



Community Resource Guide

Mission:

The Kendall County Task Force on Disability seeks to raise and maintain a high level of public awareness of disability issues and available, accessible resources for disabled individuals through effective outreach, education, and advocacy with the goal of promoting better integration of persons with disabilities into the community.

In keeping with the mission of the group, members of the KCTFD hope this Resource Guide will benefit community members as they seek assistance with navigating the various senior/disability resources various Kendall County agencies, nonprofits, and businesses have to offer.

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Task Force Member

Advocacy

- **Agency on Aging**-Northeastern Illinois (Advocacy, planning and funding agency for older adult programs/services; Aging and Disability Resource Center) 800-528-2000 www.ageguide.org.
- Advocates Network of Kane and Kendall Counties, Geneva, IL 60134, (630) 208-1281
- Adults with Disabilities, Domestic Abuse Program Investigation 800-368-1463 or dhsig2s@dhs.state.il.us
- **Celebrate Differences**- free services (education, information, special events, support, awareness) 5375 Route 34, Suite 4, Oswego IL, 60543, 630-885-3006, www.celebratedifferences.org
- Department of Children and Family Services – 1-800-252-2873
- The Dignity Group – 402 Orleans Ave, Naperville 60565 630-681-1119
- **Day One Network, Inc.** (advocacy, screening, evaluation, & referral) 1551 E. Fabyan Parkway, Geneva, IL 60134 630-482-7608 www.dayonenetwork.org
- **Easter Seals**-(Children’s programs, Pediatric Outpatient Rehabilitation, Early Intervention/Child Development, Pediatric Contract Therapy, Recreation, Special Home Placement, Residential Services, Jump Start) Kendall Center, 811 W. John st, Office #22, Yorkville Il, 630-553-8015
- FITE Center for Independent Living – advocacy, info & referral, peer counseling, independent skill training – 630-264-4349 105 East Galena Blvd., Aurora 60505 (for Kane and Kendall counties) www.fitecil.org
- Kendall County Children's Advocacy Center -811 West John Street, Yorkville, Illinois Phone: 630-553-4157 http://www.co.kendall.il.us/statesattorney/pdf/SA_CAC-Brochure.pdf
- **Kendall County Health Department**-811 W John St, Yorkville, IL 60560 (630) 553-9100
- **Kendall County Task Force on Disability** <https://www.facebook.com/KCTaskForce>
- **Senior Services Associates, Inc.** 908 Game Farm road, Yorkville Il, 60560, 630-553-5777, 800-942-1724, www.seniorserviceassoc.org
- **Open Door Rehabilitation Clinic** – 405 S. Wells, Sandwich, IL 60548 815-786-8468
- **Waubensee Community College** – Rt. 47 @ Harter Rd., Sugar Grove, IL 60554 630-466-7900, downtown Aurora, Copley, and Plano campuses.

Assistive Technology

- Illinois Assistive Technology Program – Springfield 217-522-7985, www.iltech.org (Extensive guide to obtaining technology online! – Illinois)
- **Home for Life Advantage** (custom home modifications for independent living) 630-417-2611 HomeForLifeAdvanatge.com

Autism

- Little Friends – Life Skills Basics for children 3-10, contact Patti Boheme at 630-281-1895 or Mary Crissman at 630-281-1897
- **AID** –(Children’s services, Community Integration, Employment, Community Support, Residential Services, Behavioral Health, and Crisis Services) 708 N Bridge Street Yorkville IL, 630-966-4111
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- Spectrum (Support for Individuals with Autism) 630-552-7906
- Meet Up Mothers of Autism (Asp., SPD, PDD-Nos) www.meetup.com/autismmoms/
Contact: Shari
- The Morris Autism Meet up Group <http://autism.meetup.com/242/>
- Charlie’s Gift – Behavioral/Counseling Services, OT, PT, ST, Social Skills Groups, Parent Support Groups, Sibling Support Groups, IEP Support and Information, Summer Camp – Support for children and families facing Autism, sensory Processing, and Related Disorders. 1048 W. Ogden Ave., Suite 130, Downers Grove, IL 60515 630-810-1200

Cerebral Palsy

- Parent Association for CP Children – 708-532-1916

Counseling

- **AID** –708 N Bridge Street Yorkville IL, 630-966-4111
- **Kendall County Health Department**- (includes but not limited to outpatient services, youth services, suicide/crisis prevention & substance abuse) (if low income, counseling can also be based off of income) 811 W John St, Yorkville, IL 60560 (630) 553-9100
- **Nicole McDonald Martinez**, LCSW, Centennial Counseling Center-individual, family, and group counseling to those w/ disabilities. Specializes in the areas of ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorder <http://www.centennialcounseling.com/> 815-786-8606 x150
- Dr. Tim Wahlberg – 630-845-9644 www.tcpsych.com.

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- Individual Advocacy Group (IAG) Sandwich Office/CEC 410 E. Church St, Unit A, Sandwich, IL 60548 Phone: (815) 786-7016
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Down Syndrome

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- Ups for Downs (parent group) – 708-795-7470
- Nuestros Angelos – Fox Valley, Aurora Hispanic play group for children with
- Down Syndrome that meets once a month at GiGi’s playhouse. 630-778-PLAY foxvalley@gigisplayhouse.org

Epilepsy

- **Epilepsy Foundation of Chicago**, www.epilepsyichicago.org, (312) 443-9940
- Epilepsy Support Group 630-289-5577, 630-933-3907 (Winfield)

Financial Assistance (rent, bills, benefits, etc.)

- Mulliganeers (kids) www.mulliganeers.org charity for children
- Free cell phone program – for anyone who is already qualified for Medicaid, Federal Public Housing, Section 8, Low Income Energy Assistance, Free School Lunch Programs, SSI, food stamps, Temporary Assistance and must have a valid mailing address with no one else in the home using this service. Free cell phone with 60 free minutes per month. No contract/fees. <https://www.safelinkwireless.com/EnrollmentPublic/benefits.aspx>
- Section 8 Housing – Kendall county – 811 W. John St., Yorkville, 60560 630-553-8036
- **Kendall County Health Department** – Services for low income families, 630-553-9100 x8051
- DHS – assistance with child care payments – based on income- for Kendall County call the Child Care Resource & Referral in Joliet at 1-800-641-4622
- Energy Assistance (electric & gas) 630-232-9530
- United Health Care Children’s Foundation – grants up to \$5,000 awarded to parents and legal guardians of disabled children for health care services and medical equipment inadequately covered by insurance. www.uhccf.org
- Angel Food Ministries – purchase box of food at 1/2 the grocery store price, orders placed at Caring Hands Thrift Shop in Yorkville, pick up in Oswego one Saturday per month
- The Simple Gifts Foundation – www.thesimplegiftsfoundation.org Assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities in DuPage county and surrounding communities

Homeless Shelter

- Wayside Cross Mission – 215 E. New York St., Aurora, IL 630-892-4239
- Hessed House – 659 S. River St., Aurora 630-897-2156
- Kendall County PADS – operates mid October – April. Various churches throughout the county provide shelter on designated days of the week. www.kendallcares.org

Hospital/Healthcare



- **Rush-Copley Emergency Center** – 1122 West Veterans Parkway, Yorkville, IL 60560
866-4COPLEY (1-866-426-7539)
rushcopley.com/Emergency Center
- **Rush-Copley Medical Center** – 2000 Ogden Avenue, Aurora, IL 60504
866-4COPLEY (1-866-426-7539)
rushcopley.com

Home Health Care/Visiting Nurses/Discounted Rates for not having insurance

- Visiting Nurse Association of Fox Valley – 1245 Corporate Blvd., Aurora 60504 630-978-2532 or 630-892-4355

Legal Services for Disabled/Seniors

- **Dan Parsons**-Law Office of Daniel Parsons, P.C.28 N. First St., Ste. 3Geneva, IL 60134
630-208-0674
- **Dawn Weekly**, Legacy Law Firm, LLC, 21 W. Church Street, Sandwich, IL 60548,
815-570-2334. Practice focusing in Elder Law and Disability Planning

Medical Supplies

- Shield Healthcare – 747 Church Road, Suite G11, Elmhurst, IL 60126 800-675-8847
provides diapers and other medical equipment such as that needed for tube feeding for individuals with Medicaid eligibility – up to 10 diaper changes per day for individuals over 4+ years of age

Mental Health

- **AID** –Yorkville 630-966-4111; Aurora 630-859-1291
- **Kendall County Health Department** – 811 W. John St., Yorkville 60560 630-553-9100
- SASS Cares for KIDS Crisis Mental Health Services – provides mental health services for children and youth who may need hospitalization for mental health care 1-800-345-9049

Post Secondary Education

- **Waubensee Community College** – Rt. 47 @ Harter Rd., Sugar Grove, IL 60554 630-466-7900, downtown Aurora, Copley, and Plano campuses.
- Joshua O'Neill and Zeshan Tabani Enrichment Fund – financial assistance to young adults with Down Syndrome who wish to take post secondary classes or other classes to gain a variety of skills – Erin Geller egeller@ndss.org or visit National Down Syndrome Society website

Recreation

- Fox Valley Special Recreation Association – 2121 West Indian Trail, Aurora 60506 630-907-1114 or www.fvsra.org
- Adaptasplash – 1900 Ogden Ave., Aurora, 60546 630-978-6280 swim program for children with physical disabilities
- Best Buddies – 350 N. Orleans, Suite 9313, Chicago, IL 312-828-9313 1:1 friendships to people with cognitive disabilities
- Kendall County Special Olympics – 201 Garden St., Yorkville, 60560 630-553-5833

- Pin Pal Bowling – 99 Ashlawn Ave., Oswego 60543 630-554-1719 bowling team for people with disabilities
- Nuestros Angelos – Fox Valley, Aurora Hispanic play group for children with Down Syndrome that meets once a month at GiGi's playhouse. 630-778-PLAY foxvalley@gigisplayhouse.org.
- Haley's Playground, Inc. – Sensory experiences through exercise, play, activities, sports, and dance. Classes for children, teens, and young adults. Class locations in Aurora and North Aurora www.haleysplayground.com contact Jackie Olson 630-777-5045.

Service Dogs

- Dogs for Disabilities, Inc. – 630-879-9561 P.O. Box 537, Batavia, IL 60519 www.dogsfordisabilities.com
- VIP Service Dog Foundation - www.vipservicedogfoundation.org

Sibling Programs

- Little Friends, Inc. Naperville Sibling Support Groups call 630-355-6533
- Supporting Illinois Brothers and Sisters – www.sibsnetwork.org support organization for siblings of individuals with disabilities

School Advocates

- Kendall County Special Education Cooperative, [201 Garden Street - Yorkville, IL 60560](http://www.kcsec.org/)
Phone: (630) 553-5833, <http://www.kcsec.org/>
- Precision Education – education planning, parent coaching, IEP guidance, advocacy – 3714 Pandola Ave., Joliet 1-800-432-0170 info@PrecisionEducation.com Catherine Witcher, M. Ed, Founder.
- Tammera L. Lawson – parent/child advocate 48 Pembroke Rd., Montgomery, IL 60538 630-966-0927 tammera2526@aol.com professional advocate for Kendall, Kane, DeKalb, Will and DuPage counties. No due process.
- Dr. Jean M. Hess, Educational Spectrum of Services, edsosinfo@gmail.com, P.O. Box 7963, Aurora, IL 60507 859-536-2539
- Special Education Advocacy Center NFP – 2118 Plum Grove Rd., PMB#274, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 847-397-7011 www.specialedadvocacycenter.org, seac@specialedadvocacycenter.org free legal services to low-income parents and caregivers of children w/ disabilities seeking to obtain appropriate educational services. Service area: Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties.

Senior Services

- **Agency on Aging**-Northeastern Illinois (Advocacy, planning and funding agency for older adult programs/services; Aging and Disability Resource Center) 800-528-2000 www.ageguide.org.
- A Place For Mom- Senior Living Advisors & Resources 630-632-9022 www.aplaceformom.com
- Meals on Wheels- 908 Game Farm Road Yorkville, IL 60560; 630-553-2316
- **Senior Services Associates, Inc.** 908 Game Farm road, Yorkville Il, 60560, 630-553-5777, 800-942-1724, www.seniorserviceassoc.org

Support Groups

- Advocates Network of Kane/Kendall Counties - This group is affiliated with Arc of Illinois and works on legislative advocacy to provide housing, transportation, recreation and day programs for multi-need children and adults www.advocatesnetwork.net
- Alzheimer's Support Group 888-301-1819, Yorkville 630-553-5111, Geneva 630-262-3900
- Asperger's and Autism Group (Sandwich) 815-786-2703
- Autism Society of America – Far west suburban IL chapter P.O. Box 9166, Downers Grove, 630-969-1094
- Caregiver Support Group (Yorkville) 630-553-9100 ext. 112
- Caring Hearts and Loving Souls (elder care) 630-761-9750
- CHADD (ADD/ADHD) Sandwich 815-786-6341
- Child Play & Parents Support Group (amputees) 312-908-5478
- Compassionate Friends (bereavement parents) Fox Valley Chapter, Sherry (630) 553-2132 [TCF leeann@hotmail.com](mailto:leeann@hotmail.com), Meeting Info: 2nd Friday of each month 7:30 pm, Meeting Address: Mercy Center, 1325 N Highland Ave, Aurora, IL 60506-1449
- DBSA (Depressive and Bipolar Support Alliance) 630-653-3560
- Diabetes Support Group (Geneva) 630-208-3345
- Down Syndrome Parent Group (Elgin) 847-885-6216
- Epilepsy Support Group 630-289-5577, (Winfield) 630-933-3907
- Grief Share (Kaneville) 630-365-2880
- High Hopes Brain Injury (Wheaton) 630-462-4124
- Illinois Spina Bifida Association 630-637-1050
- Managing Multiples (Naperville) 630-527-5369
- Meet Up Mothers of Autism (Asp., SPD, PDD-Nos) www.meetup.com/autismmoms/ Shari 630-946-6159
- The Morris Autism Meet up Group <http://autism.meetup.com/242/>
- MUMS (Mothers United for Moral Support for Children w/ Disabilities) 630-554-8989
- Parent Association for CP Children 708-532-1916
- Parkinson's Support Group 630-761-9750
- PROUDD, Parent Resource Organization for the Understanding of Developmental Disabilities – Non profit organization that does education, training and support for anyone living or working with a child with a developmental, emotional or learning disability. Wide array of programs including conferences, social groups and camps. www.proudd1.webs.com 560 Waterbury Dr., Aurora, IL 60504 Carla Oldham, President 630-991-1156 prouddparents@aol.com
- Spectrum (Support for Individuals with Autism) 630-552-7906
- Special Education Parents Group families of special needs children in district #303 www.sepq-d303.org
- Special Needs Dads Group – Matt Lautourette 650-930-0263 or Matt.latourette@yahoo.com, group meets monthly at Tommy Nevins Pub in library room at 3032 English Rows, Naperville
- Super Sibs (Program for children who have a disabled sibling) 630-365-5550
- Summit School – Parent Café Support Group – This is a support group for parents that have a child on the autism spectrum. Contact – Jennifer Glim 847-488-9207 ext. 233 jglim@summitelgin.org
- Tourette Syndrome Association 847-585-8229
- Ups for Downs (parent group Down Syndrome) 708-795-7470
- Y.A.N.A. – You are not Alone – Batavia Special Ed. Parent group (others from out of area are welcome) 630-879-0076

Transportation

- **Kendall Area Transit** – (If you need a ride outside of Kendall County, KAT can also provide that info) Curb-to-curb or Door-to-door transportation service for seniors and disabled in Kendall County. Call 1-877-IGO-4KAT to register or for further questions. Operated by Voluntary Action Center.
- Plainfield Township Senior Shuttle 815-436-1112
- **Senior Service Associates**: Volunteer Transportation Program - Provides transportation for seniors who live in Kendall County, and who are 60 or better. 630-553-5777.

Vocational Programs/Support

- DRS – job coaching/job placement (contracts w/ AID) Aurora # 630-892-7417
- **AID** – 309 W. New Indian Trail Ct., Aurora, IL 60506 630-966-4100 Day programs in Yorkville and Aurora.