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TRANSPORTATION

The Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride Program

To participate in the Persons with Disabilities Ride Free program, Illinois residents over the age of 16 with a disability must submit a [Benefit Access Application](#) on the Internet. Paper applications are not available. Once your application is approved you may print out a note of eligibility to take to your local transit authority or Secretary of State Office. The free rides are on regularly scheduled CTA, Metra, and Pace buses and trains.

RTA Reduced Fare Permit

RTA Customer Service Center

165 N. Jefferson

Chicago, IL 60661

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

(312) 913-3110

<http://www.rtachicago.com/fare-programs/reduced-fare-program.html>

If you are aged 65 or older, you are eligible for reduced fare through the [RTA Reduced Fare Program](#). All Medicare cardholders are eligible to apply for the RTA Reduced Fare Permit. If you have a disability, you may also qualify for this program ([More information...](#)). With a Reduced Fare Permit you can travel at a reduced rate on CTA, Pace and Metra.

[Visit the RTA's Web site](#) or call (312) 913-3110 to apply for the RTA Reduced Fare Permit. You may also download a [reduced fare application](#) or apply at any one of 200 registration sites in the region. To find a site near you, call 836-7000 from any local area code or refer to one of the [Senior Registration Sites](#).

Pace ADA Paratransit Service

Pace Paratransit Operations
547 W. Jackson Blvd., 10th Floor
Chicago, IL 60661
Voice: 1-800-606-1282

http://www.pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/sd_ada_chicago.asp

Pace's ADA Paratransit Service provides origin-to-destination transportation to ADA Paratransit eligible individuals who are unable to use accessible mainline and rail service due to their disabilities. Pace's ADA Paratransit is a shared-ride program.

Paratransit Service customer guides for Chicago and the Suburbs are available at the following link:

http://www.pacebus.com/sub/paratransit/ADA_guide.asp.

To schedule trips in the city of Chicago, there are 3 service areas:

South - 71st St. south to Sibley: 1-866-926-9631

Central - between 71st St and Fullerton: 1-866-926-9632

North - Fullerton north to Central: 1-866-926-9633

Unsure what [Service Areas](#) to call? See [map](#) or call **1-800-606-1282** for help.

Reservations for the Chicago ADA services are taken Monday through Sunday 6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.

Ways to Work Car Loan Program

Ways to Work is a low interest car loan program for working parents that is run by a partnership between the Salvation Army and Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois. The program is for a working parent or parents to afford to purchase a car at a low, fixed rate of interest who would not otherwise qualify for such a low interest rate loan. Car loans are at 8 % interest up to \$6,000 (during income tax season, you can use your tax refund for a higher loan amount). The loan program also provides financial guidance and counseling.

Basic Guidelines:

- ✓ Employed for at least 6 months, working at least 20 hours a week
- ✓ At least 18 years old
- ✓ Resident of Dupage, Cook or City of Aurora
- ✓ Current Illinois driver's license
- ✓ Must have at least one dependent 18 years old or younger
- ✓ Can not exceed income limits
- ✓ Ability to re-pay loan

For more information, please contact Peter Gonzalez @ 877-601-2769 or peter_gonzalez@usc.salvationarmy.org.