

Directory of Social Service Providers for Diverse Populations

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Community Social Services

African American Community Empowerment Program

c/o American Friends Service Committee

637 s. Dearborn

Chicago, Il 60605

(312) 427-2533

Fax: (312) 427-4171

Web site: www.afsc.org/pdesc/pd163.htm

The program trains African American college students as mentors for middle and high school youth who are identified by school officials as "at-risk." The program's mentors serve youth in schools in Chicago, Champaign, and Bloomington.

American Indian Center

1630 W. Wilson

Chicago, IL 60640

(773) 275-5871

Fax: (773) 275-5874

E-mail: aic@aic-chicago.org

Web site: www.aic-chicago.org

Serves the Native American community. Sponsors social services, emergency food and clothing distribution, programs for students, training, and referrals.

Arab American Action Network

3148 W. 63rd Street

Chicago, Il 60629

(773) 436-6060

Fax: (773) 436-6460

Web site: www.aaan.org

Provides social services to American Arab community.

Arab Community Center

3146 W. 63rd Street

Chicago, Il 60629

(773) 434-7575

(773) 436-6060

Assyrian American Association

1618 W. Devon

Chicago, Il 60660

(773) 338-3922

Ethnic organization; works in social, educational and cultural areas.

Assyrian National Council Of Illinois

2450 W. Peterson

Chicago, Il 60659

(773) 262-5589

Fax: (773) 262-0828

Provides social services to immigrants and refugees; offers classes in Assyrian and citizenship, information on job placement, community care and CEDA; presents educational programs for the community.

Cambodian Association Of Illinois

2831 W. Lawrence

Chicago, Il 60625

(773) 878-7090

Fax: (773) 878-5299

E-mail: cai@cambodian-association.org

Web site: www.cambodian-association.org

Provides social services to Cambodian newcomers; offers programs/information on employment, translation, citizenship. Programs for all ages.

CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy)

3510 S. Michigan

Chicago, Il 60653

Information: (312) 744-5820

A partnership of police officers, other city employees, and community residents, all working together to reduce crime and build safer neighborhoods. Activities include beat meetings, District Advisory Committees, Court Advocacy, block clubs and Neighborhood watches.

Casa Aztlan

1831 S. Racine

Chicago, Il 60608

(773) 666-5508

Nonprofit group providing free community services in Pilsen area; literacy programs, arts and culture, youth services etc.

Casa Central

1401 N. California

Chicago, Il 60622

(773) 782-8705

Social service agency for Chicago's Hispanic community; programs for children, families and the elderly; counseling for Spanish-speaking women.

Catholic Charities

126 N. Des Plaines

Chicago, Il 60661

(312) 655-7000

Web site: www.catholiccharities.net

Umbrella organization which serves people of all ethnic and religious backgrounds. Offers information and makes referrals to other programs and community resources. Services include a refugee settlement program; schooling and counseling for pregnant girls; adoption; addiction

prevention; shelter for the homeless; a Latin American youth center; legal services to the poor and help for the elderly.

Centers For New Horizons

4150 S. Martin Luther King Drive
Chicago, Il 60653
(773) 373-5700
Fax: (773) 373-0063
Web site: www.cnh.org

Centers for New Horizons is a "network of human and community development programs serving over 100 families daily in the Greater Grand Boulevard community on Chicago's South Side." Its mission is to develop the capacities of families to become more self reliant to improve the quality of their lives and to participate in the revitalization of the community.

Chicago Alliance For Neighborhood Safety

220 S. State, #1600
Chicago, Il 60604
(312) 461-0444
Fax: (312) 461-0488

E-mail: chicagocans@earthlink.net

Nonprofit crime prevention coalition made up of community organizations from across the city. Provides training, technical assistance, research and education to community organizations to help them create safer, friendlier neighborhoods.

Chicago Committee On Korean-American Affairs

C/O Yoomi Jeong
5860 N. Lincoln, #201
Chicago, Il 60659
(773) 878-0366

Nonprofit community-based group; provides educational programs, cultural activities and services to people of Korean heritage.

Chicago Commons

3645 W. Chicago
Chicago, Il 60651
(773) 638-5600
E-mail: info@chicagocommons.org
Web site: www.chicagocommons.org

Helps low-income Chicagoans attain self-sufficiency through a variety of programs offered at 12 sites across the city and includes early childhood education, emergency services, counseling, family literacy, ESL, GED, welfare-to-work, job training, senior adult care, and child welfare services.

Chinese American Service League

C/O Bernarda Wong
310 W. 24th Pl.

Chicago, IL 60616

(312) 791-0418

Fax: (312) 791-0509

E-mail: ghou@casoservice.org

Helps new Chinese immigrants, provides family counseling, day care program, job referral/placement, youth center, services to the elderly, etc.

Christopher House

2507 N. Greenview

Chicago, IL 60614

(773) 472-1083

Fax: (773) 472-5716

E-mail: geninfo@christopherhouse.org

Web site: www.christopherhouse.org

Helps individuals, families and groups achieve and maintain self-sufficiency and growth through 39 programs, including child care, senior citizen activities, gang intervention, recreation, tutoring, teen parent support, and economic development.

Ethiopian Community Association Of Chicago

4750 N. Sheridan Road, #249

Chicago, IL 60640

(773) 728-0303

Fax: (773) 728-0571

Serves socioeconomic and psychological needs of Ethiopians in Chicago area; acts as a cultural bridge between Ethiopian culture and mainstream American society; offer programs for youth and children and tutoring; sponsors annual walkathon for famine relief in Ethiopia.

Ezra

1 S. Franklin Street

Chicago, IL 60606

(800) 248-1818

Provides service programs for economically disadvantaged such as hotline, community education, job placement and advocacy, day care.

Greek American Community Services

3940 N. Pulaski Road

Chicago, IL 60641

(312) 545-0303

Social services, cultural and community activities for senior citizens; adult day care. Volunteers welcome.

Illinois Association Of Nonprofit Organizations

C/O Ellen Dick

8 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 3000

Chicago, IL 60603

Fridays only: (708) 386-9385

(312) 236-9673

Fax: (708) 386-0462

Largest and oldest statewide organization for the nonprofit community; provides education, information, advocacy and technical assistance; sponsors a Jobline for nonprofit jobs and a Hotline for information; also publishes the Illinois Nonprofit Chronicle and Memo to Members.

ILLINOIS CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION

C/O DEBBIE BRETAG

220 S. STATE STREET, SUITE 1215

CHICAGO, IL 60604

(312) 986-9200

Fax: (312) 922-2277

E-mail: icpv@aol.com

Website: <http://www.violence-prevention.com>

Educates about violence prevention; distributes the guidebook Peacing It Together for classroom instruction; sponsors Youth Peace, a community and youth violence prevention initiative.

Illinois Coalition For Immigrant And Refugee Protection

36 S. Wabash, Suite 1425

Chicago, IL 60603

(312) 332-7360

Fax: (312) 332-7044

E-mail: info@icirr.org

Provides resources and services for immigrants and refugees; also supports the Suburban Immigrant Task Force, which links 20+ suburban educational and social services groups.

Korean American Community Services

C/O Mr. Inchul Choi

4300 N. California

Chicago, IL 60618

(773) 583-5501

Fax: (773) 673-0567

Service agency for uprooted and disadvantaged Koreans and others

Latino Youth

2200 S. Marshall Boulevard

Chicago, IL 60623

(773) 277-0400

Fax: (773) 277-0401

Sponsors alternative high school, adult education, job placement and social services to high-risk youth and their families in Pilsen and Little Village communities.

Lao American Community Services

C/O Pe Manivong

4750 N. Sheridan Road, Suite 369

Chicago, IL 60640

(773) 271-0004

Fax: (773) 271-1682

Provides services for refugees and immigrants from Laos. Programs for youth and elderly.

Logan Square Neighborhood Association

3321 W. Wrightwood

Chicago, IL 60647

(773) 384-4370

(773) 384-0624

Emphasis on crime prevention, education, employment and housing issues; seeks to represent the whole community: Hispanics, Anglos and all others.

Mayor Daley's Graffiti Blasters

City Hall

Room 1111

121 N. La Salle Street

Chicago, IL 60602

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Anti-graffiti program sponsored by the City of Chicago. Building owners can request this service. Block clubs, community agencies, business groups, and others are encouraged to help circulate permission forms needed in order to authorize the City to enter the property and remove the graffiti. "Give Graffiti the Brush" provides free paint to block clubs and other community agencies for covering graffiti on wood.

Mexican Community Committee

2939 E. 91st Street

Chicago, IL 60617

(312) 978-6441

Fax: (773) 978-0209

Community service organization.

Northwest Austin Council

C/O John Malden

5730 W. Division

Chicago, IL 60651

(312) 379-7822

Fax: (312) 379-8845

E-mail: nacpower@earthlink.net

Goal is to empower community residents into leadership for the well-being of their community and themselves; focus is on community issues.

Northwest Neighborhood Federation

3443 N. Central

Chicago, IL 60634

(773) 545-9300

Fax: (773) 545-9966

Community and educational organizing. Anti-gang, crime, drugs, capital improvement.

Polish American Association

3834 N. Cicero

Chicago, Il 60641

(773) 282-8206

Fax: (773) 282-1324

E-mail: paa@polish.org

Web site: www.polish.org

Social service group offers family and job counseling, help to immigrants and refugees, homeless, battered women. Offer ESL classes, etc.

Rainbow House

20 E. Jackson

Chicago, Il 60604

(312) 935-3430

Fax (312) 935-5071

Rainbow House is a comprehensive social service agency which provides food, shelter, clothing, individual and group counseling, court, medical and financial advocacy.

Ruiz Belvis Cultural Center

1632 N. Milwaukee Avenue

Chicago, Il 60647

(312) 235-3988

Fax: (312) 235-8080

Since its founding in 1971, the Center seeks to serve the artistic and educational needs of Chicago's Puerto Rican Community. It offers adult literacy classes, cultural celebrations, and arts programming and tutoring for youth.

Saint Augustine's Center For American Indians

C/O Arleen Williams

4512 N. Sheridan Road

Chicago, Il 60640

(312) 784-1050

Serves the Native American community. Provide food, clothing and emergency cash.

Shalva

C/O Eileen Tarnoff

610 W. Highland, #53

Chicago, Il 60660

(773) 583-4673

(Fax) (773) 205-0002

SHALVA provides comprehensive services to meet the general and unique needs of Jewish families suffering from domestic abuse. SHALVA also prevents future abuse through broad

community education and advocacy. (312) 235-2895

Southeast Asia Center
1124-1134 W. Ainslie
Chicago, Il 60640
(773) 989-6927
(fax) (773) 989-4871

Helps Asian immigrants better cope with American life; education, job training and counseling programs.

Vietnamese Association Of Illinois

C/O Ha Nguyen/Tuyet Le
5252 N. Broadway, 2nd Floor
Chicago, Il 60640
(312) 728-3700
(FAX) (312)728-0497
E-Mail: vietassn@aol.com

Provides social services to Vietnamese Americans. Publishes monthly newsletter, Ban Tin.

Women's Counseling Center

Uptown Hull House
4520 N. Beacon Street
Chicago, Il 60640
(773) 561-3500
(FAX) (773) 561-3507

Provides free individual or group counseling to women and children who are victims of domestic violence; crisis assistance; referral to shelters; Spanish-speaking counselor; court advocates for domestic violence cases.

Counseling Services

Adult Children Of Alcoholics

P. O. Box 463
Hinsdale, Il 60521
(708) 748-2144
E-mail: edwacoa@ameritech.net
Web site: www.acoa-chicagoland.com

Self-help support group; intergroup provides information about meeting locations throughout the Chicago area.

Aids Pastoral Care Network

4753 N. Broadway, #800
Chicago, Il 60640
(773) 334-5333
Fax: (773) 334-3293
E-mail: apcnego@aol.com

Web site: www.apcn.org/home3.htm

Interfaith pastoral services, support groups, bereavement support, religious services for people with AIDS, families, friends; workshops; volunteer training.

Alcoholics Anonymous

200 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 501

Chicago, IL 60601

(312) 346-1475

E-mail: caso@chicagoaa.org

Web site: www.chicagoaa.org

Self-help group of people for recovery from alcoholism and achievement of sobriety.

Alliance For The Mentally Ill - Greater Chicago

1536 W. Chicago Ave

Chicago, IL 60622

(312) 563-0445

Fax: (312) 563-0467

Supports families and friends of the mentally ill; gives information on resources and professional help.

Asian Human Services

4753 N. Broadway, Suite 700

Chicago, IL 60640

(773) 728-2235

Moves beyond boundaries by reaching disadvantaged minorities with a variety of multilingual programs and services. As Chicago's only pan-Asian direct service agency, it serves thousands of clients each year from a variety of ethnic communities. Programs include mental health counseling, job counseling and placement, advocacy, community education, legal services, services for people with disabilities.

Centro De Informacion Y Progreso

62 S. Grove

Elgin, IL 60120

(847) 695-9050

Fax: (847) 931-7991

Assists Hispanics and others through bilingual counseling, advocacy and education.

Chicago Divorce Association

300 Park Boulevard, Suite 325

Itasca, IL 60143

(630) 860-2100

Nonprofit support group offers educational counseling and attorney referral for individuals before, during and after divorce.

Comprehensive Korean Self-Help Community Center

4934 N. Pulaski

Chicago, IL 60630
(773) 545-8349
(773) 545-8348
Fax: (773) 545-7754

Provides information, education, and counseling to the Korean community; medical and legal help. Sponsors lectures and maintains a guest bureau.

Depressive And Manic-Depressive Association Of Metropolitan Chicago

6666 N. Western
Chicago, IL 60645
(773) 465-3280

Self-help group for people affected by depression and mood disorders; local chapter of National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association.

Father's Support Group

C/O Jeffery Leving
19 S. LaSalle, Suite 450
Chicago, IL 60603
(312) 807-3990
Fax: (312) 807-4782

Support group for divorced and single parents.

Gamblers Anonymous

P.O. Box 3233
Chicago, IL 60690
(312) 346-1588

Self-help group for people who gamble compulsively.

Mental Health Association Of Greater Chicago

104 S. Michigan Avenue, #910
Chicago, IL 60603-5901
(312) 781-7780

Nonprofit membership group helps people via education and information about mental health issues.

Narcotics Anonymous

212 S. Marion Street
Oak Park, IL 60302
(708) 848-2211
E-mail: cso@chicagona.org
Web site: www.chicagona.org

Twelve step group for recovering narcotics addicts, meet regularly to help members stay clean.

National Association Of Anorexia Nervosa And Associated Disorders (Anad)

P.O. Box 7
Highland Park, IL 60035

(847) 831-3438
Fax: (847) 433-4632
E-mail: anad20@aol.com
Web site: www.anad.org
Provides counseling, referrals, support groups, and hotline.

National Depressive And Manic Depressive Association

730 N. Franklin Street, #501
Chicago, Il 6061
(312) 642-0049
(800) 826-8632
Fax: (312) 642-7243
Web site: www.ndmda.org
Provides support and service to people and their families with clinical depression and manic-depression.

New Beginnings

C/O St. Hubert Church
729 Grand Canyon Street
Hoffman Estates, Il 60194
(847) 885-7700
24 hour info line: (312) 661-2940
Inter-denominational support organization for the separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried; meets every Monday at 7:45 p.m. except holidays; regular speakers, trips, dances, parties, concerts etc.; monthly calendar available at each meeting.

Overeaters Anonymous

C/O Turning Point Intergroup
P. O. Box 25262 Chicago, Il 60625
(708) 346-0000
Self-help group with many Chicago area Chapters. Call information line for meeting locations and times.

Recovery Inc.

802 N. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Il 60610
(312) 337-5661
Fax: (312) 337-7556
Nonprofit self-help group for people with emotional problems, nervous symptoms and fears; many groups meet in the Chicago area; no required fee.

Saint Augustine's Center

Bo-Sho-Nee-Gee Drop In Center
C/O Deanne Martin
4420 N. Broadway
Chicago, Il 60640

(312) 878-1066

Serves the Native American community. Offers an Alcohol Program.

Thresholds North

C/O Dr. Jerry Dincin

2700 N. Lakeview

Chicago, IL 60614

(773) 281-3800

(Fax) (773) 281-8790

Provides education and support for families of individuals with mental illness; works in case management; other areas include advocacy for residential housing, skills training and sustaining care programs.

Domestic Violence

Chicago Abused Women Coalition

P.O. Box 477916

Chicago, IL 60647-7916

24 Hour Hotline: (773) 278-4566

TTY: (773) 278-4114

Office: (773) 278-4110 (OFFICE)

Fax: (773) 278-2616

E-mail: cawcadmin@mindspring.com

Web site: www.cawc.org

Provides emergency shelter, donated food and clothing; advocacy, counseling and referrals to abused women and their children.

Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network

C/O Jennifer Welch

220 S. State Street

Chicago, IL 60604

(312) 360-1924

TTY: (312) 360-1928

Fax: (312) 360-1927

Web site: www.batteredwomensnetwork.org

Coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to improving the lives of battered women and their children, by providing a forum for information exchange, education and collaborative efforts. This mission is achieved by public awareness, advocacy, professional training and policy development.

Family Rescue

P.O. Box 17528

Chicago, IL 60617

(773) 375-1918

(773) 375-8400

Fax: (773) 734-1245
Nonprofit organization helps abused women and children.

Friends Of Battered Women And Their Children

P. O. Box 608548
Chicago, Il 60660
(773) 274-5232
Crisis Line: (800) 603-HELP
Fax: (773) 262-2543

Provides comprehensive support and referral programs for women and children affected by domestic violence, as well as prevention education programs for teens, health care providers, and the community at large.

Mujeres Latinas En Accion

1823 W. 17th Street
Chicago, Il 60608
(312) 226-1544
Fax: (312) 226-2720
Domestic Violence Crisis Line: (312) 738-5358

Counseling and court advocacy for Spanish-speaking women; parent support groups; domestic violence victim group; Latina leadership programs; sexual assault counseling; youth-at-risk programs; after school programs; can provide interpreters.

Project: Protect

C/O Susan Murphy-Milano
P.O. Box 31124
Chicago, Il 60631
(800) 380-4888
(312) 269-0120

Organization helps women deal with domestic violence and stalking, offers life saving strategies, and provides overall safety instruction in getting out of dangerous relationships.

Quetzal Center

C/O Andrea Smith
5691 N. Ridge
Chicago, Il 60660
(773) 506-2323
Fax: (773) 275-3243

Provide services to survivors of sexual abuse.

Rape Victim Advocates

343 S. Dearborn, #1110
Chicago, Il 60604
(312) 663-6303
Fax: (312) 663-6302
TTY: (312) 935-3401

Web site: www.rapevictimadvocates.org

Volunteer advocacy group for victims of sexual assault; women of color encouraged to help.

Southwest Women Working Together

C/O Laura Myers/Nanette Kirby

4051 W. 63rd Street

Chicago, IL 60629

(773) 582-0550

(FAX) (773) 582-9669

E-Mail: swwt@megsinet.net

Web Site: "<http://www.swwt.org>"><http://www.swwt.org>

Women's employment and training program; counseling for victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse; housing and advocacy program; community organizing.

YWCA

YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago,

Web Site: <http://www.ywcachicago.org/pr013101.htm>

312/372-6600

Josephine Ruiz, counselor, ext. 273

Kelly Kolb, YWCA Communications, ext. 238

YWCA responds to Lincoln Park, Old Town rapes

Women concerned about sexual assaults of women in the Lincoln Park and Old Town neighborhoods can call the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago's Women Services office at 312/372-6600 to learn how they can reduce their risks of being raped.

Financial Services

Chicago Jobs Council

29 E. Madison, # 1700

Chicago, IL 60602

(312) 252-0460

Fax: (312) 252-0099

Web site: www.cjc.net

Advocacy for welfare-to-work and workforce development policies benefiting people in poverty.

Debtors Anonymous

P.O. Box 4982

Chicago, IL 60680-4982

(773) 274-3328

Web site: www.debtorsanonymous

Fellowship of men and women who share their experiences and work toward recovery from compulsive debt. Members must have the desire to stop incurring debt. No dues. Provides information on groups for families of debtors and business owners in debt.

Job Readiness/Job Resource Center

C/O Evangelist A. Bynam

206a. W. 95th Street
Chicago, Il 60628
(312) 674-3451/52
(312) 674-3454

Job readiness workshops, job interview preparation, job referrals.

Jobs For Youth Chicago

50 E. Washington Street, 4th Floor
Chicago, Il 60602-2100
(312) 782-2086
Fax: (312) 782-3874

Helps young adults from low-income families enter the economic mainstream; provides employers with pre-screened, motivated entry-level workers.

Pan American Council

C/O Iris Lozier
4233 N. Hermitage
Chicago, Il 60613-1130
(773) 248-1789
(773) 463-3996

Hispanic/Inter-American educational group. College level scholarships given on basis of need and qualifications.

Reach

P. O. Box 8399
Rolling Meadows , Il 60008
(847) 491-5611
Fax: (847) 491-3660

Web site: www.reach-chicago.org

Resources for the Education of Adults in the Chicago Area is a nonprofit association of universities, colleges, lending institutions and businesses;this network of approximately 55 providers can refer students to appropriate programs and institutions. The organization offers five \$1000 scholarships each year to assist adults in achieving their educational goals.

Spanish Coalition For Jobs

C/O Kathleen S. Petefish
2011 W. Pershing Road
Chicago, Il 60609
(312) 247-0707
(Fax) (773) 247-3924

Job placement services for low-income people; job training programs in office occupations and electromechanical training; all programs are free of charge for those who qualify.

United Negro College Fund-Chicago Office

C/O Morris Honore
819 S. Wabash, #202

Chicago, IL 60605

(312) 913-6300

(FAX) (312) 913-6312

Raises funds, provides program services, and offers technical assistance to support its member colleges and their students. It is the nation's oldest and most successful minority, higher education support organization.

Health Services

African American Aids Network

3120 W. Lexington

Chicago, IL 60612

(312) 786-2226

Fax: (312) 786-2245

Preventative education work on AIDS; serves as clearinghouse on AIDS related services and treatments.

Aids Foundation Of Chicago

411 S. Wells, Suite 300

Chicago, IL 60607

(312) 922-2322

Fax: (312) 922-2916

Web site: www.aidschicago.org

Funds and supports community-based services for people with AIDS and HIV infection; education, lobbying and advocacy; information and referral for providers of AIDS-related services.

American Indian Health Service Of Chicago, Inc.

838 W. Irving Park Road

Chicago, IL 60613

(773) 883-9100

Fax: (773) 883-0005

E-mail: ahealthser@aol.com

Providing medical, dental, and mental health care to Native Americans living in and around the metropolitan Chicago area

Asian American Aids Services

C/O Clarita Santos

4750 N. Sheridan Road, #429

Chicago, IL 60640

(773) 989-7220

Fax: (773) 989-7769

Provides direct services to Asian Pacific Americans who are HIV positive or AIDS diagnosed. AIDS prevention education. Provides HIV/AIDS information in Asian languages.

Jewish Aids Network Chicago (JANC)

C/O Jean Graubart Uahc

555 Skokie Blvd, #225

Northbrook, Il 60062

(773) 761-9100 x308

Offers comprehensive services directly or via referral for Jewish people with HIV/AIDS, their families, and loved ones. "JANC brings together existing resources adding sensitivity for Jewish values, religious and spiritual needs."

Midwest Hispanic Aids Coalition

P.O. Box 470859

Chicago, Il 60647

(773) 772-8195

Fax: (773) 772-8484

Nonprofit group coordinates HIV/AIDS education and prevention among Hispanics in Midwest states.

Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization

<http://www.y-me.org/>

Housing Services**Chicago Coalition For The Homeless**

1325 S. Wabash

Chicago, Il 60605

(312) 435-4548

Fax: (312) 435-0198

Web site: www.chicagohomeless.org

Provides advocacy and public education on problems of homeless Chicagoans; works to improve services to meet their needs.

Chicago Co-Housing Network

C/O Hal Mead

2205 Maple C-1

Evanston, Il 60201

(847) 869-8493

E-mail: h-mead@nwu.edu

Web site: www.chicagocohousing.net

Cohousing is a new type of housing that fosters community on a small scale with common areas that are designed for daily interaction and use such as sharing meals and child care.

Community Emergency Shelter Organization

1313 S. Wabash

Chicago, Il 60605

(312) 913-2040

Homeless Helpline: (312) 563-1600

Fax: (312) 913-2053

E-mail: ceso@ais.net

Web site: www.cl.ais.net/ceso/Index.html

CESO sponsors Homeless Helpline, a donation and volunteer referral service for organizations serving homeless persons; also gives presentations to community groups and technical assistance to providers of homeless services. Publishes Hand Up newsletter; volunteers work in direct services and in fundraising.

Deborah's Place

2822 W. Jackson

Chicago, IL 60612

(773) 722-5080

Fax: (773) 722-5081

Web site: www.deborahsplace.org

Provides homeless women with food, shelter and support.

Eleanor Women's Foundation

445 N. Wells

Chicago, IL 60610

(312) 410-9857

Fax: (312) 664-8062

Oversees Eleanor Clubs which provide housing for Chicago women from around the nation and the world who are making a new start in their lives. Central Eleanor Club sponsors classes, entertainment and community projects.

Habitat For Humanity International-Midwest

1920 S. Laflin

Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 243-6448

(800) 643-7845

Fax: (312) 243-9632

Web site: www.habitat.org

Support center office for Habitat for Humanity International affiliates in the Midwest. HFHI is a nonprofit ecumenical Christian housing ministry which seeks to eliminate poverty housing by building and remodeling homes at no interest or profit with people in need

Hilda's Place

C/O Center For Public Ministry

607 Lake Street

Evanston, IL 60200

(847) 475-7070

Fax: (847) 864-6558

Shelter for homeless adults. Provides adult emergency and transitional shelter.

Interfaith Council For The Homeless

C/O John Hobbs

100 S. Morgan

Chicago, Il 60607-2619

(312) 421-1152

Fax: (312) 421-1324

E-mail: infaith@sprynet.com

Works with homeless shelters citywide; provides education and advocacy. Offers mental health and chemical dependency treatment.

Interfaith Housing Development Corporation

100 S. Morgan

Chicago, Il 60607

(312) 850-9184

Fax: (312) 850-1210

Nonprofit organization helps social service providers with technical assistance and other support needed to create stable, long-term housing for homeless people; sponsors Interfaith House and other housing centers.

Neighborhood Housing Services Of Chicago

C/O Mary Fran Riley

747 N. May Street

Chicago, Il 60622

(312) 738-2227

Web site: www.nhschicago.org

Neighborhood revitalization group; partnership of residents, banks, insurance companies and government agencies promoting reinvestment, loan assistance, financial counseling etc.

Public Action To Deliver Shelter (PADS)

Southwest Chicago Pads

P.O. Box 29453

Chicago, Il 60629-0453

(773) 737-7070

Fax: (773) 737-2873

PADS is an ecumenical effort to provide emergency shelter and food for the homeless of the Southwest Chicago area. Sites open from Oct. 1 through April 30. Meals, showers and other auxiliary services available.

REST (Residents For Emergency Shelter)

941 W. Lawrence Avenue

Chicago, Il 60640

(773) 784-0909

Fax: (773) 784-1087

E-mail: info@restweb.org

Web site: www.restweb.org

Provides shelter and meals on a temporary basis for the homeless. Social services include an intermediate housing program.

Sarah's Circle

4750 N. Sheridan Road, #220

Chicago, Il 60640-8061

(773) 728-1991 (FAX)

(Fax) (773) 728-0992

Drop-in center in Uptown for homeless and transient women, many of whom are mentally ill or substance abusers.

Spanish Coalition For Housing

C/O Ofelia Navarro

4035 W. North Avenue, 1st Floor

Chicago, Il 60647

(773) 342-7575

(Fax) (773) 342-8528

Provides counseling to homeowners having problems making mortgage payments; helps low-income housing consumers avoid rent delinquencies and educates them about buying homes. Nonprofit group certified by H.U.D.

Statewide Housing Action Coalition

202 S. State Street, #1414

Chicago, Il 60604

(312) 939-6074

(Fax) (312)939-6822

Coalition of community groups, agencies and low-income housing residents working to empower public and subsidized housing residents and increase the quantity and quality of low-income housing.

Legal Assistance

Aids Legal Council Of Chicago

188 W. Randolph

Chicago, Il 60601

(312) 427-8990

Fax: (312) 427-8419

E-mail: info@aidslegal.com

Web site: www.aidslegal.com

Provides a range of legal services to people affected by AIDS; sponsors conferences, etc.

Operates an outreach office at Cook County Hospital.

American Civil Liberties Union Of Illinois

180 N. Michigan

Chicago, Il 60601

(312) 201-9740

(800) 572-1092

Web site: www.aclu-il.org

Defends constitutional rights of Americans and works to prevent government infringement upon rights; volunteers welcome.

Center For Conflict Resolution

11 E. Adams, Suite 500

Chicago, IL 60603

(312) 922-6464

Fax: (312) 922-6463

TTY Relay: (800) 654-5984

E-mail: ccr@ccrchicago.org

Nonprofit mediation service established by the Chicago Bar Association; offers the public conflict resolution mediation services, for example in landlord-tenant disputes or disputes with neighbors.; provides training in mediation skills; also provides services for local and state agencies.

Chicago Lawyers Committee For Civil Rights Under Law

100 N. LaSalle, Suite 600

Chicago, IL 60602

(312) 630-9744

Fax: (312) 630-1127

E-mail: info@clccrul.org

Web site: www.clccrul.org

Public service legal group; works to mobilize legal profession in aid of community groups fighting discrimination, inequality and poverty.

Lambda Legal Defense And Education Fund

Midwest Regional Office

11 E. Adams, #1608

Chicago, IL 60603

(312) 663-4413

Fax: (312) 663-4307

Committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men and people with HIV/AIDS through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

Legal Services Center For Immigrants

C/O Lisa Palumbo

111 W. Jackson, 3rd Floor

Chicago, IL 60608

(312) 341-0255

Fax: (312) 341-1041

Legal assistance for immigrants; works with clients on deportation, exclusion proceedings, visas and legalization services.

Macarthur Justice Center

University Of Chicago Law School

1111 E. 60th Street

Chicago, Il 60637

(773) 753-4405

Fax: (773) 702-0771

E-mail: snyder@uchicago.edu

Web site: <http://macarthur.uchicago.edu>

Nonprofit public interest law firm, founded in 1985 to fight for human rights and social justice through litigation. The center concentrates on cases that raise constitutional or significant issues in the field of criminal justice.

Rainbow Push Coalition

930 E. 50th Street

Chicago, Il 60615-2799

(773) 373-3366

Fax: (773) 373-3571

Web site: www.rainbowpush.org

Human and civil rights group; focuses on economic parity and set-asides between corporate America and those excluded historically; also promotes voter registration and education.