Homeless Youth Resources in Illinois

Chicago
Drop-In Centers


SOUTHSIDE: Teen Living Programs Drop-In Center – 5500 S Indiana (located in the basement of Life Center Church). 773/891-2505. MTu 11a-6p, WTh 11-5 pm, F appointment only. Youth 18-24.


DOWNTOWN: Drop-In Space 877/606-3158. Tu 1p-8p. Women/transwomen 14-22 who may have had to engage in sex to survive (involved in the sex trade). Call for address and more information.

Street Outreach Programs

NORTHSIDE: The Night Ministry’s Street Outreach Events – Corner of Belmont and Halsted. Tu/Th 8:30p-10:30pm.

SOUTHSIDE: Teen Living Program’s Street and Community Outreach call 866/803-8336 for dates, times and locations.

Emergency Housing Options
Overnight Shelters

NORTHSIDE: The Crib - 835 W. Addison Street @ the Lakeview Lutheran Church (2 blocks east of the Addison Red line stop). Meals, showers, laundry, bed. Arrive no earlier than 8:30p. If necessary, a lottery takes place at 8:45p. Catholic Charities is present to take any youth who are turned away from the lottery to another overnight program. Youth 18-24. 773/506-3123 [daytime number].


SOUTHSIDE: La Casa Norte - Overnight shelter for pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-24. 773/276-4900. Call for intake process or email Shanavia@lacasanorte.org.

SOUTHSIDE: Ujima Village – 7320 S. Yale. Arrive by 8:00 pm, lottery held at 8:15 pm for 24 beds. Doors close at 8:30 pm. Youth 18-24.


Interim Housing Options
Stay for up to 120 days
NORTHSIDE: Open Door Shelter* – 1110 N. Noble Street (4 blocks southeast of the Division Blue line stop). 773/506-4100. CALL FREQUENTLY FOR OPENINGS. When a bed is available, it can be held for 2-3 hours. Youth 14-20. 4 month maximum stay. Transitional Living Program available to clients in the interim program.

NORTHSIDE: Response-Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program (“RAPP”)* – 3262 N. Clark St. 773/506-3120. Provides 4 months shelter for homeless girls who are pregnant and/or parenting and their infants and toddlers. Youth 14-19.


WESTSIDE: Joshua’s Center for Women – 330 W. Carroll Avenue (8 blocks northwest of the Ashland-Lake Green and Pink line stop). 773/722-0179. Females 18+. 4 month maximum stay. Attend drop-in services M-Th 9-2:30pm to get on the waiting list. Must continue to access drop-in services to remain on the waiting list.


Transitional Living Programs
Long-Term Housing

NORTHSIDE: Neon Street Dorms – 4506 N. Sheridan Road (2 blocks east of the Wilson Red line stop). 773/336-6740. Call to schedule an intake assessment to be put on the waiting list. Must access drop-in center service (9a-7p) at least twice a month to stay on the waiting list. Male, female and transgender youth 18-24.


WESTSIDE: New Moms* – 5317 W. Chicago Ave (2 blocks west of Laramie). 773/610-7696. Transitional housing for single mothers 18-24 with up to 2 children for up to 24 months. Emergency Housing not provided. Call Property Manager to learn about intake.

WESTSIDE: El Rescate - 2703 W. Division St. 872/829-2662. LGBTQ youth 18-24, including youth living with HIV.

SOUTHSIDE: Olive Branch Mission - 6310 S. Claremont (one block east of Western and 63rd). 773/476-6200. No food, no drugs, no alcohol, no cigarettes, no lighters on the premises. Males 18-25. To get into the program, you must stay in the emergency housing.


SOUTHSIDE: **Emerge (ChildServ)** - 5401 S. Wentworth. (773) 239-8264. Young adults who are single or have families with up to two children.

**FAR-SOUTHSIDE:** **Mercy Home – Girls Campus** – 11600 S. Longwood Drive (116th Street and Longwood Dr.). 312/738-6364. Call to begin the application process. Females 18-22.

**Suburban Cook County**

**PARK RIDGE:** **Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter** - 1440 Renaissance Drive. 847/297-8540. Girls 12-21.

**PARK RIDGE:** **Youth in Transition's supervised group living (The Harbour)** - 1440 Renaissance Drive. 847/297-8540. Girls 16-21 finishing school or working. Up to 18 months.

**PARK RIDGE:** **Youth in Transition’s scattered-site housing (The Harbour)** - 1440 Renaissance Drive. 847/297-8540. Male and female youth. Up to 18 months.

**RIVERDALE:** **Aunt Martha’s TIPs Program** – 15 W. 137th Place. 708/849-2818. Call to set up an interview time. Youth 17-20.

**Collar Counties**

**WHEATON:** **The Transitions Program** - 122 W. Liberty Drive. 630/393-7057, 630/682-1910. Primarily females 17-22. 2 year maximum stay.


**KANE & DUPAGE COUNTIES:** **The Transitional Housing Program (360 Youth Services)** - 630/778-9271. Youth 18-24. 2 year maximum stay.

**KANE & DUPAGE COUNTIES:** **Cornerstone Group Home for Boys (360 Youth Services)** - 630/778-9271. Boys 13-17 who are unable to live with their families.

**CENTRAL KANE COUNTY:** **Lazarus House Center for Transitional Living** - 214 Walnut Street, St. Charles. 630/587-2144.

**Northern Illinois**

**ROCKFORD:** **YSN Bridge** - 3703 N. Main Street. 815/986/1947. Youth 14-18. 120 day maximum stay.

**ROCKFORD:** **MELD's Trinity House** - 620 Kishwaukee Street. 815/963-3369. For pregnant or parenting women 16-21.

**GLEN ELLYN:** **Youth Services Bureau of Illinois Valley** - 800 Roosevelt Road Bldg. E., Suite 102. 630/474-9600. Transitional living program for youth 16-24.

**AURORA:** **Youth Services Bureau of Illinois Valley** - 1700 N. Farnsworth Suite 18. 630/820.6303. Transitional living program for youth 16-24.

**LA SALLE:** **Youth Services Bureau of Illinois Valley** - 12 Gunia Drive. 815/223-4151. Transitional living program for youth 16-24.

**LA SALLE:** **Youth Services Bureau of Illinois Valley** - 901 Grant Street. 815/224.4244. Transitional living program for youth 16-24.


**Street Outreach Programs**


**Central Illinois**

BLOOMINGTON: **Project Oz Basic Center for Runaway Youth** - 1105 W. Front Street. 309/827-0377. Emergency overnight housing.

BLOOMINGTON: **Project Oz Host Homes** - 1105 W. Front Street. 309/827-0377. Temporary, emergency placement for runaway or homeless youth.

BLOOMINGTON: **Project Oz Safe Place** - 1105 W. Front Street or Bloomington and Normal fire stations. 309/827-0377. Young people feeling threatened or in need of immediate help, look for yellow-and-black Safe Place signs.

SPRINGFIELD: **Youth Services Bureau of Illinois Valley** - 2901 Normandy Road. 217/529-8300. 24-crisis intervention. Temporary foster care may be used.


BLOOMINGTON: **Project Oz Transitional Living Program** - 1105 W. Front Street. 309/827-0377.

BLOOMINGTON: **Project Oz MGH** - 1105 W. Front Street. 309/827-0377. Transitional living program for pregnant or parenting youth and their children.


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**Southern Illinois**

ALTON:  Children’s Home and Aid- #6 Crossroads Court.  618/462/2714.  Drop-in Center.

BELLEVILLE:  Children’s Home and Aid- 120 East A Street.  618/235-5335.  Drop-in Center.

ROSCILARE:  Mahoney Transitional Living (Family Counseling Center)- 602 4th Street. Youth 16-24. 2 year maximum.  618/658.2611