Oak Park Developmental Disabilities Consortium

Resource Directory

Services and Supports for Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Community Mental Health Board
of Oak Park Township

Comprehensive | Community-based | Accessible
The providers in this directory span a wide range of quality services, while meeting these criteria:

- Cost effective
- Responsive to evolving community needs
- Easily accessible
- Successfully meet the requirements of systematic evaluations

We strongly encourage you to explore each service provider by reviewing their websites, following them on social media, and reaching out to their contacts for a tour.

To learn more about the Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township, visit www.cmhb.networkofcare.org.

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Who We Are.

The Community Mental Health Board (CMHB) of Oak Park Township was created in 1973 through the passage of a township referendum which created a taxing body to serve as the Local Mental Health Authority (708 Board). The CMHB’s authority is defined in Illinois statute 405ILCS 20/, and is charged with planning, developing, coordinating, evaluating, and funding services for persons with mental illnesses, alcohol or other drug dependence disorders, and developmental disabilities.

Mission:

The purpose of the Community Mental Health Board (CMHB) is to:

- enhance the mental health and developmental potential of Oak Park residents
- establish an appropriate continuum of community support service
- manage local resources in a fiscally responsible manner

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Each year, Aspire serves over 1,000 kids and adults with disabilities, and their families. Aspire envisions a community where people of all abilities live, learn and grow together!

• Aspire Kids provides nurturing, family-centered support to kids with disabilities from birth to 18 years of age. In addition, Aspire Kids is a national leader in inclusion solutions for schools and community and recreational organizations.

• Aspire Living offers exceptional and exceptionally unique independent and community living opportunities as well as skill building for adults with disabilities ages 18+, helping to achieve greater levels of independence.

• Aspire Careers offers career training and development opportunities for adults with disabilities ages 18+. Aspire helps individuals develop a career path that is driven by strengths and interests, while also helping individuals experience the independence and pride that accompanies gainful employment. Aspire works with numerous business partners to promote inclusion in the workplace.

• Aspire CoffeeWorks is a partnership between Aspire and Metropolis Coffee Company. Adults with disabilities on the Aspire CoffeeWorks team work side-by-side with Metropolis employees to roast and ship coffee to consumers, retailers and office buildings around the country. It’s a one-of-a-kind partnership and 100% of proceeds go back to Aspire to support kids and adults with disabilities. Learn more at AspireCoffeeWorks.com.
The CSS Mission
Community Support Services (CSS) initiates, provides and promotes services for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families within their communities, in order to strengthen their independence, self-esteem, and ability to participate in and contribute to community life.

Who We Serve
CSS serves individuals with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities who exhibit a broad range of behaviors from mild to severe. Typical diagnoses of our participants include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, and Down syndrome.

How Our Services Help

One of Illinois’ Largest Respite Providers
As one of the largest Respite providers in Illinois, our families consistently tell us that our services improve the quality of life for their son or daughter. Respite also provides a much needed break for parents and care-givers.

Fostering Independence
In addition to Respite, our Adult & Residential Services help participants live independently in the community, including six CSS Group Residential Homes.

Recognizing Everyone’s Abilities
Our Customized Employment services are designed for adults who are interested in working or volunteering in the community, and our Family Support Center in Cicero provides dedicated bi-lingual, bi-cultural community resources.

Programming for the Entire Community
A unique offering is CSS Academy Programs which provide continuous learning opportunities during the day, evening or weekend classes in the areas of life skills, arts, vocational skills, recreation and technology. This is especially geared toward adults aged 18+ who have graduated from high school but are seeking ways to continue to learn and be connected to the community.

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Since 1956, Oak-Leyden has provided quality programs and support services to people with developmental disabilities.

Our Children's Services Program regularly receives 100% by the Department of Human Services’ Early Intervention Monitoring team. CARF International awarded us a three-year, gold level accreditation - the highest attainable level - for our adult day and residential programs.

Through our Early Intervention Program, children with developmental delays or disabilities get a head start in learning, making social connections, and building life skills. Our Community Living and Lifelong Learning Programs offer adults social, recreational, and vocational opportunities, residential care, and access to uniquely qualified healthcare providers.

### Services Offered:

#### For newborns through age five:
- A multidisciplinary, team-based individual and/or group approach to early intervention
- Therapy services for children from three to five years of age through private pay agreement
- A community-based Music Together® program

#### For adults over age 21:
- State-licensed Lifelong Learning day programs in newly renovated facilities in Oak Park and Elmwood Park
- A multidisciplinary clinic
- 12 Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) group homes throughout the western suburbs
- Job placement and supported employment opportunities
- In-home guidance and support for those living independently through Intermittent Community Integrated Living Arrangements (ICILA)
Opportunity Knocks

Opportunity Knocks provides a variety of services and programs for young people who have developmental disabilities in the Oak Park, Forest Park and River Forest communities so they may pursue their educational, occupational and social interests.

Services Offered:

• **Morning Opps** was launched in 2012, providing activities for the students in OPRF’s TEAM (Transitional Education with Access to the Mainstream) program. At Morning Opps, OK offers their brand of programming to TEAM students on late arrival Wednesdays throughout the school year when the OPRF faculty and staff participate in professional development training.

• **After Opps** is an after school/after work program that offers social and recreational activities. Opportunity Knocks holds 4 After Opps program seasons with two sessions per season. Opportunity Knocks aims to stimulate the interest of various leisurely activities, participation within the community, and the continued engagement of these activities outside of programs.

• **The Life Shop** is an alternative day program serving 10 adult (22+) participants. The Life Shop offers two full days per week of programming with a focus on health and wellness, life skills, vocational skills, and community integration.

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At the core, our mission represents values and goals of the programs and services we provide.

PACTT strives to build a web of natural and agency supports around our participants, affording them the opportunity to learn new skills, build on existing skills and reach full potential through meaningful learning, home, work and recreational opportunities. PACTT’s School and Transition Programs serve children and adolescents in Rogers Park, providing education to students from over 13 school districts across the state. PACTT Vocational Services is a job training and placement service that matches adults with severe autism to jobs that meet their individual strengths and interests. We believe that community integration involves everyday immersion that allows our adults to fully participate at will.

Services for children ages 3-21:
- Therapeutic Elementary & High School (Rogers Park)
- Residential Group Homes (Oak Park & Elmwood Park)
- Transition Program (Rogers Park)

Services for adults:
- Vocational Training (Oak Park & Rogers Park)
- Job Placement (Oak Park & Rogers Park)
- Residential Group Homes (Oak Park & Rogers Park)
Seguin RCA

The mission of Seguin RCA is to provide advocacy services to persons with developmental disabilities and their families, promote community awareness and to support programs that will enhance a positive quality of life for this population.

Services Offered:

- Advocacy assistance for families at no charge
- Summer residential camp for adults 18 and over
- Respite weekend camps for adults 18 and over
- Free art classes
- Summer bowling program
- Free summer picnic and holiday parties for families
- College scholarships for high school seniors and direct care professionals returning to school

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UCP Seguin

UCP Seguin believes in a world where children & adults with disabilities achieve their potential, advance their independence & act as full members of the community. We strive to make this world a reality—in Illinois & beyond, for people at every stage of life—by leveraging technology to provide innovative training & educational programs, family support, employment, life-skills training, residential services, & foster care.

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Services Offered:

Employment & Life Skills Training:
Supports to acquire & maintain community work, including jobs in agency-operated social enterprises. Full range of daytime services to enrich lives & promote personal growth. Age-sensitive programs & activities for seniors.

Adult Residential & Respite:
Residential supports in multiple family-style homes, & in-home & weekend respite services. Specialized housing for seniors with disabilities & conditions of aging.

Transition, Social-Recreation & Home Based Support Services: Transition services from school to adulthood. Engagement with community through Social-Recreation program. Case coordination & linkages to desired services through HBSS.

Foster Care:
Nurturing foster homes for children, from birth to 18 years of age, with significant medical conditions or developmental disabilities in conjunction with behavioral challenges.

Assistive Technology & Accessibility Services:
Infinitec promotes inclusion & independence via assistive technology, training, & access to specialists. ATEN refurbishes donated computers & devices for persons with disabilities. Ramp Up renovates homes to make them accessible. Durable Medical Equipment provides wheelchairs, hospital beds, & otherwise, free of charge.
WSSRA

The mission of West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA) is to provide superior recreation services for persons with disabilities. WSSRA is dedicated to serving our consumers with: first-class program opportunities; responsive outreach; distinctive customer service; reliable transportation; professional, caring staff and a safe and fun environment.

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WSSRA is a cooperative extension of 9 park districts and 2 village recreation departments. Individuals who live within the boundaries of our partnering agencies and who have disabilities are eligible for our programs and services.

WSSRA partner agencies include:
Berwyn Park District; Clyde Park District (Cicero); Village of Elmwood Park; Park District of Forest Park; Park District of Franklin Park; Hawthorne Park District (Cicero); Village of Harwood Heights; Norridge Park District; North Berwyn Park District; Park District of Oak Park; and River Forest Park District.

WSSRA offers programs throughout the year, on a seasonal basis of winter, spring, summer, and fall. WSSRA programs are offered during the morning, daytime, evening, and weekend hours. Programs are held in various locations within our partner communities.

WSSRA offers programs beginning at age 3 and continues for senior citizens. WSSRA provides a large variety of program opportunities including:

• Skill development (swim lessons, ice skating, cooking)
• Sports & Fitness (yoga, Zumba, aqua exercise)
• Special Olympic training and competition
• General recreation & social programming (social clubs, movie nights)
• Summer Day Camp
• Overnight trips
• Lekotek (toy lending library)
• Round-trip and pick-up-point transportation is available to/from many WSSRA programs.
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