

designed to meet the health care needs of low income individuals and families in suburban Cook County. To qualify, applicants must meet income requirement of 200% of poverty or lower, be ineligible to receive Medicaid or Medicare, and not have insurance through any other carrier. Persons with disabilities who are receiving Social Security or awaiting a letter of award, but not receiving Medicare or Medicaid, are eligible to apply. Oak Park Township can submit applications only for clients of General Assistance or other programs at the Township. All other residents of Oak Park may apply at the Oak Park Health Department at 708-358-5480. If you are not a resident of Oak Park, you should contact your local township for assistance.

Contact: General Assistance

Address: 105 S. Oak Park Avenue
Phone: (708) 383-8005

Fee/Donation: None to apply

Necessary Documentation: Proof of income and residence.



TELEPHONE REASSURANCE

Daily computer initiated phone call by the Oak Park Police Dept. to check on well-being of homebound/isolated residents.

Contact: Township Senior Services

Address: 418 S. Oak Park Avenue

Contact Phone: (708) 383-8060

Fee/Donation: None

Necessary Documentation: Fill out application.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING POOL

A variety of used medical equipment which has been donated to the Township can be borrowed. Typical items available include canes, wheelchairs, walkers, and shower chairs. Call for inventory.

Contact: Township Administration

Address: 105 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-8005

Fee/Donation: None

Necessary Documentation: None.

Community Services

FOOD PANTRY

All low income persons may receive food monthly. The Food Pantry is open:

- Saturday from 9am until noon,
- first Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm
- second and forth Wednesday from 3:30pm until 5:00pm.

Contact: First United Church of Oak Park

Address: 848 Lake St,—enter thru rear door

Phone: (708) 386-1324

Necessary Documentation: photo id showing an address in the pantry's service area.



Youth Services

PROGRAMS

Township Youth Services requires all agencies that it funds are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Many programs provide opportunities for special education and mainstreamed youth to work together on projects and interact socially.

Contact: Township Youth Services

Address: 105 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 445-2727

Fee/Donation: None

Necessary Documentation: None.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Township Youth Services provides 6 - 10 scholarships per year for youth to attend programs sponsored by West Suburban

Special Recreation Association (WSSRA).

Contact: Township Youth Services

Address: 105 S. Oak Park Avenue

Contact Phone: (708) 445-2727

Fee/Donation: None

Necessary Documentation: Agency referral.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Disabled persons may register to vote in person at the Oak Park Township office at 105 S. Oak Park Avenue. Upon request, the Township Clerk will make arrangements for in-home voter registration.

Contact: Township Clerk

Address: 105 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-8005

Fee/Donation: None

Necessary Documentation: Two pieces of identification; one showing current address.

Mental Health Services

MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Community Mental Health Board (CMHB) of Oak Park Township website, *Network of Care for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities*, assists individuals and families to find services. It provides:

1. A directory of resources in and near Oak Park and River Forest
2. Linkages to information about specific disorders, pending legislation, support and advocacy
3. Articles concerning mental health, substance use disorders/addictions and developmental disabilities.

Web address:

www.cmhb.networkofcare.org.

Services Available to Citizens with Disabilities



ADMINISTERED BY:



OAK PARK TOWNSHIP

105 SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE

OAK PARK, IL 60302

(708)383-8005

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Transportation Services

OAK PARK TOWNSHIP

SENIOR SERVICES TRANSPORTATION
Seniors age 60 and over and persons with disabilities who are residents of Oak Park or River Forest can arrange curb-to-curb rides for any purpose in the two communities, Monday through Friday. Reservations are accepted daily from 8:30am to 2:00pm, but must be made 24 hours in advanced of a requested pick-up or drop-off time between 9:00am and 3:00pm. All buses are fully accessible. Twenty-four hour advanced registration is required. (Brochures available)

Contact: Senior Services Transportation

Address: 418 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-4806

Fee/Donation: \$1.00 suggested per one way ride



Necessary Documentation: RTA Reduced Fare Card or Disability Award Letter from Social Security to prove disability.

DISABLED PARKING CARDS

Residents of Oak Park with a temporary disability may apply for a temporary placard valid for 90 days. Persons with a permanent disability must apply for the permanent placard through the Secretary of State. Applications for both temporary and permanent placards are available at the main Township office reception desk.

Contact: Township Administration

Address: 105 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-8005

Fee/Donation: None

Necessary Documentation: Completed Oak Park Township application signed by the applicant and the authorizing physician.



RTA REDUCED FARE CARDS

RTA reduced fare cards allow eligible individuals to ride public transportation systems for half price. Oak Park Township serves as a processing center for the RTA Reduced Fare Card applications for seniors 65 years and older and people with disabilities.

Contact: Township Administration

Address: 105 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-8005

Fee/Donation: \$3.50 fee for photo

Necessary Documentation: State I.D., driver's license, or passport for identification.

Persons receiving Social Security or SSI benefits must present their most recent award letter indicating "disabled individual" or "DI."

If disabled individual does not receive Social Security benefits, a physician must complete the RTA form and attach a statement on professional letterhead or prescription form stating the nature of the disability.



TAXI CAB COUPONS

Taxi cab coupon books are available to residents age 65 and older and to persons with disabilities. Coupons are redeemable only with Village and Blue Cab taxi companies for use within Oak Park.

Contact: Township Administration

Address: 105 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-8005

Fee/Donation: \$6.00 for a book valued at \$10.00

Necessary Documentation: Residents with disabilities must present proof of disability such as the RTA Reduced Fare Card. See Receptionist/ Information Secretary to register.



Financial Assistance

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

General Assistance is a locally administered welfare program that provides financial assistance to Oak Park residents who are not eligible for other state and federal aid programs, and who have no income or assets. Interim Assistance provides financial assistance to persons with disabilities while they are in process of applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Contact: Township General Assistance

Address: 105 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-8005

Fee/Donation: None to apply

Necessary Documentation: Proof of residency and income.



CIRCUIT BREAKER ASSISTANCE

Applications, information, and assistance provided on annual property tax/rent rebate and pharmacy benefits for seniors 65 or older and persons with disabilities over the age of 16 who meet financial eligibility requirements.

Contact: Township Senior Services

Address: 418 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-8060

Fee/Donation: None

Necessary Documentation: Social Security award letter or Circuit Breaker form completed by physician to prove disability. Proof of income and housing costs (rent/taxes).



LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSIST PROGRAM (LIHEAP) AND GAS SHARING

The LIHEAP program helps pay a set portion of heating or electric utility bills on a one-time yearly basis for income eligible applicants (150% of poverty). Households in which at least one person is 60 years or older or disabled are given priority processing. Generally, the application process for this program begins September 1st each year. Gas Sharing eligibility is 200% of poverty and pays a portion of gas bill.

Contact: Township Senior Services

Address: 418 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-8060

Fee/Donation: None

Necessary Documentation for LIHEAP: Social security card for each household member 15 years or older, proof of income for the last 30 days, most recent electric/gas bill, and proof of rent paid for previous month. For Gas Sharing: Proof of 200% or less of poverty income.



Health & Wellness

HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Home Delivered Meals are for homebound residents age 60 and older, and assessed by a case manager to determine eligibility. Meals are delivered each weekday around lunchtime. (If under 60, call the Township for a vendor referral.)

Contact: Township Senior Services

Address: 418 S. Oak Park Avenue

Phone: (708) 383-8060

Fee/Donation: About \$8-\$17/wk, sliding scale
Necessary Documentation: Income



ACCESS TO CARE

Oak Park Township is a registration site for the Access to Care program, which is