

MCLEAN COUNTY UNIT 5 SCHOOLS



TRANSITION PLANNING

Community Resource Guide

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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.
11. Complete an IEP Transition Plan & develop post-secondary Goals.
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.
9. Explore case management regarding residential programs/waiting lists.
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.
14. Explore SSI and medical benefits.
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

Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

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

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.

Regional Office of Education 17 (ROE)

Heidi Murray, Transition Specialist
905 N. Main Street
Normal, IL 61605
(309) 888-5120x232
www.roe17.org
hmurray@roe17.org

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

TSs serves as the coordinating liaison between DHS/DRS and the schools. They facilitate the student's transition from school to work. TSs work closely with school personnel, adult service providers, local Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) staff, and customers/families. TS teams help plan for and provide rehabilitation services through cooperative development of the special education Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and the DHS/DRS Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE).

Bridgeway

310 Wylie Drive Suite 464, Normal, IL 61761
(309)368-6656
Suzanne Hawkins, Coordinator of Community Employment
suzanneh@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
www.marcfirst.org
Contacts: Michael Predmore, Director of Development Training and Employment Services
 Bevin Cowie, Associate Director of Supported Employment
Phone: (309) 451-8888, extension 248 or 291
E-mail: Michaelpredmore@marcfirst.org or Bevincowie@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) – Supported Employment Program

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Debbie Stanger, QMRP, Vocational Case Manager
United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln
618 S. Eldorado Suite 2
Bloomington, IL 61704
309-585-0629
309-585-0640 (Fax)
www.ucpll.org
lehlers@ucpll.org
dstanger@ucpll.org

Description: UCP Land of Lincoln offers vocational skills training for those interested in developing work skills. Training focuses on specific job skills as well as those skills needed to find and keep a job. The Vocational Skills Training Program components include tutoring on basic education skills leading to graduation, job shadowing, job skills training, summer employment opportunities, leadership skills, mentoring, and counseling. Career exploration and postsecondary education guidance is given to individuals so that they have the right tools to help them excel in their careers

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

Central Illinois Service Access, Inc. (CISA)

Central IL Service Access, Inc.

101 Madigan Drive

Lincoln, IL 62656

Mary McGlauchien

marymc@cisagroup.org

www.cisagroup.org

Office: 217-732-4731, extension 113

CISA is the eligibility, screening, and funding source for individuals/families that are seeking a supported living arrangement situation or a Development Training Program. ***Must re-apply annually.***

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.ilstu.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)

masnell@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

(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 II 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.

DIVISION I 16 Core Courses		DIVISION II 14 Core Courses		DIVISION II 16 Core Courses (2013 and After)	
4	years of English.	3	years of English.	3	years of English.
3	years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher).	2	years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher).	2	years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher).
2	years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by school).	2	years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by school).	2	years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by school).
1	year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.	2	year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.	3	year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
2	years of social science.	2	years of social science.	2	years of social science.
4	years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative	3	years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative	4	years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative

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

smithlt@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.jobscorps.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, Director of Development Training and Employment Services

Rebecca Ostler, Associate Director of Developmental Training

Phone: (309) 451-8888, extension 248 or 239

E-mail: Michaelpredmore@marcfirst.org or RebeccaOstler@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) – Developmental Training (DT) Program

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618 S. Eldorado Suite 2
Bloomington, IL 61704
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309-585-0640 (Fax)
www.ucpll.org
lehlers@ucpll.org

Description: Programming is Monday-Friday and support is provided for adults with all types of disabilities; in activities of daily living, helping individuals reach goals; as set forth in an Individual Service Plan, opportunities for integration in tier community and curriculum based training. As the Day Training is located in the same office as Vocational Training; the Day Training clients also have access to Case Managers and our computer lab to truly have full assistance in all aspects of finding a fulfilling career placement.

YouthBuild 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

Contact: Kristi Greenfield, Friendsfirst program coordinator

Phone: (309) 451-8888, extension 224

E-mail: Kristigreenfield@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 \$15.00 and program fee of \$5.00 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 Receptions 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

boys.andgirlsclub@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.ywcamclean.org

Becky Hines, CEO

HOUSING

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

104 East Wood Street

Bloomington, IL 61761

Carmen Hamilton

CHSP Service Coordinator

Housing Authority of the City of Bloomington

CarmenH@bloomingtonha.com

(309)829-3360 ext. 208

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
homesofhope@aol.com
Description: Residences for adults with disabilities.

Marcfirst - HOUSING

1606 Hunt Drive

Normal, IL 61761

www.marcfirst.org

Phone: (309) 451-8888, extension 250 (intake line)

Marcfirst - Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA)

This is an option for individuals with a developmental disability, ages 18 and over, needing 24 hour support with activities of daily living. One to eight people share a home with individual bed rooms and communal living areas. Residents 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. Depending on a person's needs, support ranges from 24 hour to intermittent supports.

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.ccrn.com

info@ccrn.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.abcounseling.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

Catholic Charities

603 N. Center St., Bloomington, IL 61701

(309) 829-6307 Center St., Office

(309) 820-7616 Morris Ave. Office

(800) 345-9049 SASS Program

www.ccdop.org

Services: SASS (Screening Assessment/Support Services), Youth Intervention Program, Family Counseling – Outpatient Mental Health Care, Family Solutions and Family First – Family Preservation Program, Pregnancy Counseling, and Adoption Services

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.

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.

HEALTH

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.ccrn.com

info@ccrn.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

Patrica 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

Maximum Income Guidelines: In accordance with adopted State of Illinois guidelines for townships.

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.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS SERVICE ACCESS (CISA)

Central IL Service Access, Inc.

101 Madigan Drive

Lincoln, IL 62656

www.cisagroup.org

Office: 217-732-4731

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.autismclean.org

d.warner@autismclean.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@theybabyfold.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 –Services for Parent Infant and Child Education (SPICE) & Transition Program

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

Transition Program Contact: Emily Kull, Associate Director of Transition

Transition Program Phone: (309) 451-8888, extension 265

E-mail: EmilyKull@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.

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 the agency. Staff is also available to attend students' IEP meetings. The Transition Program offers Transition Club/Venture Crew for students, ages 16-22. Transition Club/Venture Crew 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 individuals involved will also have the opportunity to take leadership roles in planning activities for the group. 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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