

Disability Related Resources for Springfield, Illinois

Educational Center for the Visually Impaired

3240 Hedley Road, Suite C

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(217) 303-9062

Provide free quality education, training and resources so people with visual impairments are able to live safe, independent and fulfilling lives.

Access Springfield

SMTD

928 S. Ninth St.

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 522-6087 (Information)

(217) 522-8594 (Reservations)

www.smtd.org/displayPage.asp?pID=17

Mon-Fri: 6:15am-Midnight

Sat: 6:15am-6pm

Closed Sunday and major holidays

Paratransit services in Springfield are provided by the SMTD-Springfield Mass Transit District.

Springfield Center for Independent Living

330 South Grand Ave. W. (Cross St.: Pasfield)

(217) 523-2587 V/TTY, (800) 841-6167 V/TTY

(800) 447-4221

Mon-Fri: 8:30am-5:00pm

www.scil.org

Founded in 1985, SCIL is an advocacy organization serving people with disabilities of all types in Menard, Logan, Sangamon, Christian and Montgomery counties. Core services include Information and Referral, Independent Living Skills Training, Peer Counseling and Advocacy (Individual and Systemic). Except for sign language classes, services are free.

Department of Human Services

100 South Grand Ave. E. (Cross St.: 1st St.)
(217) 557-1601, (217) 557-2134 TTY
DHS Helpline: (800) 843-6154, (800) 447-6404 TTY
www.dhs.state.il.us

Mon-Fr. 8:30am-5:00pm

State agency offering a wide variety of disability and rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities of any type. Website has links to useful resources in the state and nationwide.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program

1020 S. Spring St.
(217) 522-7985 V, (217) 522-9966 TTY
(800) 852-5110 V/TTY, IL only
www.iltech.org

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm

IATP is a statewide, not-for-profit organization that provides information and assistance regarding assistive technologies and accessibility. In addition to a loan program, IATP has a demonstration center with hundreds of devices for visitors to try out. A list of assistive devices that can be borrowed is available online. IATP's newest program is the Homeownership Coalition which helps persons with disabilities to purchase, modify and maintain their own homes.

Equip for Equality

235 S. Fifth Street (Cross St.: E. Monroe)
(217) 544-0464
(800) 758-0464, (800) 610-2779 TTY
www.equipforequality.org

Non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the civil rights of persons with disabilities in Illinois. It is the only state-wide, cross-disability organization providing self-advocacy assistance, legal services, and disability rights education while also engaging in public policy and legislative advocacy.

Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center

(800) 426-0709

www.mitbc.org

Mon-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm

Part of a statewide and national network of libraries, this sub-regional library serves persons in central Illinois who are unable to read regular print because of low vision, blindness or a physical disability. They have books and magazines on tape as well as playback equipment. Books and magazines are mailed free to and from library patrons. Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm.

Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC)

1630 S. Sixth St. (Cross St.: E. Cedar)

(217) 557-4495 V/TTY

(877) 455-3323 V/TTY

www.idhhc.state.il.us

Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm

This state agency works to assure equality, respect, accessibility and independence for all individuals with a hearing loss. Among other services, they offer an online directory or sign language interpreters.

Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC)

3001 Montvale Dr., Ste. D (Cross St.: Wabash Ave.)

(800) 841-6167, (800) 841-1055 TTY

www.itactty.org

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm

ITAC provides equipment to qualified persons who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability, enabling them to use the telephone. ITAC also provides the relay service in Illinois.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

115 N. Neil St. #100

Champaign, IL 61820

(217) 351-1853

www.mda.org

Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-5:00pm

Provides diagnostic clinics, therapy, equipment funding, support, research, summer camps and health care for people of all ages with muscular dystrophy or ALS. The office in Champaign, headed by executive director Amber Lannert, serves the Springfield area as well. Contact her by email at: ALannert@mdausa.org

Sparc

232 N. Bruns Lane (Cross St.: W. Washington)

(217) 793-2100

www.spfldsparc.org

Mon.-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm

Sparc helps people with developmental disabilities improve the quality of their lives.

Sparc programs include 24-hour residential support, developmental training, supported living, respite, supported employment, family support, summer camp and the Epilepsy Resource Center.

City of Springfield's ADA Compliance Coordinator

Office of Community Relations

1450 Groth Street, (Cross St.: South Grand E.)

(217) 789-2270, (217) 789-2269 TTY

www.springfield.il.us

Days/Hours Available

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the City of Springfield are invited to contact the ADA Compliance Coordinator.

City of Springfield's Office of Public Works

231 S. Sixth Street, 3rd Floor (Cross St.: E. Monroe)

(217) 789-2255

www.springfield.il.us

Days/Hours Available

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Help with public ramps, sidewalks, street crossings.

The Autism Program of Illinois

5220 S. Sixth St. Rd. (Cross St.: Southwind Rd.)

(217) 525-8332

www.theautismprogram.org

Mon.-Fri 8:00am-4:00pm

TAP is the largest statewide network in the nation for diagnosis, treatment and resources for Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland

3100 Montvale Dr. (Cross St.: Wabash Ave.)

(217) 787-9234, (800) 252-2918

www.aginglinc.org

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:00pm

A planning and service agency designated by the Illinois Department on Aging to develop programs and support services for persons 60 years and older and family caregivers. The agency's purpose is to help older adults live and age well. Funded services include routine health screenings, transportation, delivered meals, information and assistance, in-home respite, caregiver counseling, legal assistance, long term care ombudsman, and medication management.

Illinois Department on Aging

Senior HelpLine: (800) 252-8966, 888-206-1327 TTY

www.state.il.us/aging

Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm

This state agency helps older citizens live independently in their own homes and communities. Information on aging services and free publications are available online or by calling the toll-free Senior Helpline. The website also has a Directory of Agencies Serving Seniors.

Independent Living Through Technology

300 S. Second Street

(217) 785-0022

www.iltech.org

IATP provides free information and assistance on assistive technology and other related disability and aging topics.

Senior Services of Central Illinois

701 W. Mason St. (Cross St.: W. Madison)

(217) 528-4035

www.ssoci.org

Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-5:00pm

Offers programs that enable seniors to stay in their own homes for as long as possible. Programs include information & assistance, senior healthcare assistance, money management, prevention of elder abuse and neglect, crime victim/witness assistance, mid-day meal program and senior transport. The organization also runs the Springfield

Senior Center at the above address where participants can join in a wide variety of daily activities, eat lunch and also sign up for offsite group travel.

Alzheimer's Association—Greater Illinois Chapter

2921 Greenbriar Dr., Ste C (Cross St.: S. Veterans Pkwy.)
(217) 726-5184
24/7 Helpline: (800) 272-3900
www.alz.org/illinois/
24 hours a day 7 days a week

Hope

15 East Hazel Dell Lane
(217) 585-5437
www.hope.us
Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-2:30pm
Established in 1957 as a groundbreaking concept for children with developmental disabilities, Hope Learning Academy in Springfield has evolved into a center combining excellent teaching, state-of-the-art technology and a specially designed facility to allow students with autism and developmental disabilities to achieve their maximum potential.

Vet Center

2980 Baker Drive
(217) 492-4955
www.vetcenter.va.gov/
Vet Centers are community-based counseling centers that provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional readjustment counseling to eligible Veterans, active duty service members, including National Guard and Reserve components, and their families.

Human Rights Authority

491 S. Spring St.
(217) 785-1540
<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/gac/HRA/Pages/default.aspx>
The Human Rights Authority exists to conduct investigations of complaints of violations of the rights of persons with disabilities. Based on early models of a singular regional grassroots program, the Human Rights Authority serves as a statewide framework providing direction and standards for a largely volunteer effort.

IDHS-Child and Family Connections

2833 South Grand East
(217) 535-3100

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=12&OfficeType=4&County>

Early intervention for young children with developmental delays.

IDHS-Office of Rehabilitation Services

535 W. Jefferson
(217) 782-4830

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=29736>

DHS's Division of Rehabilitation Services is the state's lead agency serving individuals with disabilities. DRS works in partnership with people with disabilities and their families to assist them in making informed choices to achieve full community participation through employment, education, and independent living opportunities.

Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities

1-800-226-0768

Illinois WorkNet Center

1300 S. 9th St.
(217) 524-5996

<https://worknet20.org/>

Job search assistance, job development, specialized adaptive training and skills assessment.