

**IF YOU  
OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN CHICAGO  
NEED HELP**

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**Unemployed and WANT TO WORK?**

Illinois Job Service (job search and training) 1-888-337-7234 M-F 8:30-5  
STREETWISE magazine 4554 N. Broadway, Ste. 350, Chgo, 1-773-334-6600  
Orientation sessions on Mon. & Thurs. at 10 a.m.

Veterans: National VA Call Center for Homeless Vets 1-877-424-3838 24/7

**Need (or see someone who needs) MENTAL HEALTH CARE?**

Mental Health Assessment Unit at Chgo Lakeshore Hospital: 1-800-888-0560 24/7  
Chicago Police Non-Emergency Number: 311 24/7

**Homeless and NEED SHELTER?**

**Phone 311** (or ask an emergency room to do so for you) 24-7

**HOMELESS YOUTH?**

National Runaway (under 21) Switchboard 1-800-786-2929 24/7  
Teen Living Program (773) 548-4443 24/7  
Open Door Shelter (773) 506-4100 24/7

**Going HUNGRY?**

Chicago Dept. of Human Services Phone 311 24/7  
Greater Chicago Food Depository (773) 247-3663 M-F 7-5  
IL Hunger Hotline\* 1-800-359-2163 M-F 9-5 (voice mail other hrs)  
*\*also does prescreening for food stamps*

**Need a SHOWER?**

Chicago Dept. of Human Services (for shower locations): Phone 311 24/7

**A HOMELESS PARENT with a HOMELESS CHILD  
WHO NEEDS TO BE IN SCHOOL**

Chgo Public Schools Education Program for Students in Temporary Living  
Situations: (773)553-2242 M-F 8-5  
**OVER**

**Are you a PARENT who needs an alternate to PUTTING  
YOUR YOUTH OUT of the home and onto the streets?**

Mercy Home for Boys & Girls 1-312-738-7590 M-F 9-5 (mess. other hrs)  
Teen Living Program (773) 548-4443 24/7

**VICTIM or WITNESS to ABUSE or VIOLENCE?**

City of Chicago Domestic Violence Helpline: 1-877-863-6338 (free call) 24/7  
Rape Crisis Hotline (YWCA) 1-888-293-2080 (free call) 24/7  
Illinois Child Abuse and Neglect (DCFS) 1-800-252-2873 24/7  
Women's Empowerment Project (Sex Trade- under 24) 773-728-0127- hrs vary

**SUBSTANCE ABUSING and want TO STOP?**

Substance Abuse Hotline (Referrals) 1-800-821-4357 24/7  
Alcoholics Anonymous: (312) 346-1475 24/7  
Narcotics Anonymous: (708) 848-4884 24/7

**Feeling SICK?**

Heartland Health Outreach (773) 275-2586 M-F Hrs Vary

**Have HIV/AIDS or want to know your status?**

CORE Center at Cook County Hospital (312) 572-4500 M-F 8:30-4  
Provident Hospital (testing-312-572=2730)(treatment-312-572-2734)  
AIDS Counseling & Information HOTLINE 1-800-235-2331 M-Th 9-8, F 9-5

**Need free LEGAL HELP?**

Legal Assistance Foundation (312) 341-1070 M-F 8-4  
Metropolitan Tenants Org. (tenants rights) (773) 292-4988 M-F 1-5

**Need help with GOVERNMENT AID, BENEFITS, or TAXES?**

IL Dept. Human Service (Public Aid & Related) 1-800-843-6154 24/7  
Social Security Administration (inc. SSI) 1-800-772-1213 M-F 9-4  
For help filing tax returns Phone 311 24/7

**Need help finding AFFORDABLE HOUSING?**

IL Housing Development Authority 1-312-836-5200 M-F 8:30-5  
(call for list of low income apartments - MUST have SOME income)

**Need Short Term Help to Avoid Homelessness?**

Phone 311 and ask for "Short Term Help" 24/7