

Linkages for Families



PUNS Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services

- Waiting list for services
- Register through Community Alternatives Unlimited
- Once registered call each year to reconfirm
- Website: <http://www.cau.org/contact-us.php>
- To check your spot on the waiting list email name, address, DOB, & ISC: Community Alternatives Unlimited to: DHS.DDD.PUNS@illinois.gov

Administrative Offices

8765 West Higgins Road, Suite 300
Chicago, Illinois 60631

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Program Services and Crisis

Support Coordination

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✉ E: info-referral@cau.org

Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

- Employment services such as finding a job, interviewing, communicating with manager, job coaching
- Services begin approximately 3 months before exiting the program
- Students who are independently employed will be monitored by DRS staff while still in school
- Students are referred to DRS through their Case Manager

Contact: Becky Dusek (District 214)

Transition Specialist

Ph: 847-463-8456

rdusek@nsseo.org

Arlington Heights DRS Adult Office

715 West Algonquin Road, Suite A

Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Phone: (847) 758-3483

Clearbrook Transition Outreach

- Help and information on guardianship options, applying for SSI, applying for Medicaid, Special Needs Trust referrals, ABLE account information
- Information about services available through DHS/DDD Medicaid Waiver
- Website: <https://www.clearbrook.org/transitionservices/>

Contact: Michelle Schwartz, 847-385-5354, mschwartz@clearbrook.org

Medicaid

- Eligible for Adult Medicaid at age 19, if receiving SSI
- Medicaid is required to receive Medicaid Waiver Services-- when selected from PUNS list
- SSI is not required, but is easier to be approved for Medicaid, if already receiving SSI
- Website to Apply: <https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/accessController?id=0.8998781101527131>

Harper College

Career Skills Institute

College program at Harper for students with Intellectual Disabilities

Website: <https://ce.harpercollege.edu/public/category/programArea.do?method=load&selectedProgramAreaId=29609>

TAP - Transition Autism Program at Harper College

College program designed to meet the specific needs of students on the Autism Spectrum as they transition from high school to college.

Website: <https://www.harpercollege.edu/services/ads/tap.php>

Contact: projecttap@harpercollege.edu

Parent Resources

PERC-Parent Education Resource Center

Website: <https://www.nsseo.org/community/parent-education-resource-center-perc/>

The Arc of Illinois--Resource for Information, Advocacy, and Training

- <https://www.thearcofil.org/about-us/programs/ligas-family-advocate-program/>

Center for Independent Futures

Assists individuals who are interested in independent living who may need a little assistance. No PUNs funding needed. Based in Evanston but work with individuals in our area.

Website: <https://independentfutures.com>

Transportation

RTA: <https://www.rtachicago.org/rider-resources>

Elk Grove Township: <https://elkgrovetownship.com/transportation-assistance-provided-by-elk-grove-township-for-seniors-and-disabled/>

Wheeling Township: <http://www.wheelingtownship.com/Senior-Disability-Services>

Reduced Fare: <https://www.rtachicago.org/rider-resources/rta-fare-programs/reduced-fare-permits>

Day Program, Employment & Residential Resources

Planning Assessment - *Can be used to start a conversation with your young adult about their future living options*

The Arc Build your future plan: <https://futureplanning.thearc.org/landing>

Local Options in the Area:

- [Misericordia](#) - Residential
- [Little City](#) - Residential, Employment & Day Program
- [Heart's Place](#) - Residential
- [Lutheran Social Services of Illinois](#) - Residential, Day Program
- [Lambs Farm](#) - Residential & Employment
- [Glenkirk](#) - Residential, Employment & Day Program
- [About Search Inc](#) - Residential, Employment & Day Program
- [Clearbrook](#) - Employment, Residential, Day Program, Transition Planning
 - [Pursuit](#) - Day Program
- [AID-Association for Individual Development](#) - Creative Housing Options, Employment & Residential