

Homeless Youth Resources in Chicago

Youth over 18 years old may also access adult shelters and emergency shelters by calling 311.

*Indicates options available for youth who are pregnant and/or parenting.

Drop-In Centers

Need a safe place to go during the day or essential resources?

NORTHSIDE:

Stand Up for Kids – 3614 N. Ashland. 847-251-1622. M&Th 6:30-9:30pm. Ages 16-24. Hot meal, clothing, bus passes

Broadway Youth Center – 4009 N. Broadway. 773-935-3151. M,T,Th,F 9am-5pm. Ages 12-24. Health center and drop-in for LGBTQTA. Food, clothing, HIV/STI testing, misc. health services

After Hours (Howard Brown Health) – 4025 N. Sheridan Road. 773-388-8906. 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. 6pm-9pm. Ages 18 and up. Drop-in for TGNC folks. Food, programming, insurance enrollment, hormones

Center on Halsted – 3656 N. Halsted (corner of Halsted and Waveland, near Red Line Addison stop) 773-472-6469. M-Th: Adult Ally Services (one-on-one) 1pm-3pm. Evening program (workshops & dinner) 4:40 pm-7:30pm. Friday: Teen Hang (ages 13-18) and open gym (ages 13-24) 4pm-6pm

WESTSIDE:

Casa Corazón La Casa Norte (Logan Square) – 2845 W. McLean Ave. (near California and Armitage) 773-276-4900 X241. M,T,Th 12pm-8:30pm, Fri 9am-1pm. Ages 16-24

Harbor57 (Austin) St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 5700 W. Midway (Waller and Race St., Green Line Central stop) 1st Fridays 4:30pm-7:30pm. Ages 14-25. Meals, resource advocacy, basic needs

Taskforce Prevention & Community Services – 9 N. Cicero Ave. 773-473-4100. M-W 5pm-9pm. HIV/STI testing, case management, medical referrals, job readiness, hormones

SOUTHSIDE:

Teen Living Programs Drop-In Center – 5500 S. Indiana (basement of Life Center Church) 773-355-9843. M-Th 11am-2pm. Fri by apt only. Ages 18-24

Casa Corazón La Casa Norte (Back of the Yards) 1736 W. 47th St. 773-276-4900 X250. M 3pm-9pm. W&F 9am-9pm. Ages 16-24

POP (People Organizing Progress) – Corner of 55th and Lake Park Ave, Suite 205.

Rhili3@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu Thu 4-7pm. Meals, HIV testing, GED program, mental health services, basic needs

DOWNTOWN:

Drop-In Space – 877-606-3158. Tues 1pm-8pm. Women/transwomen 14-22 who may have had to engage in sex to survive (involved in sex trade). Call for address and more info

Street Outreach Programs

Street outreach programs provide youth with basic services, such as access to food and hygiene supplies

NORTHSIDE:

The Night Ministry's Street Outreach Events – Corner of Belmont and Halsted. (Look for blue van) Thur nights 8:30pm-10pm. Contact: 773-784-9000 X7004

SOUTHSIDE:

C2P Youth Medical Mobile. Tues 5:30pm-8pm. Washington Park Refectory at 55th and Cottage Grove, 5531 S. Russell Drive. Ages 12-24

FAR SOUTHSIDE:

Universal Family Connection – 1350 W. 103rd St. Mon 10am-6pm; Tues-Fri 9am-5pm. 773-881-1711. Ages 14-23

City Warming/Cooling Centers

Go here for safe refuge from extreme weather.

NORTHSIDE:

North Area – 845 W. Wilson Ave. (3 blocks east of Wilson Red Line stop) 312-744-3580. 9am-5pm

WESTSIDE:

Trina Davila – 4300 W. North Ave. (between Kildare and Lowell) 312-744-2014. 9am-5pm

Garfield Center – 10 S. Kedzie Ave. (Madison and Kedzie) 312-745-5400. Open 24/7

SOUTHSIDE:

Englewood Center – 1140 W. 79th St. (79th and Racine) 312-747-0200. 9am-5pm

King Center – 4314 S. Cottage Grove (43rd and Cottage Grove) 312-747-2300

South Chicago – 8650 S. Commercial Ave. (87th and Commercial Ave.) 312-747-0500

Emergency Housing Options

Do you need a safe place to stay tonight? These are places where you can stay. You do not need to call in advance, but you do need to arrive by a certain time.

NORTHSIDE:

The Crib (The Night Ministry) – 835 W. Addison St. at Lakeview Lutheran Church (2 blocks east of Red Line Addison stop) 773-318-5462 (answered 8pm-10am). Emergency shelter for 20 youth, ages 18-24. Includes dinner, breakfast, supplies, showers, games and laundry. All genders. Transgender and gender non-conforming youth welcome. Lottery drawing at 8:30pm

Casa Corazón La Casa Norte (La Casa Norte) – 1940 N. California Ave. (Blue Line California stop) 773-276-4900. Emergency shelter for 10 youth, ages 18-24. Dinner, breakfast, showers. All genders.

Lottery M,T,TH at 8pm. 2845 W. McLean

Lottery W,F at 1940 N. California at 8:45pm. Open 9pm-9am

WESTSIDE:

A Safe Haven – 2750 W. Roosevelt (Roosevelt and California) 773-435-8440. Emergency shelter for 25 youth. Ages 18-24. Dinner, breakfast, showers. All genders. First come, first served. 7pm-7am. Arrive at 8pm

La Casa Norte* – 1942 N. California. 773-360-1971. Five beds for pregnant and parenting youth. Ages 18-24. Dinner, breakfast, showers, laundry. 7pm-9am. Must be referred by La Casa Norte.

SOUTHSIDE:

Casa Corazón La Casa Norte (Back of the Yards) – 1736 W. 47th St. (47th and Hermitage, Orange Line Western stop) 773-276-4900 X251. Emergency shelter for 30 youth. Ages 18-24. Dinner, breakfast, showers. All genders, First come, first served. 9pm-9am.

Interim Housing Options

Do you need a safe and stable place to stay for a few weeks to a couple of months? These are places where you can stay for a short time.

NORTHSIDE:

Open Door Shelter* – 1110 N. Noble St. (4 blocks southeast of Blue Line Division stop) 773-506-4100. Best times to call: before 9am, after 9pm. Ages 14-20. TGNC youth and single parents with children are welcome. Four-month maximum stay. Transitional Living Program available to clients in the interim program. No ID required.

Response-Ability Pregnant and Parenting Program (RAPPP)* – 3262 N. Clark St. 773-506-3120. Provides 4 months of shelter for pregnant and/or parenting youth. 8 beds, 8 cribs. Ages 14-20. Call for intake.

NORTH SUBURBAN:

Hilda's Place – 1458 Chicago Ave., Evanston (3 blocks north of Purple Line Dempster stop) 847-424-0945. Ages 18+. 4-month maximum stay. Call for intake.

WESTSIDE:

A Safe Haven – 2750 W. Roosevelt (on the northeast corner of Roosevelt and California) 773-435-8300. Ages 18+. Call for intake.

El Rescafe – 2703 W. Division St. 872-829-2654. Ages 14-17. All genders. 3-week stay. Meals, showers, family reunification. Call for intake.

Transitional Living Programs

Do you need a long-term and safe place to stay? For transitional and permanent housing, youth will need to go through the coordinated entry system. To complete a housing assessment, please go to one of the youth access points listed below:

ACCESS POINTS Youth 18-24:

NORTH: Broadway Youth Center, 4009 N. Broadway. Fridays 9am-5pm

SOUTH: Teen Living Programs, 5500 S. Indiana Ave., Fridays 11am-5pm. Call for appointment. 773-891-2505

WEST: La Casa Norte, 2845 W. McLean. Tues 1pm-5pm. Call for appointment. 773-276-4900 X252

ACCESS POINTS Youth under 18

NORTH: The Night Ministry, 835 W. Addison St. Call 877-286-2523

WEST: Puerto Rican Cultural Center. Call 872-829-2654

SOUTH: Teen Living Programs. Call 866-803-8336

Emergency Numbers

National Runaway Safeline. 1-800-RUNAWAY (786-2929)

Statewide CCBYS Information Line (24-hour crisis intervention services for homeless minors) 1-877-870-2663

Illinois Domestic Violence Helpline. 1-877-863-6338; 1-877-863-6339 (TTY)

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Stop It (Salvation Army/Human Trafficking). 877-606-3158

LGBTQ Crisis Hotline. 773-871-2273

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights Hotline. 855-435-7693

Homelessness Prevention Call Center (for rent, utility, emergency assistance). Call 311 and ask for short-term help.

StreetLight

StreetLight is a website and mobile app that provides current information on resources for homeless youth, including shelters, health clinics, emergency resources and mental health services. The website can be found at www.streetlightchicago.org. The app can be downloaded for free from the App Store on Apple or Android mobile phones.