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LEGAL ASSISTANCE

For a list of organizations in or around Chicago that are available to help people with legal problems or questions, click on the following link: [WheretogoforLegalAssistance2012.pdf](#).

Equip for Equality

20 N. Michigan Avenue
Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: 800-537-2632
www.equipforequality.org

The mission of Equip for Equality is to advance the human and civil rights of children and adults with physical and mental disabilities in Illinois. Equip for Equality provides self-advocacy assistance, legal services, legislative advocacy and disability rights education.

Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago

Central Intake Office
111 W. Jackson Blvd. 3rd floor
Chicago, IL 60604
312-341-1070
www.lafchicago.org

The Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago provides free legal assistance to low-income and elderly individuals in Chicago and suburban Cook County. Services offered include:

- Legal advice on a wide range of topics in person or by telephone
- Representation of clients in state and federal courts
- Representation of clients in hearings before state and federal agencies
- Negotiation on behalf of clients
- Legal education presentations and publications

Illinois Guardianship & Advocacy Commission

www.gac.state.il.us

STATEWIDE GENERAL INFO: 1-866-274-8023

The Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission protects the rights and promotes the welfare of persons with disabilities. It provides legal representation, investigates complaints of rights violations and provides state guardianship for Illinois' population with disabilities.

Illinois Legal Aid

www.illinoislegalaid.org

Illinois Legal Aid provides information to Illinois residents about available legal services for non-criminal problems. The website provides access to legal resources, forms and information on a number of topics, including forms to complete for filing an Order of Protection.

Coordinated Advice and Referral Program for Legal Services (CARPLS)

Legal Aid Hotline: (312) 738-9200.

www.carpls.org

CARPLS is a legal aid service that offers an immediate response to the every day legal problems confronting low-income residents of Cook County. CARPLS' Legal Aid Hotline and court-based Advice Desks give low-income clients direct access to experienced attorneys who are trained to quickly assess and respond to a wide range of civil legal problems. CARPLS attorneys provide information, advice and brief services including the preparation and review of legal documents. Clients with more complex needs are referred by CARPLS to a network of specialized legal and social service providers.

First Defense Legal Aid (If arrested by Chicago Police)

1-800-529-7374 (24/hour legal hotline)

<http://first-defense.org/>

FDLA's core purpose is the maintenance of a 24-hour Chicago Police Custody Hotline, through which all Chicago residents could be connected with an on-call attorney who would provide general legal advice and actual police station representation.

Health and Disability Advocates (HDA)

205 W. Monroe Street, Suite 300

Chicago, IL 60606

(312) 223-9600

www.hdadvocates.org

HDA promotes income security, work and education opportunities, and improves healthcare access and services for children, people with disabilities and low-income, older adults. Their legal and policy experts provide a range of services including individual legal representation, custom trainings and technical assistance to consumers, businesses, service providers and government agencies.

ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)

1-800-514-0301

<http://www.ada.gov/>

The ADA requires that persons with disabilities are given equal opportunity in employment, State and local government services, public accommodations, commercial facilities, and transportation.