



# **Autism Services Resource Directory**

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Adams County  
Autism Coordinating Council

# About this resource directory

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Not knowing where to turn to for help was if often one of the first and most concerning problems for a parent whose child has been diagnosed with autism.

This resource directory is an attempt to collect in one place a snapshot of what services are currently available and how to access them.

# About the Council

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The Adams County Autism Coordinating Council is a voluntary group of parents, service providers, and advocates formed in 2008 in order *to coordinate, share information, and advocate for services for autistic individuals and their families in Adams County.*

- *Autism Education and Support Group*
- *Transitions of Western Illinois*
- *Quincy Public Schools / Adams County Special Education Cooperative*
- *Department of Human Services / Division of Rehabilitation Services*
- *Child and Family Connections*
- *All Our Kids Network / Adams County Health Department*
- *First Choice Physical Therapy*
- *SIU Family Practice*
- *Blessing Hospital*

## NOTICE

Resources listed in this directory are provided for information only and *are not an endorsement of any particular provider of services or approach to autism treatment.*

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# WHERE TO START

## Recommended Checklist for Newly Diagnosed Children with Autism

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- Contact a developmental disability or autism-specific family support group (see page 15). Talk with other families as they may have experiences from which you could benefit.
- For children under age 3, contact the local Child and Family Connections Office (See page 5) to determine your child's eligibility for services. Also, contact the local service coordination agency, West Central Service Coordination (see page 6) to register your child on the state database for services funded by the state Division of Developmental Disabilities.
- For children 3 or older, schedule educational evaluations by contacting the Adams County Early Childhood Screening Coordinator at the Early Childhood and Family Center at 221-3494 to determine your child's educational needs.
- Schedule medical evaluations to identify your child's strengths and needs. Make appointments with recommended neurologists, developmental pediatricians, or neuropsychologists to receive a diagnosis or clarification of a diagnosis (see diagnosis and assessment section).
- Educate yourself on autism. Many books, websites, and materials are available (see Lending Library section).
- Research and begin therapy/intervention as soon as possible.
- Become informed about the special education process including IEP's (Individualized Education Programs). Attend workshops and parent trainings on IEP planning. Go to your child's IEP with your own specific goals tailored to his/her needs. Advocates and other organizations are also available to aid you with this process (see Advocacy section).
- Consider applying for Supplemental Security Income. Under the age of 18, eligibility is based on a child's parents' income. Over the age of 18, eligibility is based on the income of the person who has a disability.
- Access respite care (see Respite Providers section). Respite care is specialized child care in your home.
- Encourage your child to learn self-advocacy skills by creating decision-making and problem-solving opportunities. Plan recreational and socialization opportunities to develop social interaction skills.
- Begin estate-planning and personal futures-planning. Explore a special needs trust. Consider your child's special needs in appointing a guardian. Keep your will and/or trust up-to-date. Make preliminary goals for supported employment, socialization, and supported independent living.
- Consider the needs of other family members. Professional counseling services are available to families dealing with a special needs situation as well as sibling supports (see Counseling and Related sections).

### **AT AGE 13: (in addition to above recommendations)**

- Begin to prepare for the Transition Plan, a component of the IEP. Set specific, individual goals. The federal law (IDEA 2004) mandates that transition planning must be included in the IEP.
- Attend workshops on transition. Contact your school district, or talk to your resource teacher or school counselor.

### **AT AGE 14 TO 16: in addition to above**

- Consider community-based vocational instruction in the Transition Plan of the IEP.
- Apply for an Illinois ID card or driver's license at a Illinois License Bureau Office at age 16.
- Investigate options for summer volunteer/work and adult employment and independent or supported living opportunities (Transition of Adulthood / Vocational section).
- Research college programs that have supports for individuals with special learning needs if your child is eligible for these programs.
- Application for services with the Division of Rehabilitation Services can begin as early as age 14.5 for those attending a high school with a STEP contract. If they are in a school without STEP, application for services should begin at 16 and the DRS counselor should be invited to the IEP.

### **AT AGE 18: in addition to previous recommendations**

- Apply for SSI and Medicaid if needed. Eligibility is now based on client's income.
- Register to vote.
- Explore continuing education programs to support students with disabilities. Re-visit adult service providers to investigate new options for employment and supported living.
- Discuss future plans and gather specific information about transition to adult life. Update future plan with your school and include work experience as a major IEP component.
- Check on health insurance coverage for your child. Some insurance companies require an application for a dependent child with a disability before the age of 19.

### **AT AGE 20 (or year of leaving school): In addition to previous**

- Discuss with Independent Service Coordination agency which adult service agencies your child will be utilizing. Make contact with adult services agencies to begin the enrollment process.
- Continue to plan for future living arrangements, either supported or independent. Increase independence through socialization opportunities.

# FIRST POINTS OF CONTACT - ADAMS COUNTY

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## For children under age 3:

### ■ Child and Family Connections

Karla Richmond, Program Manager  
510 Maine, Suite 615  
Quincy, IL 62301  
(888) 222-9592

Provides evaluation & assessments of children 0-3 years old whose parents have concerns about their child's development. For Illinois residents with a child age under age 3. Evaluations and assessments no-cost, sliding fee if child needs ongoing services. If eligible, links family to an array of services to assist with their child's healthy development.

## For children age 3 or older:

### ■ Adams County Special Education Association

Kristen Kendrick  
1416 Maine  
Quincy, IL 62301  
217-222-8700

Upon parental request, provides evaluations to determine if a child is eligible for Special Education services and to gather information that will help determine a child's educational needs.

## For adults (or children of any age):

### ■ West Central Service Coordination (which covers Adams County)

957 West Washington  
Pittsfield, IL 62363  
(217) 285-5227  
(888) 279-4812 (Toll-free)

Determines eligibility for and coordinates services funded by the State of Illinois, DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities. Possible services include in-home supports, respite care, training programs, residential living arrangements, and adaptive equipment. WCSC is the designated agency for enrolling individuals in the state database for individuals who think they may need services in the next 5 years. The PUNs (Prioritization of Urgency of Need) database has 3 different categories: *Emergency* is for those in crisis. *Critical* is for those who want services in the next year. *Planning* is for those wanting services in the next 5 years. Being placed on the database is an important part of getting on the "radar" for receiving services in the future.

# DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATIONS FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

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## KEY INFORMATION:

The Illinois Early Intervention program provides free developmental evaluations for children ages birth to three. (See page 6).

The local school district is responsible for providing free diagnostic educational evaluations for all children over age 3. Contact your local school district to initiate this process. These educational evaluations are conducted in order to determine a child's educational needs, not necessarily to make a "medical" diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder.

## **The Autism Program, Central Illinois**

Regional Training and Service Center at the Hope Institute for Children  
and Families Noll Medical Pavilion

5220 S. 6th Street Road

Springfield, IL 62703

Phone: 217-525-8332

<http://www.theautismprogram.org>

Services include autism screening and diagnosis as well as family therapy and social skills training for youth with autism. Parent and provider training is available. The program also offers ABA clinic and sibling support groups. A family and community resource room offering free learning aids as well as loan items is available on site. Services may be at no cost, require billing insurance, or be on a sliding scale fee. At times there is a waiting list for evaluation. The website also lists numerous other centers receiving Autism Program funding across the state of Illinois which provide autism related diagnosis and supports.

## **Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center**

Valeria Nanclares, Psy.D. Autism Program Coordinator

Michael Cupoli MD

3040 North Wilton Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Chicago, IL 60657

Phone: 773-296-7340 Fax: 773-296-5906

Will see children ages 0-3 through the Early Intervention 0-3 CFC Program. They will see children over 3 with MD referral. Children and families participate in a medical diagnostic clinic including up to 4 evaluations where a multidisciplinary team evaluation. They accept payment from Early Intervention, Illinois Medical Card, and Insurance.

## **Blessing Behavioral Center**

### **Blessing Hospital**

Broadway @ 14th

Quincy, IL 62301

(217)224-4453 - for outpatient services

(217)222-1200 - for inpatient services ask operator to page intake

Outpatient: Blessing Behavioral Center psychiatrists provide psychiatric medical management for individuals with Pervasive Developmental Disorders and/or Autistic Spectrum Disorders. Blessing Behavioral Center counselors provide counseling for these same individuals. Appointments are available Monday – Friday.

Inpatient: Hospital care is available to treat co-morbidities of Pervasive Developmental Disorders and/or Autistic Spectrum Disorders. Care is available 24 hours 7 days a week.

## **Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center**

### **Knights of Columbus Developmental Center**

1465 S. Grand Blvd

St. Louis, MO 63104

Bus: 314-577-5609

One of the State of Missouri’s three designated three Autism Centers for Excellence, which provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary medical evaluations for autism spectrum disorders. They may accept referrals of Illinois residents, but parents should carefully inquire about payment options.

## **Children’s Mercy Hospital**

### **Department of Developmental and Behavioral Sciences**

2401 Gillham Road

Kansas City, MO 64108

Bus: (816) 234-3674

Website: [www.childrens-mercy.org](http://www.childrens-mercy.org)

One of the State of Missouri’s three designated three Autism Centers for Excellence, which provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary medical evaluations for autism spectrum disorders. They may accept referrals of Illinois residents, but parents should carefully inquire about payment options.

## **Judevine Center for Autism**

Attn: Admissions Department

1101 Olivette Executive Pkwy

St. Louis, MO 63132

314.432.6200

[judevine@judevine.org](mailto:judevine@judevine.org)

[www.judevine.org](http://www.judevine.org)

Evaluation of individuals who have been diagnosed with or who are suspected to have an autism spectrum disorder. Assessments focus on the whole person including direct interaction, observation, and parental interview. Provides comprehensive recommendations for treatment and programming

## **Living Hope**

Healing for the Mind, Body and Soul

535 Maine Street (Lower level) Quincy, IL 62301

Phone: 217-228-1887

Fax: 217-228-1884

Email: [livehope@adams.net](mailto:livehope@adams.net)

Website : [Dr.Bainum.com](http://Dr.Bainum.com)

Provides neuropsychological evaluation for the diagnosis of a condition in the autistic spectrum disorders and other pervasive developmental disorders.

Over the last 14 years, Dr. Bainum has provided diagnostic services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Initially, Dr. Bainum first saw a client with pervasive developmental disorder in 1994 as a Master's level therapist. Since that time, Dr. Bainum has completed a doctorate in clinical psychology with training in pediatric neuropsychology and neuropsychology in general. Dr. Bainum has completed ongoing continuing education training in the Autistic spectrum disorders. At the Illinois School for the Deaf, Dr. Bainum also received training and experience with Autism and Deafness. Dr. Bainum will accept clients of all ages and socioeconomic status. On numerous insurance provider panels for insurance, sliding scale fees are available for those who qualify, and seeking DCFS and Early Intervention approval for reimbursement.

## **OSF St. Francis Medical Center**

Regional Diagnostic Center

507 E Armstrong Ave

Peoria, IL 61603

Phone: 309-681-6960

[www.osfsaintfrancis.org](http://www.osfsaintfrancis.org)

Provides medical diagnostic evaluations for autism, neurological disorders, cerebral palsy, and other childhood disorders.

## **Diagnostic & Treatment Program SIU Healthcare / Springfield**

Noll Medical Pavilion  
301 North Eighth Street  
Springfield, IL 62701  
Phone: 217-545-2618  
Fax: 217-545-4117

Offers Pediatric Development Clinic provided by Dr. Charles Morton, developmental behavioral pediatrician. Provides diagnostic evaluation, treatment plans, and medical consultation for infants, preschoolers, and school age children with developmental-behavioral issues. Interventions may include specific behavioral management techniques, pharmacologic treatment and/or educational program recommendations.

Will accept payments from Early Intervention with referral, Medical Card, or insurance.

## **Thompson Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders**

University of Missouri-Columbia  
300 Portland St, Suite 110 Columbia, MO 65211  
Bus: 573-882-6081,  
Toll free: 1-888-720-0015  
Website: <http://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu>  
E-mail: [thompsoncenter@missouri.edu](mailto:thompsoncenter@missouri.edu)

One of the State of Missouri's three designated three Autism Centers for Excellence, which provide comprehensive, multidisciplinary medical evaluations for autism spectrum disorders. They may accept referrals of Illinois residents, but parents should carefully inquire about payment options.

## **University of Iowa Children's Hospital**

Division of Pediatric Neurology, Development, and Behavior  
1101 Olivette Executive Pkwy  
Iowa City, IA  
Phone: 319-356-2229  
[www.iucare.com](http://www.iucare.com)

Through diagnostic and treatment services, the Division of Pediatric Neurology, Development, and behavioral Medicine, which is associated with the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, serves infants, children, and young adults with particularly complex physical, intellectual, learning, adjustment, and/or medical problems such as autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, spina bifida, and traumatic brain injury.

# COUNSELING AND RELATED SERVICES

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## **Center for Child Success**

### **Hannibal Regional Hospital**

150 Medical Drive

Hannibal, MO 63401

(573) 406-5723

(573) 406-5729 (fax)

Outpatient psychiatric and counseling services which include family counseling, individual counseling, child / adolescent group therapy, play therapy and parent education. Staffed by board certified psychiatrist and licensed counselors with training in play therapy. Must call before to verify insurance. Accepts most insurances. Not a provider for Illinois Medicaid.

## **Kathy B. Entrup, M.S, LCPC**

325 S. 8<sup>th</sup>, Suite D (Pear Tree Villa)

Quincy, IL 62301

Phone: 217-222-8977

Fax: 217-222-8977 Fax

Email: kathyentrup@yahoo,.com

I can assist with family systems dynamics regarding the family as a whole and individuals within. Also any trauma incurred by members of the family. I have some training with Autism Spectrum, especially ADD and Aspergers. Accepts private pay, insurance as out of network provider. I will give an insurance bill to client to file themselves.

## **Living Hope**

Healing for the Mind, Body and Soul

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Fax: 217-228-1884

Email: [livehope@adams.net](mailto:livehope@adams.net)

Website : [Dr.Bainum.com](http://Dr.Bainum.com)

Therapy services and neuropsychological rehabilitation for Autism Spectrum Disorders. Over the last 14 years, Dr. Bainum has provided diagnostic services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Initially, Dr. Bainum first saw a client with pervasive developmental disorder in 1994 as a Master's level therapist. Since that time, Dr. Bainum has completed a doctorate in clinical psychology with training in pediatric neuropsychology and neuropsychology in general. Dr. Bainum has completed ongoing continuing education training in the Autistic spectrum disorders. At the Illinois School for the Deaf, Dr. Bainum also received training and experience with Autism and Deafness. Dr. Bainum will accept clients of all ages and socioeconomic status. On numerous insurance provider panels for insurance, sliding scale fees are available for those who qualify, and seeking DCFS and Early Intervention approval for reimbursement.

## **Transitions of Western Illinois Behavioral Health Services**

4409 Maine

Quincy, IL 62301

Phone: 217-223-0413

Fax: 217-223-0461

Outpatient psychiatry, individual / family therapy, crisis intervention, and community-based case management to assist individuals who have a mental illness with recovery-orientated goals. Serves children and adults with autism and co-occurring mental illnesses. Illinois Medicaid, Medicare, insurance, and self pay accepted. Sliding scale services available for residents of Adams County.

# CRISIS SERVICES

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## **Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services**

Transitions of Western Illinois

4409 Maine

Quincy, IL 62301

217-222-1166

24 hour phone hotline for individuals who are suicidal or in crisis.

## **Screening Assessment and Support Services (SASS)**

Transitions of Western Illinois

4409 Maine

Quincy, IL 62301

217-223-0413

Provides crisis services for children in psychiatric crisis who may be a risk to themselves or others. Conducts on site screening within 90 minutes of the referral and assists caregiver in determining whether psychiatric hospitalization is necessary or whether community services alone could assure safety. Eligible children include those under age 21 with Medicaid or under age 18 who are uninsured. To access services, call the statewide CARES line at: **1-800-345-9049**.

# INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

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## **United Way Community Connections Information and Referral**

300 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 260  
Quincy, IL 62301  
217-224-1223

Information and referral for help with health, social, support and human services. If you don't know who to ask, call Community Connection first. It is a free service to anyone needing information or guidance to community services.

## **All Our Kids (AOK) Early Childhood Network Adams County Health Dept.**

333 Vermont Street  
Quincy, IL 62301  
217-222-8440 ext. 107  
Email: [allourkids@co.adams.il.us](mailto:allourkids@co.adams.il.us)  
Website: [www.co.adams.il.us/aok](http://www.co.adams.il.us/aok)

The overall goal of the Adams County AOK Network is to ensure that all children ages 0-5 and their families have the opportunity to receive the services they need - from prenatal care to well-baby checkups to parenting education to specialized services, such as speech therapy, physical therapy or home visits.

The Adams County AOK Network is a community-based collaboration that is committed to developing a high-quality, well-coordinated, easily-accessible system of care that will promote positive growth and development for children 0-5 and their families. If you have questions regarding children 0-5, contact Adams County AOK or visit the website for more information.

## **Access Health of Adams County**

PO Box 3243, 1415 Vermont  
Quincy, IL 62301  
217-223-1200

Diane Hughes, Program Coordinator  
AHAC develops, supports and coordinates programs to provide access to healthcare for individuals whose access to services is limited due to insurance status and other factors including health conditions, health literacy and social settings

# OCCUPATIONAL / SPEECH / PHYSICAL THERAPY

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## **Quincy Medical Group**

1025 Maine  
Quincy, IL 62301  
(217) 222-6550

Offers occupational, physical and speech therapy with specialized services addressing sensory integration issues. Anyone of any age is eligible with a physician's order. Accepts insurance and Medicaid upon availability. Should inquire about pay sources available at the time.

## **Hannibal Regional Hospital**

### **Rehabilitation Department**

6000 Hospital Drive  
Hannibal, MO 63401  
(573) 248-5364

Pediatric occupational therapists, and several pediatric speech language pathologists. No eligibility requirements other than the need for therapy and a physician's order. The hospital will bill insurance companies if these services are covered.

## **Elizabeth Harmening, OT, LLC**

639 York, Room 201  
City, State, Zip: Quincy, IL 62301  
Cell: 573-822-2113  
Office 217-592-3665  
Fax: 419-791-5526

Occupational Therapy provider. Depending upon the individual situation, many services are provided at the person's home, workplace, school or in the community. Services provided with persons of all ages. Insurances include BCBS of IL & MO, HealthLink network, QHCM network, Illinois Medicaid, Medicare and others.

## **SAFETY / SUPERVISION**

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### **Project Lifesaver**

639 York  
Quincy, IL 62301  
(217)222-1189 or 1-800-252-9027

Sponsored by: Quincy Police Department, Adams County Sheriff's Office, and Quincy Senior and Family Resource Center. Provides electronic monitoring devices to families of eligible children and adults. Eligibility: 1) Resident of Adams County 2) Client must have legally responsible caregiver place the client into the program 3) Client and caregiver must abide by the conditions of the program and contract. 4) Complete the application process. Fees: Requests for reduced fees can be made.

## **SUPPORT GROUPS / ADVOCACY**

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### **Autism Education and Support Group**

Convenes at Union United Methodist Church  
There is no fee to participate.  
Provides support and education for family, friends, and support persons.  
For meeting information, contact:  
1101 State Street  
Quincy, IL 62301  
(217) 228-1353  
E mail: [adamscountyautismawareness@yahoo.com](mailto:adamscountyautismawareness@yahoo.com)

### **Adams County Arc**

P.O. Box 3602  
Quincy, IL 62305  
President: Cel Dix  
Phone: (217) 223 7024  
E mail: [arc\\_adamscty@hotmail.com](mailto:arc_adamscty@hotmail.com)

The Arc of Adams County is an organization touching the lives of many individuals and families throughout the area. Our mission statement is "Living and working in partnership with community and local organizations to support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families." The Arc of Adams County continues to support many programs including the Thanksgiving Dessert Dance; Christmas Shopping Elves; Bowling for Adams, Baldwin, Quincy Junior High and Senior High students with special needs; Special Olympics program; Washington School EMH Program; Christmas party for the Down syndrome support group; and transportation for elementary students with special needs to participate in Quincy Park District summer activities, as well as other programs. Currently the non-for-profit organization consists of about 80 members.

## **Parent Training and Information Center / Special Education**

Family Matters

1901 S. 4th Street, Suite 209

Effingham, IL 62401

217-347-5428 voice 217-347-5119 FAX 866-436-7842 Toll-Free

E-mail: [info@fmptic.org](mailto:info@fmptic.org) Website: [www.fmptic.org](http://www.fmptic.org)

Parent Training and Information Centers are funded by the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. Each PTI is mandated to assist parents to better understand the nature of their children's disabilities, their educational and developmental needs, and how to interact with the special education system.

## **West Central Illinois Center for Independent Living**

*300 Maine, Suite 104*

*Quincy, Illinois 62301*

Phone: (217) 223-0400 or 800-225-0407, TTY at 223-0475

Fax (217) 223-0479

or E-mail: [cilpd@adams.net](mailto:cilpd@adams.net) or: [cilod@adams.net](mailto:cilod@adams.net)

WCICIL is a Center for Independent Living (CIL). It is a not-for-profit advocacy center funded by state and federal grants to provide services to people with disabilities. The Youth Services Program at WCICIL provides parents of children with disabilities with services to insure that they receive the most appropriate and least restrictive education possible. Armed with knowledge of the rights of children with disabilities, Youth Services can provide: \* Advocacy at school conferences to help assist parents and students to better understand their options and educational rights. \* Trainings to assist parents in becoming advocates for their children. \* Transitional services to assist students with a disability to generalize their skills into daily living after leaving school or entertaining post-secondary training. For these services, ask to speak to the Youth Specialist.

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# RESPIRE

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## **Transitions of Western Illinois**

### **In Home Respite Program**

631 North 48<sup>th</sup>  
Quincy, IL 62305  
217-224-2194

Provides in home respite services to caregivers of individuals with qualifying developmental disabilities of all ages.

## **Calvary's Open Arms Calvary Baptist Church**

1825 State Street  
Quincy, IL 62301  
Church 217-222-4412  
Sharon Ruffcorn- coordinator 217-224-6458

Children with special needs from 3 through 10 years old. Provides services the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Also on the second Sunday of each month from 10am-11:30am, in order for the family to find time to worship.  
No cost.

## **Respite Care Center**

Peoria, IL  
Julie Gibson 309-685-3233  
FAX 309-685-9987  
e-mail [parcrespire@yahoo.com](mailto:parcrespire@yahoo.com)

The applicant must be developmentally/physically disabled and two years or older. Weekend, holidays & summer reservations should be made in advance to ensure availability. Thirty days per fiscal year (July 1-June 30<sup>th</sup>) are available at no cost to the family.

# MEDICAL

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## **DSCC- Division of Specialized Care for Children**

421 South Grand West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217-524-2000

Any child Birth -21 years old. They provide for specialized medical care and services. Call for eligibility requirements. Reduced cost or no-cost diagnosis and treatment. If you have insurance you must use insurance first.

## **Access Health of Adams County**

PO Box 3243, 1415 Vermont  
Quincy, IL 62301  
217-223-1200

Diane Hughes, Program Coordinator  
AHAC develops, supports and coordinates programs to provide access to healthcare for individuals whose access to services is limited due to insurance status and other factors including health conditions, health literacy and social settings

## **Free Medicine Foundation**

P. O. Box 125  
Doniphan, MO 63935-0125  
[www.freemedicinefoundation.com](http://www.freemedicinefoundation.com)

Advocates for patients seeking prescription medicine assistance that puts people in touch with sponsors willing to supply free medication. In general, those who qualify are people who earn too much money to get government assistance but are facing a financial pinch because they have high medical costs and don't have insurance coverage for prescriptions. Patients who have maxed out their annual prescription insurance may also qualify. There is a \$5.00 fee for each medication being applied for assistance with. The Free Medicine Foundation wades through the paperwork and helps to coordinate free drug distribution to eligible applicants. The applicant's full processing fee is refunded upon written request if the patient's application is rejected by all applicable sponsors and they receive no medicine.

## **Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities (HBWD)**

State of Illinois  
Department of Human Services  
[www.hbwdisinois.com/about/bwd.html](http://www.hbwdisinois.com/about/bwd.html)

Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities (HBWD) is Illinois' Medicaid Buy-In program authorized under the federal TWIIA. This allows working individuals living with a disability to become insured with a medical card. In Illinois, the HBWD program allows individuals with income between 100% and 200% of the federal poverty level to pay a monthly premium based on their income to receive a Medical Card.

# LENDING LIBRARIES

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## Lending Library

### Illinois Early Childhood Intervention Clearinghouse

University of Illinois

51 Gerty Drive, Room 20

Champaign, IL 61820

217-333-1386 877-275-3227

fax 217-244-7732 [www.eicclearinghouse.org](http://www.eicclearinghouse.org)

Take advantage of Illinois largest collection of books and resources related to ASD for FREE anywhere in the state. Books, videos, journals, children's literature and much more. Simply find the title you are interested in, contact EICIC via e-mail, phone or fax and they will mail you the title free of charge. When you are finished with the item just take it to your local library and the resource will be returned to the clearinghouse through inter-library loan.

## The Autism Program, Central Illinois

### Regional Training and Service Center at the Hope Institute for Children and Families

5220 S. 6th Street Road

Springfield, IL 62703 Phone: 217-525-8332

The Family and Community Resource Room (FCRR) is a core outreach program of the Central Illinois Regional Training and Service Center. The FCRR offers free visual supports and learning aids as well as a loan library which includes books, DVD's, computer software, games and toys. Items in the FCRR were designed specifically for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

## Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) "Tech connect"

### Device Loan Program

1 West Old State Capitol Plaza

Suite 100, Springfield, Illinois 62701

Phone: 217-522-7985 voice TTY: 217-522-9966

Toll Free: 800-852-5110 v/tty, IL only Fax: 217-522-8067 fax

Website: <http://www.iltech.org>

The purpose of IATP's device loan program is to let potential AT users "try-out" devices prior to purchase, have access to a backup system when their device is in for repairs and/or have access to a device while waiting for their device to be delivered. There are over 1,000 devices in the loan inventory. Located in Springfield, IATP *AT Demonstration Center* showcases a wide variety of assistive technology devices. Consumers, family members and service providers spend hours touring the center learning about and trying out new devices.

# TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD / VOCATIONAL

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## Secondary Transition Experience Program (STEP)

State of Illinois

Department of Human Services

Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

2435 Broadway Quincy IL 62301

Phone : 217.224.2600

Fax : 217.224.1921

TTY : 1.888.460.5161(tty)

Email: [Sherry.Anderson@illinois.gov](mailto:Sherry.Anderson@illinois.gov)

Eligibility determined by disability (condition) and financial guide lines set by the Federal Government. Illinois residents, Quincy office serves Adams, Hancock, Pike, and Calhoun counties. Students with disabilities attending local public schools can receive rehabilitation services through the secondary transition experience program known as STEP. Beginning at age 14 1/2 , STEP helps students with disabilities prepare for their future by helping students, families and schools develop training employment and community living skills needed by persons who are in the course of transitioning from high school to their adult years. Coordinates with Two Rivers, PELL, MAP, and other service organizations. STEP ends with high school graduation but the individual can continue with DRS services toward employment.

## Employment Services

State of Illinois

Department of Human Services

Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

2435 Broadway

Quincy IL 62301

217.224.2600

217.224.1921 (fax)

1.888.460.5161 (tty)

Email: [Sherry.Anderson@illinois.gov](mailto:Sherry.Anderson@illinois.gov)

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## West Central Service Coordination

957 West Washington  
Pittsfield, IL 62363  
(217) 285-5227  
(888) 279-4812 (Toll-free)

Determines eligibility for and coordinates services funded by the State of Illinois, DHS Division of Developmental Disabilities. Possible services include for those who qualify include in-home supports, respite care, training Programs, residential living arrangements, and adaptive equipment.

## RECREATIONAL

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### Mounted Angels Recreation Horse Therapy

Pleasant Hill Fairgrounds  
Pleasant Hill, IL  
Judy Schlieper  
217-829-4547

Mounted Angels is a Therapeutic Horsemanship organization that provides horseback riding lessons to children with disabilities.

Students are asked to obtain a physician referral or RX

No charge

### Quincy Park District

1310 Washington  
Quincy, IL 62301  
Phone: 217-223-7703  
Fax: 217-228-9209  
Email: [info@quincyparkdistrict.com](mailto:info@quincyparkdistrict.com)  
Web Site: [www.quincyparkdistrict.com](http://www.quincyparkdistrict.com)

Offers summer programs for children with disabilities. Check website for details of upcoming programs or call the administrative office.

### HIS Ranch

P.O. Box 128  
Taylor, MO 63471  
(877)-HIS-RNCH  
E Mail: [mail@hisranch.org](mailto:mail@hisranch.org)  
Web Site: <http://www.hisranch.org/>

HIS Ranch is a ministry that offers horse-care and horseback riding lessons **free of charge** to children who choose to take advantage of this service. We also offer many other activities such as fishing, gardening, wood-working and perhaps a variety of others as we grow and develop. Our focus is somewhat for those who are at a disadvantage because of the circumstances of life, but we will be available to all children -any age - or adults too, if the need arises.

## **Quest Stables**

48th & Ellington Road

Quincy, IL 62305

Call Carole at 217-779-5000 or Erin at 217-617-1973

[www.queststables.com](http://www.queststables.com)

Therapeutic horseback riding, Indoor arena for special needs children & adults during school and Thursday nights at 6:30pm. Summer time varies.

## **FAMILY SUPPORT / PERSONAL ASSISTANTS**

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### **Home Services Program**

DHS DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

2435 Broadway

QUINCY IL 62301

Phone: 217-224-2600

Fax: 217-224-1921

TTY: 1-888-460-5161

Email: [donna.ryan@illinois.gov](mailto:donna.ryan@illinois.gov)

The Home Services Program provides services to individuals with severe disabilities so they can remain in their homes and live as independently as possible.

Participants must:

- be under 60 unless in AIDS or Brain Injury Medicaid Waiver Programs.
- apply for Medicaid – do not have to qualify. Must cooperate with agency to complete application process.
- have assets under asset limit – different for individuals under 18 than those 18 and older.
- have a severe disability that will last 12 months or longer or for the duration of life.
- be at imminent risk of nursing home placement.
- require services in the home that cost the same or less than nursing home costs.
- be an Illinois resident with U.S. citizenship or show proof of legal entry in to United States.
- have a physician's approval of the initial plan of care.

HSP Staff will visit the home to discuss eligibility and availability of services. They will complete an application and financial information forms. Releases will be obtained for medical documentation and to obtain a physician's certification that services are needed and appropriate.

Fees: This service is funded by the State of Illinois. The participants are not required to provide any funds for services on the care plan if they are approved for services.

# Illinois Family Assistance & Home Based Support Services Programs

405 Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, IL 62765  
800-843-6154 ext 3

<http://www.familysupportnetwork.org/dhsbrochure.htm>

The **Home-Based Support Services Program** tailors services to help adults with disabilities live at home. The **Family Assistance Program** makes monthly cash payments to families of children with severe disabilities. The Illinois Department of Human Services accepts applications and selects as many individual and family participants as funding will allow. Funds typically are appropriated for the programs during the spring session of the General Assembly. If funding is sufficient to allow enrollment of additional persons, new persons are selected by a random drawing during the summer. If such a drawing is held in a given year, families and individuals whose applications are received by May 31 of that year are eligible.

The **Family Assistance Program** pays a monthly stipend to help with the costs of caring for a child (age 17 or younger) with a severe mental disability. Participating families receive approximately \$5,000 to \$7,000 yearly.

The **Home-Based Support Services Program** pays for services to help adults (age 18 or older) become more independent living on their own or with their families. Participating adults are entitled to services worth approximately \$17,000 to \$19,000 per year.

**Eligibility:** Adults must be eligible for federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI). The household income for the eligible child must be less than \$50,000 per year after deductions. (Look on your Income Tax Form for your family's "taxable income." If the child is a foster child, only his or her income is considered.)