tarkowski
Vision Access and Education Advocate
kim@lifecil.org
Description: Advocacy and services for individuals with disabilities. Services include independent living skills training, peer mentoring, information and referral and advocacy. Also available, youth empowerment and peer mentoring for parents of youth with disabilities.

Social Security Administration
DHS Benefits Planning Project
Kaylee Raymond-Benefits Specialist
Division of Rehabilitation Services
400 West Lawrence Avenue
PO Box 19429
Springfield, IL 62794-9429
(217)558-6826
dhs13210@dhs.state.il.us

Advocate Bromenn Adult Day Services
207 Landmark Drive, Suite C, Normal, IL 61761
Voice (309) 829-0782, FAX (309) 829-0723
rwheat@bromenn.org
www.advocatehealth.com/bromenn
Rebecca Wheat, ADS Coordinator
Description: A structured, comprehensive program for functionally impaired adults who reside in the community. Many families use this program for respite care which gives them a break from 24/7 responsibility. Participants may attend from one to five days a week. Meals are provided.
Eligibility: Primarily for individuals over 60 years of age; those between 18 and 60 will be considered based on need. Maximum Income Guidelines: Determined according to the client’s need for assistance through Community care Systems.
Documents Needed: Medical information, Living Will, Social Security number, and Power of Attorney, if applicable. Fees: Call for information. Fees are often subsidized by other agencies.
Referral Procedures: By phone. Referrals accepted from individual, doctor, social worker, family, and friends.
POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Hairmasters Institute of Cosmetology, Inc.
506 S. McClun, Bloomington, IL 61701, (309) 828-1884,
Financial Aid Office: (309) 827-6971

Heartland Community College
1500 W. Raab Rd., Normal, IL, 61761
www.heartland.edu
Anita.Moore@heartland.edu
Anita Moore, Coordinator of Disability Support Services
(309) 268-8249
(309) 268-8000 Main
(309) 268-8180 Adult Education
(309) 268-8020 Financial Aid Office

HALO: Heartland Academy for Learning Opportunities
309-268-8255
Fax 309-268-7877
APPLICATION PROCEDURES
The HALO application process consists of two parts. In the first part, applicants are screened to determine if the program is a good match based on the applicant’s current skill and ability levels. After this screening, the applicant may proceed to the next stage, which is an interview with the applicant and parent(s).
Requirements for a complete admission file are as follows.
1. A completed application submitted to:
   HALO Program Attn: Jennie Kearney
   Heartland Community College
   1500 West Raab Road
   Normal, IL 61761
2. An official high school transcript
3. Psychological report including written results and interpretations of the following testing:
   Intellectual Assessment within the last 5 years (WAIS-R)
   Achievement Testing within the last year (PIAT,K-TEA, or Woodcock-Johnson)
4. Three letters of recommendations using the program recommendation form. At least one reference should be from an individual who can attest to the applicant’s educational performance (teacher, principal, guidance counselor, etc). One, if applicable, can be from an employer/work supervisor.

Once all application materials have been received and the screening process is complete, the HALO Admissions Team will arrange a personal interview with each qualified applicant and his/her parents.

Heartland Community College – Essentials Program
1500 W. Raab Road, Normal, IL 61761
(309) 268-8048 Essentials Program Registration
(309) 268-7963 FAX
www.heartland.edu
sandrahoffman@heartland.edu
Pam Westerdahl, Director of Workforce Services
Services: Business Essentials Program, Entrepreneurship Essentials, Manufacturing Essentials
16 week certificated programs, hands-on work site, no out of pocket expenses, childcare and transportation assistance provided.
Heartland Community College Adult Education Program  
1500 W. Raab Road, Suite 1600, Normal, IL 61761  
(309) 268-8180 Voice  
(309) 268-7783 FAX  
www.heartland.edu  
jill.blair@heartland.edu  
Jill Blair, Director  
Services: Basic skills and GED Instruction with free tutoring, ESL, and no fee.  
Referral Procedures: Students may register any time during the semester. New registrations are accepted during class time. Students may call for class schedules or to set up an appointment with a registration specialist.

Illinois Central College  
One College Drive, East Peoria, IL, 61635, (309) 694-5011  
Financial Aid Office: (309) 694-5311

Illinois State University  
Office of Disability Concerns  
350 Fell Hall, Normal, IL 61790-1290  
Office of Disabilities Phone: 309-438-5853  
Financial Aid Office Phone: 309-438-2231  
Illinois State University Main Phone: 309-438-2111  
Hours: M-F, 8:00am – 4:30 pm  
www.disabilityconcerns.ilsu.edu  
ableisu@ilstu.edu  
Ann Caldwell, Director  
amcaldw@ilstu.edu  
Contact person with type of disabilities served:  
Maggie Snell, Coordinator (Deaf & Hard of Hearing Disabilities)  
amasnell@ilstu.edu  
Lori Henehan, Coordinator (Visual, Physical, Medical, Psychiatric, and Asperger’s Disabilities)  
laheneh@ilstu.edu,  
Sheryl Hogan, Coordinator (LD, ADHD, CAP, and Traumatic Brain Injury Disabilities)  
sjhogan@ilstu.edu

Lincoln College  
300 Keokuk  
Lincoln, Illinois 62656  
217-732-3155, extension 227  
Shannon Crabtree, Director of ODS

Lincoln College-Normal  
715 W. Raab Rd  
Normal, Illinois 61761  
309-452-0500  
Sue Merrick, Director of ODS/Learning Resources  
www.lincolncollege.edu/normal

Midwest College of Cosmetology @ Lincoln College-Normal  
755 W. Raab Rd., Normal, IL 61761  
309-451-1373, 1-800-811-2228  
Sue Merrick, Director of ODS/Learning Resources  
Financial Aid Office: 309-452-0500  
http://www.mcc.lincolncollege.edu/

Parkland College  
2400 W. Bradley Ave., Champaign, IL 61821  
(217) 351-2200  
Financial Aid Office: (217) 351-2222  
www.parkland.edu.

Richland Community College  
One College Park, Decatur, IL 62521  
One College Park, Decatur, IL 62521  
(217) 875-7200  
www.richland.edu.

Divisions I and II Initial-Eligibility Requirements

Core Courses

- **NCAA Division I** requires 16 core courses. NCAA Division II currently requires 14 core courses. Division I will require 16 core courses for students enrolling on or after August 1, 2013. See the charts below.
- **NCAA Division I** will require 10 core courses to be completed prior to the seventh semester (seven of the 10 must be a combination of English, math or natural or physical science that meet the distribution requirements below). These 10 courses become "locked in" at the seventh semester and cannot be retaken for grade improvement.
  - Beginning August 1, 2016, it will be possible for a Division I college-bound student-athlete to still receive athletics aid and the ability to practice with the team if he or she fails to meet the 10 course requirement, but would not be able to compete.

Test Scores

- **Division I** uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core grade-point averages (GPA). The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on Page No. 2 of this sheet.
- **Division II** requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes only the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the following four sections: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT scores are reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.

Grade-Point Average

- Be sure to look at your high school’s List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center’s website (www.eligibilitycenter.org). Only courses that appear on your school's List of NCAA Courses will be used in the calculation of the core GPA. Use the list as a guide.
- **Division I** students enrolling full time before August 1, 2016, should use Sliding Scale A to determine eligibility to receive athletics aid, practice and competition during the first year.
- **Division I** GPA required to receive athletics aid and practice on or after August 1, 2016, is 2.000 (corresponding test-score requirements are listed on Sliding Scale B on Page No. 2 of this sheet).
- **Division I** GPA required to be eligible for competition on or after August 1, 2016, is 2.300 (corresponding test-score requirements are listed on Sliding Scale B on Page No. 2 of this sheet).
- **The Division II** core GPA requirement is a minimum of 2.000.
- Remember, the NCAA GPA is calculated using NCAA core courses only.

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For more information, visit the NCAA Eligibility Center website at www.eligibilitycenter.org
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION/TRAINING PROGRAM

**GED/Adult Literacy Program**
905 N. Main Street, Suite 2, Normal, IL 61761
(309) 888-9884 Voice
(309) 888-5120 GED Testing
(309) 862-4457 FAX
www.roe17.k12.il.us
smithl@roe17.k12.il.us
Libby Smith, Director
Services: Citizenship classes, English as a Second Language, GED Instruction, Adult Literacy classes, pre-GED, Learn to Read classes

**Job Corps**
Job Corps is a federal program that could greatly benefit students who may need extra help earning their high school diplomas or GED and getting on track for careers in high-demand industries.
To arrange a meeting with a Job Corps rep., please call the center nearest you or (800)733-JOBS, (800) 733-5627.
http://mifuture.jobcorps.gov (Espanola)
Eligibility: 16 through 24 years of age, Citizen or legal resident of the US, Meet program income qualifications

**Lincoln’s Challenge Academy**
**Illinois National Guard**
205 Dodge Avenue, Rantoul, IL 61866
(217) 892-1365 Voice (217) 892-1397 FAX
(800) 851-2166 Toll-free
www.ngycp.org/state/il
Keith Wagner, Program Contact
Documents needed: ID/Driver’s License, Social Sec #, Birth Certificate, Immunization Record.
Description: services youth between the ages of 16 to 19 in a military style residential program, GED instruction, career counseling, life skills instruction.
Maximum Income Guideline: None
Fees: Minimal costs for personal items. Referral Procedures: By phone, walk-in, or by appointment.

**Marcfirst - Developmental Training (DT) Program**
1606 Hunt Drive
Normal, IL 61761
www.marcfirst.org
Contacts: Michael Predmore, Senior Director of Employment and Educational Services
Rebecca Brennan, Director of Developmental Training
Phone: (309) 451-8888, extension 248 or 239
E-mail: Michaelpredmore@marcfirst.org or RebeccaBrennan@marcfirst.org

Description: This program utilizes advocacy, ongoing assessment, training, supervision, support, and curriculum-base instruction to assist individuals with developmental disabilities in becoming as independent as possible. It operates Monday through Friday, 9:00am - 2:30pm and meets at 1606 Hunt Drive in Normal. Each participant receives an Individualized Support Plan (ISP), created based on his or her desires, needs, and interests. ISPs include goals addressing adaptive living skills, professional development, and therapeutic interventions. The DT program also has computer labs available to assist participants in learning and improving computer skills.
Eligibility: Individuals interested in this program must be 18 years or older, have proof of DT funding from Central Illinois Service Agency (CISA), and a deficit in one of the following areas: motor development, dress/grooming, toileting, eating, language, or productive capacity as determined by the ICAP.

**United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln (UCP) – Employment Services**
Patricia Gerth, Job Developer
211 S. Prospect Road, Suite #1
Bloomington, IL 61704
309-585-0629 Extension 1301
309-585-0640 (Fax)
www.ucpll.org
vkilburn@ucpll.org

**Description:** Vocational skills courses offer training in computer training, janitorial skills, social skills and career exploration and assessment. UCP’s employment services provides an intense job development and placement program to assist people with disabilities with finding employment in their communities.

Supported Employment provides coaching and case management for people needing on-site job assistance and support.

**Youth Build McLean County**
502 South Morris, Suite D, Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 827-7507 Voice (309) 827-9035 FAX
Hours: M-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
www.youthbuildmcleancounty.org
youthbuild@youthbuildmcleancounty.org
Suzanne Fitzgerald, Executive Director
Other Languages: Spanish (limited).
Services: education program for high school dropouts, earn high school diploma or GED, on the job training, scholarships, personal support, leadership training, assistance with career and post secondary placement
No fee Referral: recruitment

**Salvation Army**
611 W. Washington, Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 829-9476 Voice (309) 829-8997 FAX
Fees: No fee GED instruction for homeless people: GED and reading class assessment and placement; tutoring for GED, reading, and college preparation; and support services for students in GED classes.
GUARDIANSHIP

**Todd E. Bugg** – Specializes in Guardianship  
1001 N. Main, Bloomington, IL 61701, (309) 828-6241

**Stephen A. Newbold, Attorney** – Specializes in Special Needs Services  
NewboldLaw  
1503 Dover Road, Bloomington, IL 61761  
Email: snewbold@newboldlaw.com  
(309) 826-1658  
NewboldLaw was started to meet a need in our special needs community for excellent and affordable legal help. It is important that every family with a child with special needs set up an estate plan that helps ensure that your child’s financial, medical, housing and other needs are met, even after the parent/primary caregivers are gone.

**Prairie State Legal Services**  
316 W. Washington, Bloomington, IL 61701  
(309) 827-5021 Voice (800) 874-2536 Toll-free  
(309) 828-3776 FAX (309) 828-3896 TTY  
www.pslegal.org  
Stacey Tutt, Managing Attorney  
Free legal aid for low income eligible (below 200% FPL) and elderly  
No fees, clients may need to pay filing fees and other costs but they may be waived.  
Donations are accepted.  
Hours: Contact by phone on Monday-Friday 9:05 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1:05 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or walk-in on Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
RECREATION

Marcfirst - Friendsfirst
1606 Hunt Drive
Normal, IL 61761
www.marcfirst.org

Contacts: Kristi Greenfield, Friendsfirst program coordinator
Leanne Downey, Associate Director of Transition
Phone: (309) 451-8888, extension 265
E-mail: Kristigreenfield@marcfirst.org, Leannedowney@marcfirst.org

Description: Friendsfirst is a program for young adults and adults with developmental disabilities who wish to socialize, meet new friends, learn new skills, share talents, connect with their community, or practice skills needed for greater independence. It meets Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:30am – 12:30pm in Martin Hall at Second Presbyterian Church in downtown Bloomington. Examples of activities offered include crafts, music appreciation, book reading/discussion, games, general health and wellness lessons/activities, and regular discussion about events in participants’ lives and current events in the news.

Eligibility: All adults and high school students over the age of 18 are welcome to attend! Families who plan to regularly use the Friendsfirst program are required to pay a one-time registration fee of $20.00 and program fee of $7.50 each time the individual attends.

SOAR – Special Opportunities Available in Recreation
115 East Washington, Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 434-2260 Voice  (309) 434-2483 FAX  (309) 829-5115 TTY
www.cityblm.org/soar
Diana Nicol and Nicole Kohler
Public transportation accessible
Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Other Languages: Can make arrangements for interpreters
Accessibility: Full wheelchair access
Description: A community therapeutic recreation program serving individuals with disabilities who are unable to successfully participate in regular recreation programs.
Eligibility: Individuals, ages four through adult, who are in special education classes, workshops, nursing homes, or who have leisure needs not met by traditional recreation programs are eligible.
Fees: Vary; scholarships and payment plans are available.

The Miracle League
Miracle League of Central Illinois
421 Kays Drive, Normal, IL 61761
Bill Wright, Director (309)451-4500
Description: The Miracle League program provides an opportunity for children with mental and/or physical challenges to play baseball! With a specially designed rubber turf field, The Miracle League makes dreams come true for children with special needs.
Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department
115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 434-2260 Voice (309) 434-2483 FAX
www.cityblm.org/parks
bwells@cityblm.org
John Kennedy, Director
Hours: M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Fees: Many programs are free of charge. There are a limited number of scholarships available for many programs where a fee is charged.

Normal Parks and Recreation Department
611 South Linden, Normal, IL 61761
Garry Little, Director
Doug Wiggs, Assistant Director
(309) 454-9540 Office
(309) 454-9701 FAX
www.normal.org
Hours: M-F 8:30am-5:00pm
Fees: Many programs are free of charge.
Programs: Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall program guides are available on line

Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal
1615 W. Illinois, Bloomington, Il 61701
(309) 829-3034 Club (309) 827-3233 Administrative
(309) 828-7108 FAX-Club
www.bgch-n.org
boyandsgirlclub@verizon.net
Evelyn Young, Executive Director
Description: Offers a variety of recreational, educational, cultural, and social development programs for youth 5 to 18 years of age. Leadership and citizenship development are all a part of the Club’s objectives for participating boys and girls. The club also offers an after-school program and summer day camp. Transportation is provided to and from most area schools in District 87 and Unit 5, all public housing sites, and other designated points.

Easter Seals
2404 E. Empire, Bloomington, Il 61704
(309) 663-8275 Voice (309) 662-7872 FAX
www.ci.easterseals.com
Erin Rogers, Vice President, Program Services

Western Avenue Community Center
600 N. Western Avenue, Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 829-4807 Voice (309) 829-3910 FAX
(309) 827-3794 Hispanic Outreach Program (Se habla Espanol)
(309) 827-5428 LINC
www.westernavenuecc.org
Amy Cottone, Executive Director
Description: WACC program members (grade school children through senior citizens) can participate in a wide range of activities which include a full court gymnasium, basketball leagues, After School Club, aerobics, and special events.
Referral Procedures: Membership applications available at front desk.
YMCA of Bloomington-Normal
602 S. Main Street, Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 827-6233 Voice (309) 827-0807 FAX
www.bnymca.org
dennism@bnymca.org
Dennis Mohrman, Executive Director
Public transportation accessible.
Services: day camps, use of Y facilities, and family programs.
Documents Needed: Proof of income.

YWCA McLean County
1201 N. Hershey Road, Bloomington, IL 61704
(309)662-0461 Voice
(309) 454-1451 Senior Services
(309) 454-7676 Transportation Services
(309) 662-7826 Child Care
www.ywcamelean.org
Becky Hines, CEO
HOUSING

Bloomington Housing Authority/Congregate Housing Services Program
Subsidized Housing for Moderate and Low-Income Families, Elderly, and Disabled

Jeremy Hayes
Development Director
Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington
104 East Wood Street
Bloomington, Illinois 61701
309-829-3360, ext. 214
jeremyh@bloomingtonha.com

Hours: M–F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm: closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Serves low-income families and physically challenged:
Sunnyside Court, Holton Homes, Evergreen Place, Wood Hill Family Complex
Serves elderly and physically challenged:
John Kane Homes, Wood Hill Towers (Wood Hill accepts ages 55 & over)
Serves low-income and physically challenged:
Irvin North and South, McGraw Apartments, Nierstheimer East and West

Description: The CHSP program provides training and services to 24 adults with developmental disabilities who are determined eligible for Marcfirst services by Marcfirst intake and for CHSP by the Professional Assessment Committee (PAC). Participants of the CHSP program live in the Irvin Apartment buildings. People who live in the Irvin Apartments must be semi-independent and must have achieved a level of independent functioning which is determined by PAC. All participants are required to be involved in activities that take them out of the Irvin buildings for a total of 20 hours a week. Some participants currently have jobs in the community, and Marcfirst, or volunteer. BHA has an Apartment Manager living at the Irvin South Apartments. BHA is also working on getting a caterer to fulfill the meal requirements through the CHSA grant. The meals will be approved by a registered dietician.

Amanda Brooke – Section 8
Serves low-income families, elderly and physically challenged
1402 E. College: Bldg C, Normal, IL. 61761, (309) 454-2322
Hours: M–F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Angler’s Manor – Section 8
Serves elderly and physically challenged
1017 S. Mercer Ave., Bloomington, IL. (309) 663-6527
Hours: M–F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Briarwood II Apartments – Section 8 and Section 42
Serves low to moderate-income families and elderly
100 Northfield Dr., Normal, IL., 61761, (309) 888-9478
Hours: M–F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, first and last Sat., 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Downtowner – Section 8
Serves elderly and physically challenged
109 W. Market, Bloomington, IL. 61701, (309) 829-0669
By appointment; leave message with answering service

East Douglas – Section 42
Serves low income families, elderly, and physically challenged
215 East Douglas, Bloomington, IL. 61701
309-829-1359 Hours: M–F, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fairview Ridge Apartments – Section 8
Serves low-income families, elderly, and physically challenged
711 W. Orlando, Normal, IL. (309) 888-4083
Hours: M–F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lincoln Square – Program 236 and Section 8
Serves moderate-income families, elderly, and physically challenged
1700 N. School St., Normal, IL. 61761, (309) 452-9474
Hours: M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Lincoln Towers – Section 8
Serves elderly and physically challenged
202 S. Roosevelt, Bloomington, IL. 61701, (309) 827-6289
Hours: M–F, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Orlando-Northbrook Estates – Section 8
Serves Low-income families, elderly and physically challenged
710-1 W. Orlando, Normal, IL. 61761, (309) 454-4144
Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Phoenix Towers – Section 8
Serves elderly and physically challenged
202 W. Locust, Bloomington, IL. 61701, (309) 827-0041
Hours: M–F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Turnberry Square –Section 42
304 Turnberry, Normal, IL 61761 309-829-0460
Serves low income, elderly, and physically challenged
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m., weekend-appointment only

DD Homes Network
200 South Chicago
Lincoln, Illinois 62656
Contact: Laura Kelly
Services those with cognitive disabilities.

Patterson House
307 East Jefferson Street
Sullivan, IL 61951
Contact: Laurie Dillman
Services those with cognitive disabilities.

Homes of Hope, Inc.
401 Pine Street #1, Normal, Il 61761
(309) 862-0607 Voice  (309) 452-7131 Fax
homes of hope@aol.com
Description: Residences for adults with disabilities.
Marcfirst – Residential Services
1606 Hunt Drive
Normal, IL 61761
www.marcfirst.org
Contact: Heidi Zimmerman, Associate Director of Intake and HBS
Phone: (309) 451-8888, extension 250

Marcfirst - Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA)
This is an option for individuals with a developmental disability, ages 18 and over, needing 24 hour or intermittent supports depending on a person’s needs. People share a home and have their own bedrooms or live in their own apartments. People receive individualized support in all areas of their life. Services concentrate on developing skills in the areas of economic self-sufficiency, independence, and community integration.

Eligibility: Individuals interested in this program must be 18 years or older, have proof of CILA funding from Central Illinois Service Agency (CISA).
SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL REFERRALS

Most of the child care centers have a limited number of subsidized spaces for low-income families; there may be a waiting list. Please refer to the individual agency’s listing within this directory for program details.

Bloomington Day Care, INC
2708 East Lincoln, Bloomington, IL
661-5600
Director: June Davis
Hours: M-F 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Child Care Resource and Referral Network
Provides referrals to parents in McLean, DeWitt, Ford and Livingston counties.
207 W. Jefferson St., Suite 301, Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 828-1892 or (800) 437-8256  Director: Pam Womack
www.ccrm.com
info@ccrm.com
Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Administers the Department of Human Services child care subsidy program
Working parent with children under age 13
Provides referrals to parents in need of child care in McLean, DeWitt, Ford & Livingston Counties

The Children’s Home and Aid Foundation
403 S. State, Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 827-0374
Crisis Nursery 834-5260 - Safe haven for children, infants through 6 years, who are at risk of abuse/neglect and offers respite and support to families in emergency/crisis circumstances
Scott Early Learning Center 834-5210
For children 6 weeks through 6 yrs of age. Before and after school program through 6th grade is also available. Preschool for all children who are at-risk from birth through age 3.

Heartland Headstart
Director: Debra Ditchen
206 Stillwill, Bloomington 61701
309-662-4880
heartlandheadstart.org
Developmental program for 3 and 4 year old children who come from low income families.
COUNSELING

**ABC Counseling and Family Service**  
705 E. Lincoln Suite 303, Normal, IL.  
Lynn Willard, Executive Director  
(309) 451-9495 Voice  
(309) 451-9404 FAX  
www.acbcounseling.org  
Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Services: Counseling for victims of sexual abuse, services for Youth with Sexually Problematic Behaviors, and Adoption services

**Agape Counseling**  
220 N. Eldorado Rd. Suite A, Bloomington, IL 61701  
Dr. Gino Vaccaro, President  
(309) 663-2229 Bloomington, IL  
(309) 663-2246 Fax number  
Services: Outpatient Pastoral Counseling and Professional Psychological Services

**The Center for Youth and Family Solutions**  
502 Morris Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701  
(309) 820-7616 Morris Ave. Office  
http://cyfsolutions.org/  
Services: Child Abuse Reporting Hotline, Adoption Services, Comprehensive Behavioral Counseling, Family Community Outreach, Crisis Prevention Counseling, Intact Family Intervention, Foster Care, New Day Senior Services, Guardian Angel Residential Program for Youth, Organizational Development Consultation for Non-profit.

**Chestnut Health Systems Counseling and Family Services**  
1003 Martin Luther King Drive, Bloomington, IL 61701  
(309) 820-3500 Voice, Counseling and Family Services  
(309) 820-3501 Voice, Consumer Credit Counseling  
www.chestnut.org  
Peggi Hattaway, Clinical Manager  
Services: Co-Parenting Workshops for Divorced Parents, Family Violence Counseling, Outpatient Mental Health Care for individuals and families, Personal Financial Management Counseling, Support Group for Battered Women, and Substance Abuse Treatment Program for adults and adolescents.

**Collaborative Solutions Institute**  
200 W. Front, Suite 400A, Bloomington, IL 61701  
(309) 828-2860 Voice  
(309) 827-2637 Fax  
www.collaborativesolutions.org  
admin@collaborativesolutions.org  
Cheryl Gaines, MA, LCPC, President/CEO  
Services-Outpatient Mental Health Counseling, Anger Management and Family Violence Counseling
Countering Domestic Violence (CDV)
Mid Central Community Action        Director: Deborah White
1301 W. Washington, Bloomington, IL 61701   (309) 827-7070 Voice/TTY
24-hour Confidential Hotline   (309) 888-5521 State’s Attorney/DVU
(800) 799-7233 Nat’l Domestic Violence Hotline
www.mccainc.org
cdvnev@mccainc.org
The Bilingual Court Advocate provides legal, social, and can serve as an interpreter as needed
Fees: All services are free and confidential
Services: Counseling for Domestic Violence, support groups for adults and children, emergency shelter, and outreach advocacy.

McLean County Center for Human Services, INC
108 W. Market St., Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 827-5351 Voice
(309) 829-2069 Medical Services
(309) 829-6808 Fax
Tom Barr, Executive Director       Fee: Sliding scale
Services: Outpatient Mental Health Care and 24 hour emergency crisis intervention team.

Truth in Love Counseling, LLC
Carrie P. Bussmann, LCPC, EMDR Certified
1100 N. Beech St., Bldg. 13A
Normal, IL 61761
(309)585-0241 (o)
thrinlove415@yahoo.com
www.truthinlove415 vpweb.com
Services: Professional Christian Counseling for Individuals, Couples and Families specializing in addressing Boundaries in personal dynamics especially. Also, Carrie excels dealing with couples struggling to heal after affairs, and providing, individual therapy, EMDR, Pre-Marital Counseling as well as Post-Marital Counseling.

Twin Cities Behavioral Health
403 W. Virginia Ave, Mecherle Hall, Normal, IL 61761     April Brucker, Practice Manager
(309) 451-2910 Voice           (309) 451-2913 Fax www.bromenn.org
Fees: Set fees for services unless otherwise indicated, accepts private insurance
Services: Individual and family Outpatient Mental Health Care for a variety of issues, Pastoral Counseling, Assessment for ADHD and Learning Problems

Project Oz
1105 W. Front St., Bloomington, IL 61701     Peter Rankaitis, Executive Director
(309) 827-0377 Voice           (309) 829-8877
www.projectoz.org     projectoz@projectoz.org
Services: Street and School Outreach for High Risk Youth, Juvenile Diversion Program, Transitional Shelter and Counseling for Homeless Youth, Runaway/Youth Shelters, and Drug Prevention and Education.
All Kids & Family Care
P. O. Box 19122, Springfield, IL 62794-9122
(866) 255-5437 Toll-free
(877) 204-1012 TTY
www.allkidscovered.com
Description: All Kids is complete health insurance for Illinois children.
Eligibility: Health insurance for all children if they live in Illinois; is age 18 or younger; and they meet
the insurance. Access the All Kids program through internet or apply at DHS.
Fee: free or co-pay, depending on family income.

Children’s Health Care Council of McLean County
P.O. Box 3384, Bloomington, Il 61702-3384
(309) 828-1892 Voice
(800) 437-8256 Toll-free
(309) 828-0526 FAX
www.ccrrn.com
info@ccrrn.com
Pam Womack, Contact
Fees: No fees
Description: A non-profit, charitable, and educational organization that primary purpose is to provide
financial assistance for children’s medical bills. Any individual age 18 and under living in McLean
County may apply for assistance in the area of testing, medication, dressing, and professional services
(doctors’ fees included).
Maximum Income Guidelines: Varies bases on family size, income, and need.
Referral Procedures: Contact the Children’s Health Care Council representative at the phone number
listed above or walk-in assistance is available at the Child Care Resource and Referral Network, Illinois
House Building, 207 W. Jefferson #307, Bloomington.

Community Health Care Clinic
902 Franklin Ave, Normal, IL 61761
Shirley Drazewski, Director
(309) 888-5531 Voice
(309) 888-5530 Fax
(309) 888-4653 Medication Refill Line
www.chcchealth.org
Services: Provides primary health care of the medically under-served and/or uninsured residents of
McLean County.
Eligibility: To be eligible for clinic services, a client:
 Must not be eligible for any entitlement programs
 Must have an income level at or less than 185% of the current federal poverty guidelines
 Must be a resident of McLean County
 Must not have Health Insurance
Fees: No set fees. $5.00 donation requested for each medication dispensed.
Referral Procedures: Exams are provided by appointment only. Individuals are asked to pick up an
eligibility application at the clinic. Once returned, the application will be reviewed and the individual will
be contacted for an appointment, if eligible.
**Division of Specialized Care for Children**
Barbara J. Lutz, M.A., CCC-A Care Coordinator
510 Devonshire, Suite A
Champaign, IL 61820
(217) 333-6528 phone
(217) 244-4212 fax
bjlutz@UIC.EDU
http://uic.edu/hsc/dscc/

Description: The Core Program is the major focus of DSCC and offers care coordination and cost-supported diagnosis and treatment for children with chronic health impairments determined eligible for program support. DSCC supports non-investigational treatment recommended by physician specialists, such as therapy, medications, specialized equipment, and supplies. Application forms are available on the Core Program page of our website.

**McLean County Health Department**
Walt Howe, Director
200 W. Front St., Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 888-5450 Main Number
(309) 452-8479 Fax
(309) 888-5060 Animal Control
(309) 888-5482 Environmental Health
(309) 888-5517 Family Case Management/Teen Parent Services
(309) 474-0800 Toll-free for Family Services
(309) 888-5455 Immunization Clinic & Records
(309) 888-5435 STD Clinic/HIV/AIDS Services
(309) 888-5457 WIC
(309) 888-5480 Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)
Dental Clinic 888-5479
www.mcleancountyil.gov/health

Services: AIDS/HIV Prevention Counseling, Anonymous HIV Testing, Sexually Transmitted Disease Treatment, Animal Control, Family Case Management, Teen Parent Program, Childhood Immunizations, Dental Care, Medical Reserve Corps, Eye Glasses Clinic, Health Education, Lead Poisoning Screening, Environmental Health Division, Public Health Nursing, Tuberculosis Control, WIC, Mclean County Prescription Drug Discount Card

Referral Procedures: Call for appointment

**Scott Health Resources Center**
Joe Gibson, Supervisor
Township Center, 607 S. Gridley St., Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 823-4224 Voice
(309) 827-3667 Fax
(309) 829-5115 TTY
www.cityblm.org jgibson@cityblm.org

Services: Dental Referrals, Eye Care Referrals for Public Aid, Medical Equipment and Supplies, Medical Transportation, Prescription Expense Assistance,

Eligibility:
- Household assets must be below $1,000 per person up to a maximum of $2,000 per household (not including house).
- Must be a resident of McLean County (for at least four months).
- Must be 18 years old or older

Maximum Income Guidelines: 185% of poverty level.

Interviews by appointment only; can call or walk-in to request information or schedule an appointment
Department of Human Services (DHS)  Terry Rice, Administrator
501 W. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 451-6000 Voice
(800) 447-4278 Child Support Enforcement Hotline
(309) 862-2830 TTY
(309) 451-6012 Fax
www.dhs.state.il.us
Services: Burial services, Child Support Assistance/Enforcement, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, Link Card/Food Stamps, All Kids and Family Care, and Medicaid.
Referral Procedures: Phone, walk-in, or make an appointment.
EMERGENCY SERVICES

PATH - Providing Access to Help
Karen Zangerle, Executive Director
201 E. Grove St., Bloomington, IL 61701
Dial 211 for Crisis Intervention and/or Agency Referrals
(309) 827-4005 Voice
(309) 828-1022 Business
(800) 570-7284 Toll-free
(309) 827-7485 Fax
www.pathcrisis.org
swilliams@pathcrisis.org
Fees:  No fee
Referral Procedures:  By phone or appointment
Services: 24 hour Crisis, Information & Referral Service, Elder Abuse Program, Outreach for Homeless, Caregiver Counseling support and networking, Geriatric Counseling, Information and Referral, Money Management for Older Adults, Warm Neighbors Utility Assistance, Path Directory and Seminars.

Salvation Army, Bloomington Corps
Paul and DJ James, Commanding Officers
611 West Washington, Blm, 61701
(309) 829-9476 Voice
(309) 829-8997 FAX
www.usc.salvationarmy.org
Services: Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter and Social Service Center, Food Pantries, Holiday Programs, Homeless Drop in Center, Transitional Housing, Grooming Supplies, Utility Assistance, Nicor Gas Assistance Program, and Rent Payment Assistance.

Home Sweet Home Ministries, Billy Shelter Center   Mary Ann Pullin, CEO
303 E. Oakland Ave, Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 828-7356 Voice
(309) 828-1530 Mission Mart
(309) 827-6415
Fax  www.hshministries.org
hshinfo@hshministries.org
Services: Homeless Shelter, Threshold Program, Mission Mart, Food Pantry

Community Action, Mid Central
John Burrill, Executive Director
Patricia Hohulin, Program Manager
1301 W. Washington, Bloomington, Il 61701
(309) 829-0691 Main Office
(309) 828-8811 Fax
(309) 827-7070 CDV Hotline
(309) 827-2967 Mayor’s Manor
Mayor’s Manor, 504 W. Washington, Bloomington, Il 61701
www.mccainc.org   mcca@mccainc.org
Fees:  No fees    Referral Procedures:  Phone or walk-in for appointment
Services: Automotive Repairs, Credit Repair, Countering Domestic Violence Shelter, Foreclosure Assistance, Affordable Housing Development, Mayor’s Manor-Homeless Permanent Supportive Housing, Rent Payment Assistance,
City of Bloomington Township, Office of General Assistance
Joe Gibson, Supervisor
607 S. Gridley St, Bloomington, Il  61701
(309) 828-2356 Voice
(309) 827-3667 Fax
jgibson@cityblm.org

Documents Needed: Documentation of residence, income, assets, photo ID, and other pertinent data will be requested to determine eligibility for general and emergency assistance
Services: General Assistance, Emergency Assistance, Rent Payment Assistance, Utility Assistance
INCOME SUPPORT

**Social Security Administration**
Elaine Popejoy, Supervisor
207 N. Williamsburg Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 662-1836 Voice
(800) 772-1213 Toll-free
(309) 662-9194 TTY
(800) 325-0778 TDD Toll-free
(309) 662-6893 FAX
(800) 663-4227 Toll-free Medicare Hotline
www.socialsecurity.gov

Description: A federal income maintenance program with supplemental state funds administered by the Social Security Administration that provides basic financial assistance in the form of monthly checks for people.

Eligibility: Supplemental Security Income eligibility is based on financial need as well as being age 65, blind or disabled.

**Department of Human Services (DHS)**
501 W. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61702
(309) 451-6000 Voice
Refer to information under “Health” category
TRANSPORTATION

First Transit
(877) 725-0569 Voice, must have DHS Medical Card to use this service.
(630) 873-1449 TTY
(630) 873-1450 FAX
www.netspap.com
Eligibility: Medicaid and All kids recipients.
Description: DHS’ Medical Assistance (Medicaid) will pay for rides to and from non-emergency medical care appointments for individuals who have a current medical card, if the ride is approved by First Transit.
Referral Procedures: The DHS participant, medical provider, or transportation provider may call to receive prior approval for single trips, but requests for standing orders must be made in writing to First Transit and can only be made by the medical provider. Medical providers may fax the standing order requests to First Transit (number above)

Scott Health Resources Center
Joe Gibson, Director
Township Center, 607 S. Gridley Street, Bloomington, Il 61701
(309) 823-4224 Voice
(309) 827-3667 FAX
(309) 829-5115 TTY
www.cityblm.org jgibson@cityblm.org
Description:
1) Transportation of Cancer Patients – Volunteer drivers use agency minivan to transport cancer patients to and from treatments within Bloomington-Normal
2) Maternal/Child Health Transport Project – Transportation to medical care for sick children and to prenatal and WIC appointments for pregnant women in Bloomington-Normal when they lack a safe, reliable source of transportation. The minivan and all car seats have been donated and all drivers are volunteers. Ridges are provided when volunteers are available.
Fees: None

CONNECT TRANSIT (BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM)
351 Wylie Dr.
Normal, IL 61761
General Services Information: 309-828-9833
Connect Late-Night (Formerly Nite Ride) 309-438-7433
Connect Mobility (Formerly Special Services) Information: 828-7511 (door to door)
www.b-npts.com

SHOW BUS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
Ford, Livingston & McLean County (door to door)
1-800-525-2454
Description: Offer rural public transportation by reservation.

YWCA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (door to door)
905 N. Main Normal, IL 61761
309-454-7676
www.ywcamclean.org
Description: Medivan-provides affordable door to door transportation to and from doctor appointments and/or returning home from hospital stays. Fee: $25.00 –Medicaid also accepted.
Wheels to Work Description: Transportation provided to and from work on Sundays when B-NPTS buses do not operate. Reservations required. Fee: $1.00 per one way trip.
What is PUNS and how is it used?

- PUNS (Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services) is a statewide database that records information about individuals with developmental disabilities who are potentially in need of services.
- The State uses the data to select individuals for services as funding becomes available, to develop proposals and materials for budgeting, and to plan for future needs.

Who can enroll in PUNS and why is it important?

- Children (as of the age of 3), teens, and adults who demonstrate a developmental disability or a related condition in the form of Cerebral Palsy, Autism or Epilepsy who are potentially in need of services upon exit from school. All funding for individuals who meet this description and are in need of services MUST be selected from the PUNS to receive funding.
- Please Note: There is no funding available for individuals to access a vocational setting once a student graduates from special education unless they are enrolled on PUNS and wait their turn for selection. If an individual is selected from PUNS prior to graduating from special education CISA would suggest that they take a look at accepting funding for Children’s Home Based Services as doing so will allow for a vocational setting once they graduate from school.

Possible services include:

- In-home supports (either family home or own apartment) to help you live more independently.
- Respite care to provide temporary relief to your caregiver.
- Training Programs to teach you life and work skills.
- Job coaches to help you succeed in the workplace.
- Residential living arrangements (group homes) ranging from four beds to eight beds.
- Adaptive equipment to make you more independent.
FAMILY RESOURCES

**Autism Program of Illinois**
928 South Spring Street, Springfield, IL 62704-2725
(217) 525-8332 Voice
(217) 789-1420 FAX
www.theautismprogram.org
theautismprogram@thehopeinstitute.us
Georgia Winson, M.S., LCPC, Director of Operations
Description: The Autism Program is a network of services and supports for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families. The Autism program’s three centers and two affiliates (one is located at Illinois State University) offer unique services and supports in each region of Illinois. All of the services and supports model best practice standards for diagnosis, treatment and support for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ADC), based on current leading research and expert consensus.
The Autism Program’s web site has a wealth of information developed and designed to offer resources related to Autism Spectrum Disorders (ADS) in the form of research, training, special events, trips and techniques and other information intended for use and application by families affected by autism and professionals in the field.

**Autism Society of McLean County**
David Warner, Executive Director
2404 E. Empire, Suite, 231, Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 661-9440 Voice
www.autismmclean.org
d.warners@autismmclean.org
Description: The purpose of this organization is to promote the general welfare of children and adults with autism and to provide support for their families; to support the education, vocational training and recreation of those with autism and to aid in the collection and dissemination of information.

**Autism Support Group – The Baby Fold**
108 East Willow, Normal, IL 61761
(309) 452-7219 Voice
www.thebabyfold.org
vsmeltzer@thebabyfold.org
Kathy Case, Contact
Fees: None
Description: Parent support and education on various aspects of autism and its impact on families. Time is allowed for general concerns and questions. The group is open to friends and professionals, as well.

**Easter Seals**
Erin Rogers, Vice President, Program Services
2404 E. Empire, Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 663-8275 Voice
(309) 662-7872 FAX
www.ci.easterseals.com
Referral Procedures: Phone
Description: P.L.A.Y. (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) Project – Provides individualized interventions for young children (ages 18 months – 6 years) with autistic spectrum disorders. Children with ASD, and their families, receive interventions that are time intensive, integrated with school and other therapies, developmental, individualized, and relations-oriented.
Autistic Spectrum Disorder Early Diagnosis Clinic – ASD Clinic is a 2-day process that includes a play-based assessment, speech and language evaluation, neurodevelopmental examination, and psychological/behavioral assessment.
Counseling, In-Home Respite, Orthotics clinic, Sensory Integration Therapy, Assistive Technology clinics, and pediatric therapeutic services. Free screening of all developmental areas for children from birth to 3 years of age.

1) Program services are provided to families on a sliding fee scale. Easter Seals can bill private insurance, DSCC, IDHS or early intervention/CBO.
2) The PLAY Project and In-Home Respite programs have sliding fee scales and scholarship options to qualifying families.
3) No one is denied services due to inability to pay.

Marcfirst – SPICE Services for Parent Infant and Child Education – Pediatric Therapy
1606 Hunt Drive
Normal, IL 61761
www.marcfirst.org

SPICE Contact: Christy Kosharek
SPICE Phone: (309) 452-0069, extension 203
E-mail: ChristyKosharek@marcfirst.org

Description: Services for Parent, Infant, and Child Education (SPICE) is a Marcfirst program which provides pediatric therapy services for families with children from birth through age 14, who have developmental disabilities or delays or who are at risk for delays due to environmental or medical concerns. SPICE provides Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy (land-based, aquatics, and HIPPO), Developmental Therapy, social work support with behaviors and counseling, Early Intervention play groups, and free developmental screenings.

Marcfirst - Transition Program

Leanne Downey
Associate Director of Transition
Marcfirst
1606 Hunt Dr.
Normal, IL 61761
Phone: (309) 451-8888 ext 265
E-mail: Leannedowney@marcfirst.org

Description: The Transition Program will provide assistance with accessing and applying for government programs, filling out paperwork, and ensuring the students gain experiences in high school that will assist him or her in adulthood. Students/families may request tours of adult services available at Marcfirst in order to become familiar with opportunities after they graduate. Staff is also available to attend students’ IEP meetings. The Transition Program offers Transition Club for students, ages 16-22. Transition Club provides experiences and information on transition in a community setting in the areas of life skills, self-advocacy, general health and wellness, and volunteerism. The Transition program also offers a spring break program, referred to as STAR, and a 6-week School to Work summer program. Both of these programs offer students the opportunity to learn bus routes, job shadow and prepare for life after high school.
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HOME BASED SERVICES
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Rod Pierce Rod.Pierce@illinois.gov
Dianne Peterson dianne.peterson@illinois.gov
Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
207 S. Prospect
Bloomington, IL 61704
(309) 662-1347 Voice  (309) 662-7219 FAX

Description: Home services are provided for adults with diseases/disabilities to avoid nursing home placement.

Psychological Services Center
Brenda Huber, PhD, ABDD, Director
Campus Box 4625, Normal, Il 61790-4625
(309) 438-5629 Voice
(309) 438-7476 FAX
http://psychology.illinoisstate.edu/psc psc@ilstu.edu
Public transportation accessible  Hours: M – F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Area Served: Central Illinois