



Community Resources

The Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) team at CICS Bucktown has compiled this list of resources and services available in our community to assist the parents and families of our students in utilizing them.

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<h1>Recreational</h1>		
<p>Night Out in the Parks Free <i>Year Round</i></p>	<p>Catch films, plays, concerts, and more in parks all over the city. You can search for these events in programs either by date or by location using the parks district website.</p>	<p>http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/events/night-out-in-the-parks/</p>
<p>Summer Day Camp <i>\$1 - \$3 per hour</i> <i>Registration begins 4/4/16 (Parks West of California Ave.) or 4/5/16 (Parks East of California Ave.)</i></p>	<p>Looking to keep your kids active, engaged and safe this summer? 40,000 kids do just that each summer in Chicago Park District camps, all for a reasonable cost. We're preparing to make summer 2016 our best summer yet!</p> <p>Financial Assistance is available!</p> <p>Day Camp (6-12 yrs), Play Camp (3-5 yrs), and Teen Camps (13-15 yrs). Numerous specialty camps are also available.</p>	<p>http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/day-camp/</p> <p>http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/programs/day-camp-financial-assistance-program/</p>
<p>Museum of Science & Industry: Summer Brain Games Free</p>	<p>Discover Science at Home with MSI! Blast off and explore space with activities that are easily done at home with kids of all ages (and a little adult supervision), using items found around the house. Launch a rocket, land your payload safely on the surface, experiment with ways to grow food and more.</p> <p>Find step-by-step instructions for eight space science activities from MSI's Summer Brain Games program. There's also experiments with a science carnival theme and others that explore summer science.</p>	<p>http://www.msichicago.org/programs/summer-brain-games/</p>

<p>Crafty Sunday Free <i>Sundays, 10 am - 12 pm at Cat & Mouse Games, 1112 W Madison St.</i></p>	<p>Drop-in craft classes for kids (ages 4-8).</p>	<p>http://www.chicagokids.com/calendar/Detail/22006/crafty-sunday</p>
<p>Beginner's Art Studio <i>\$6 per person Monday & Wednesday - Saturday 10:30am to 4:30pm; Sunday 12:30pm to 4:30pm</i></p>	<p>Children and adults explore their creative sides in this fully engaging, open-ended art experience, with daily-changing materials and trained facilitators. Ages 1-8.</p>	<p>http://www.chicagokids.com/calendar/Detail/23450/beginners-art-studio-drop-in</p>
<p>The Storybook Mom at Little Threads Free</p>	<p>Little Threads hosts an amazing Story Time every Monday 10:30am – 11am with the famous storybook mom Nili Yelin.</p>	<p>http://www.chicagokids.com/calendar/Detail/15483/the-storybook-mom-at-little-threads</p>
<p>Wild Wednesdays Free <i>Wednesdays from 4-7pm</i></p>	<p>Kids will be exploring nature, getting their hands dirty and discovering new things about plants, animals and nature. In addition to our dig pit and spray bottles, we'll be inviting a wild animal guest several times a month. All ages</p>	<p>http://www.chicagokids.com/calendar/Detail/18203/wild-wednesdays</p>
<p>Storytime at Open Books Free <i>Saturdays, 10:00 am</i></p>	<p>Kids can join in at 10am every Saturday for a storytime in the children's section of this West Loop bookstore Every week, there will be a new tale with activities, and (on special occasions) prizes. All ages.</p>	<p>http://www.chicagokids.com/calendar/Detail/22004/storytime-at-open-books</p>
<p>Camp Kesem Free</p>	<p>Camp Kesem serves children who have lost a parent to cancer, have a parent undergoing cancer treatment ,</p>	<p>www.campkesem.org</p>

	<p>or whose parent is a cancer survivor - an estimated population of over 3 million children in the United States. Our student leaders provide a warm and loving environment where children are free to share their feelings with one another. Our model focuses on providing a strong peer-based support network where children can find strength, hope, compassion and fun.□</p>	
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<h1>Educational</h1>		
Chicago City of Learning <i>Free or Affordable</i>	Online resource that connects you to free or affordable extracurricular activities. Activities are organized by interest, and include online challenges and in-person after school workshops.	https://chicagocityoflearning.org/
826Chi Free	826CHI is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write.	http://www.826chi.org/
Summer Learning Challenge - Chicago Public Library Free <i>Registration June 8</i>	The Summer Learning Challenge is a program to encourage, inspire and motivate children and parents to learn and explore in the summertime. Redesigned to incorporate STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) disciplines and attract children from multiple intelligences, the Summer Learning Challenge is a model being replicated in libraries across the U.S. A key feature of the Summer Learning Challenge is to encourage kids and families to participate in a variety of activities that encourage 21st Century skills by READING books & magazines (at least 20 minutes per day); DISCOVERING through hands-on programs, field trips and using appropriate online sites; and CREATING by solving engineering and design challenges and making artistic connections.	http://www.cplfoundation.org/site/PageServer?pagename=invest_children_school_summerlearning_co
Fiddleheads Free	Each weekend we cook up projects that get kids and families wondering about the plants and the natural	http://www.chicagokids.com/calendar/Detail/20656/fiddleheads

<p><i>Saturdays and Sundays year round.</i></p>	<p>world. Come visit over the weekend to get a dose of the tropics and keep your kids connected to nature. Each month, we will wonder about the natural world in a different way, with activities changing weekly. Please Note: activities are subject to change.</p>	
<p>Young Chicago Authors Free</p>	<p>Young Chicago Authors programs cultivate artistic voice, develop critical thinkers and empower youth to be civically engaged. Workshops are taught by Young Chicago Authors Core Teaching Artists and are appropriate for youth grades 6th – College with varying skill levels—beginner to advanced. Young Chicago Authors provides a safe space where no racist, sexist, homophobic or anti-group language is allowed. Above all things YCA is a place where participants can come together, share their art and create bridges across the city.</p>	<p>http://youngchicagoauthors.org/programs/</p>
<p>Open Books</p>	<p>Open Books is a nonprofit social venture that provides literacy experiences for thousands of readers each year through inspiring programs and creative capitalization of books. From one-on-one reading practice with young students and book grants to school classrooms all the way through intensive novel-writing sessions and celebrations of our newly published authors, we transform thousands of lives each year through reading, writing, and the power of used books.</p>	<p>http://www.open-books.org/</p>

Financial

Scholarships for Returning Students

<p>American Association of University Women <i>Scholarship amount:</i> \$2500 <i>April 10 deadline</i></p>	<p>The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Members of AAUW are alumnae who unite to develop programs to enable college women to continue their own intellectual growth, to further the advancement of women, and to discharge the special responsibilities to society of those who have enjoyed the advantages of higher education. The Lombard Area Branch of AAUW is offering one "Return to Learning" scholarship to assist in completing an undergraduate or master's degree, or a certification program.</p>	<p>https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-state/illinois-scholarships/aauw-return-to-learning-scholarships/</p>
<p>Adult Students in Scholastic Transition: Executive Women International <i>April 15 deadline</i></p>	<p>The Adult Students in Scholastic Transition (ASIST) Scholarship Program helps provide financial support to adult students in a variety of transitional situations. Executive Women International (EWI) believes that the ASIST Program will positively impact the personal life, employment, family, and community of the applicant.</p>	<p>https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/scholarships-for-returning-students/adult-students-in-scholastic-transition-asist-scholarship-program/</p>
<p>FACT Second Chance Scholarship <i>Scholarship amount:</i> \$10,000 <i>January 15, 2017 deadline</i></p>	<p>The FACT Second Chance Scholarships are for High school graduates who have been out of school for at least 4 years wanting to go to college/university. Two scholarships are awarded.</p>	<p>https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/scholarships-for-returning-students/fact-second-chance-scholarship/</p>

Public Aid		
Children and Family Benefits Unit	The CFBU can assist you with: Applying for Health Insurance and or SNAP; Renewing your medical card and/or SNAP case; managing your active medical card and/or SNAP case	Hotline #: 773.553.KIDS
Beacon Therapeutic Navigator Program	The Affordable Care Act (ACA) created the Navigator Program to help individuals , families, and small businesses to purchase health insurance through their state's health insurance exchange. Beacon Navigators are trained to help consumers learn about their health plan options and to assist with enrollment.	Email: navigator@beacon-therapeutic.org Phone: 773.233.3821
Beacon Therapeutic Frequent Users Service Engagement Initiative	Some homeless families with long histories of homelessness and untreated or poorly managed mental illnesses and addictions, cycle throughout the shelter system and other public systems such as criminal justice, child welfare and emergency health care. With funding from the City of Chicago Department of Family & Support Services, Beacon Therapeutic's crisis response team will provide clinical interventions to reduce the incidence of shelter discharge and increase connections to more stable housing. The Frequent Users Service Engagement Initiative seeks to more effectively engage families and assist them in managing and navigating the shelter system.	Phone: 773.233.3821
Beacon Therapeutic FamilyWorks Program	Beacon Therapeutic's FamilyWorks program is a comprehensive initiative with the Chicago Housing	Frank O. Lowden Homes: 773.941.4976

	<p>Authority (CHA) that provides targeted services to families based on their needs at critical life milestones. Services are focused on increasing economic independence and earning power, developing academic achievement of youth and adults, and increasing stability and quality of life for families and seniors as they age in place.</p>	<p>Trumbull Park Homes: 773.359.4561 Outreach Services: 773.233.3821</p>
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Health and Wellness

Pediatric Dentistry	Online list of pediatric dentists in Chicago	http://chicagokids.com/resources/subcategory/126/dental
Kids' Yoga <i>\$18 per class</i> <i>Bloom Yoga Studio, 4663 N. Rockwell</i> <i>Wednesdays 4:30 - 5:30pm</i>	Students will learn traditional yoga poses such as lion, tree and warrior to develop strength, flexibility, coordination and balance. Children this age love the challenge of more 'advanced' poses. Arm balances, longer holds, and pretzel-ly type poses keep kids engaged and growing with this lifelong practice. Ages 5-8.	http://www.chicagokids.com/calendar/Detail/23691/kids-yoga
My Gym Chicago <i>One month Free</i>	My Gym has developed an extraordinary program and facility devised to help children 6 weeks thru 10 years of age develop physically, cognitively and emotionally. We have hundreds of locations in more than 30 countries offering structured, age-appropriate, weekly classes that incorporate music, dance, relays, games, special rides, gymnastics, sports and more. Children have loads of fun as they gain strength, balance, coordination, agility and flexibility while developing social skills, confidence and self-esteem.	http://www.mygym.com/chicago

<h1>Mental Health</h1>		
<h2>Therapy and Counseling</h2>		
Mosaic Therapy	Group and Family therapy	http://www.mosaictherapy.org/
Child Psychologists in Chicago	Online List of child psychologists and/or child counsellors in Chicago	http://www.theravive.com/therapy/child-psychologist-chicago
Child Therapy Chicago	Our mission is to help children and families. Our practice is dedicated exclusively to helping families, children and parents who are facing emotional, behavioral and relationship problems. Unlike other local practices, we do not see numerous types of clients. We focus on children (even very young ages) and families.	http://www.childtherapychicago.com/p/services.html
Chicago Children's Center for Behavioral Health	Chicago Children's Center for Behavioral Health (Chicago Children's Center) is a compassionate and dedicated team of behavioral health professionals including physicians, nurses, counselors, therapists, teachers, and support staff. It is our mission to heal children and adolescents with behavioral health needs with an understanding that each child has a unique condition and set of circumstances. With a child, family, and community focus, we develop individualized solutions to meet their needs. We work closely with families and the child's community to guide and nurture enduring healing and compassionate care.	http://chicagochildrecenter.com Referral line: 312.491.5055

Autism Spectrum Resources

<p>Easterseals</p>	<p>Easterseals offers help, hope and answers to more than a million children and adults living with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other disabilities or special needs and their families each year. Services and support are provided through a network of more than 550 sites in the U.S. and through Ability First Australia. Each center provides exceptional services that are individualized, innovative, family-focused and tailored to meet specific needs of the particular community served.</p>	<p>http://www.easterseals.com/</p>
<p>Continuum Autism Spectrum Alliance</p>	<p>We are a team of highly trained specialists dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals and families who present with signs or symptoms associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder and related developmental disabilities. Using the methods of ABA we offer a variety of behavioral and educational services in the home, school, and community.</p>	<p>http://autismspectrumalliance.com/</p>
<p>Autism Home Support Services</p>	<p>We provide ABA resources, evidence based treatment, and technology supported collaborative communication through in home service throughout the Chicago area.</p>	<p>http://autismhomesupport.com/</p>
<p>Chicagoland Autism Connection--Monthly Meeting <i>Third Saturday of each month from September through June with the exception of December. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</i></p>	<p>At each meeting they provide one or more speakers on a topic of interest. Free respite care offered during the meeting for children with autism. Also, Continuing Professional Development Units are offered for Illinois educators. There is also the "A Team" Social and Recreational Club for persons with ASD ages 13-young</p>	<p>http://www.chicagoparent.com/resources/special-needs-resources/autism-spectrum-disorders/chicagoland-autism-connection</p>

<p><i>Easter Seals School and Center for Autism at 1939 W. 13th St. in Chicago</i></p>	<p>adult and the "Junior A Team" for ages 5-12.</p>	
<h2>Special Needs/Diverse Learners Advocacy</h2>		
<p>Family Support Network</p>	<p>The mission of the Family Support Network is to unify individuals with disabilities and their families to advocate for funding, services and community resources that strengthen and support the individual and the family directly by responding to their individual needs and empowering them to live in their own homes.</p>	<p>http://www.familysupportnetwork.org/</p>
<p>Family to Family Health Center: Family Voices</p>	<p>Family Voices aims to achieve family-centered care for all children and youth with special health care needs and/or disabilities. Through this national network, Family Voices provides families tools to make informed decisions, advocates for improved public and private policies, builds partnerships among professionals and families, and serves as a trusted resource on health care.</p>	<p>http://familyvoicesillinois.org/</p>
<p>Illinois Life Span</p>	<p>Illinois Life Span (ILS) is a free information and referral service for people with disabilities. Information is provided through this website and a toll-free phone line. ILS is a project of The Arc of Illinois—a statewide advocacy organization committed to empowering persons with disabilities to achieve full participation in community life through informed choices.</p>	<p>www.illinoislifespan.org</p>

