



ILLINOIS RESOURCE GUIDE

COUNSELING AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

Center on Halsted Anti-Violence Project

3656 N. Halsted Street
Chicago, IL 60613
Office: (773) 472-6469 x 244
24-hour Hotline: (773) 871-2273
Website: www.centeronhalsted.org

The Center on Halsted Anti-Violence Project (AVP) assists victims of anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) hate crimes, domestic violence, sexual assault, discrimination, and police misconduct. AVP operates a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline offering crisis intervention, emotional support, education, and referrals concerning all forms of violence against LGBT individuals. Only emergency calls should be made to the Crisis Hotline. Non-emergency calls for AVP should be directed to the AVP Manager at (773) 472-6469, ext. 244. In addition to the AVP, Center on Halsted also offers counseling, advocacy, support groups, and information and referrals to LGBT survivors of sexual abuse. All AVP victim services are free and confidential.

Family Resources - Quad Cities Rape/Sexual Assault Counseling & Advocacy Program

1521 47th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265
Office: (309) 797-6534
24-hour Hotline: (309) 797-1777 (accepts collect calls)
Website: www.famres.org/QCRSA

Family Resources Quad Cities Rape/Sexual Assault Counseling & Advocacy Program is the only sexual assault service program in the Quad Cities area and provides comprehensive services to survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. The Quad Cities Rape/Sexual Assault Counseling & Advocacy Program provides the following confidential free services to survivors of sexual assault: 24-hour crisis intervention, medical/legal advocacy, individual and family counseling, support groups, referrals, and community education programs. Services are offered regardless of the survivor's decision to report the incident to law enforcement agencies.

Growing Strong Sexual Assault Center

270 W. Prairie

Decatur, IL 62523

24-hour Hotline: (217) 428-0770

Website: www.growingstrongcenter.org

Growing Strong Sexual Assault Center is a non-profit organization that provides healing services to survivors of sexual assault and their significant others in Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Shelby, and DeWitt Counties. Programs and services include: a 24-hour hotline, crisis intervention, medical and legal advocacy, free and confidential counseling, support groups, information and referrals, and prevention education. Growing Strong also offers a support group for women at the Macon County Jail. All services are free and confidential and provided to women, men, and children over the age of four.

Guardian Angel Community Services Sexual Assault Service Center

1550 Plainfield Rd.

Joliet, IL 60435

Office: (815) 729-0930 x330

24-hour Hotline: (815) 730-8984

Website: www.guardianangelhome.org

The Sexual Assault Service Center is available to help survivors of sexual violence and their significant others in Will and Grundy Counties. Services include: a 24-hour hotline, medical and legal advocacy, group counseling, prevention education, and information and referrals. The Sexual Assault Service Center is also willing to provide information and support through the mail to any survivor of sexual assault incarcerated in Illinois. All services are free and confidential.

Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault

100 North 16th Street

Springfield, IL 62703

Office: (217) 753-4117

Website: www.icasa.org

Email: sblack@icasa.org

The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) is a non-profit corporation of 33 community-based sexual assault crisis centers working together to end sexual violence. Each center provides 24-hour crisis intervention services, counseling, and advocacy for survivors of sexual assault and their significant others. Free and confidential counseling are available at all of the sexual assault crisis centers. ICASA will help survivors locate the crisis center that is in their area so that they can get the help they need.

Mutual Ground, Inc.

P.O. Box 843

Aurora, IL 60507

Office: (630) 897-8989

24-hour Hotline: (630) 897-8383
Website: www.mutualgroundinc.com

Mutual Ground provides services in southern Kane County and Kendall County for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Services include: a 24-hour hotline, crisis intervention at hospitals and police stations, legal advocacy, individual counseling by professional staff, support groups, specialized services for children and teens, and information and referrals for survivors of sexual abuse and sexual assault. Mutual Ground can respond to calls from local law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities to provide advocacy and support to survivors who are still incarcerated. Services are free and confidential and provided to all survivors regardless of age or gender.

Project Inform National HIV/AIDS Treatment Hotline

205 13th Street, #2001
San Francisco, CA 94103
Office: (415) 558-8669
Hotline: (800) 822-7422
San Francisco area/International hotline: (415) 558-9051
Hotline Hours: Monday–Friday, 10am–4pm (Pacific Time)
Website: www.projectinform.org
Email: infoline@projectinform.org

Project Inform is a national, nonprofit, community-based organization working to end the AIDS epidemic. Project Inform’s toll-free National HIV/AIDS Treatment Hotline provides HIV care and treatment information, free of charge, to people living with HIV, their healthcare and service providers, and family members. The hotline accepts collect calls from inmates and can also mail out materials.

Rape Victim Advocates

180 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60601
Office: (312) 443-9603
24-hour Hotline: (888) 293-2080
TTY: (312) 935-3401
Website: www.rapevictimadvocates.org
Email: info@rapevictimadvocates.org

Rape Victim Advocates serves the greater Chicago area by providing services for men, women, and children who are survivors of all forms of sexual assault and abuse. Free and confidential counseling is provided by professional counselors through individual, couple/family, and group settings. Rape Victim Advocates also runs a medical and legal advocacy program with area hospitals, an education outreach program, and a volunteer medical advocate program. All services are free and confidential.

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling

4990 East State St.

Rockford, IL 61108
24-hour Hotline: (815) 636-9811
Website: www.comportone.com/rsac/
Email: RSACINC@aol.com

Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling provides comprehensive services for survivors of sexual assault/abuse, ages 3 to adult, and for their significant others in Boone, Dekalb, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. Services include: 24-hours crisis intervention, counseling, medical and legal advocacy, professional training, and prevention education. Services are free and confidential.

The Women's Center

610 S. Thompson Street
Carbondale, IL 62901
Office: (618) 549-4807
24-hour Toll-free Hotline: (800) 334-2094
Website: www.thewomensctr.org

The Women's Center has served survivors of domestic and sexual violence in southern Illinois for over 35 years. Core services include: 24-hour crisis intervention; information and referrals; counseling; support groups; legal, medical, and personal advocacy; transportation; case management; and emergency food and supplies. The Sexual Assault program serves Jackson, Franklin, Perry, Union, Williamson, Johnson and Saline Counties. Offices are located in the towns of Carbondale (Jackson County), Marion (Williamson County), and Benton (Franklin County). All services are confidential, free of charge, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to women, men, adolescents, and children.

Your Family Connection - REACH Sexual Assault Crisis Services

201 North Hazel St.
Danville, IL 61832
Office: (217) 446-1217
24-hour Hotline: (217) 446-1337

REACH Sexual Assault Crisis Services (formerly the YWCA of Danville) provides services for sexual assault survivors of all ages in Clark, Edgar, and Vermillion Counties. Services include: a 24 hour hotline, legal/medical advocacy, information, education, and counseling services for survivors of sexual abuse. All services are free and confidential.

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago Rape Crisis Hotline

24-hour Hotline for Chicago Metropolitan Area: (888) 293-2080
24-hour Hotline for DuPage County: (630) 971-3927
24-hour Hotline for the South Suburbs: (708) 748-5672
Website: www.ywca.org/chicago

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago operates three 24-hour rape crisis hotlines in Chicago and surrounding areas to provide confidential, immediate assistance to survivors of sexual assault

and their loved ones. Hotline advocates can provide information, support, and referrals. This service is free and available to women, men, and children.

LEGAL RESOURCES

ACLU of Illinois, Institutionalized Persons Project

Intake Department
180 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2300
Chicago, IL 60601-7401
(312) 201-9740
Website: www.aclu-il.org
E-mail: cconnell@aclu-il.org

The ACLU of Illinois tracks complaints of prisoner rape through their Institutionalized Persons Project. Letters should be sent to the intake department and then a decision will be made whether or not they can provide assistance with a claim. While the ACLU litigates civil rights issues and is particularly interested in cases regarding prisoner rape, priority is always given to class action issues, and individual litigation should not be expected.

John Howard Association

375 East Chicago Avenue, Suite 529
Chicago, IL 60611
(312) 503-6300
Website: www.thejha.org
E-mail: info@thejha.org

The John Howard Association is a private, not-for-profit organization that provides limited direct services to incarcerated individuals within Illinois. The John Howard Association monitors policies, practices, and conditions of confinement in prisons and jails in Illinois and advocates on behalf of incarcerated individuals, parolees, and the formerly incarcerated. The Association conducts monitoring visits with trained citizen volunteers to adult and juvenile correctional facilities on a regular basis in order to observe first-hand conditions of confinement, effect change, and issue reports to administrators, public officials, and interested citizens. Staff will recommend the initiation of investigations when complaints of sexual assault or sexual abuse are made and then follow up with the proper authorities. Limited information and referrals to outside agencies and community-based organizations are also available.

Lambda Legal: Midwest Regional Office

11 East Adams, Suite 1008
Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: (312) 663-4413
Fax: (312) 663-4307
Website: www.lambdalegal.org
E-mail: legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

The Midwest Regional Office provides services for those who are located in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin and accepts Help Desk calls at any time during business hours (M-F 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Central Standard Time).

If Help Desk staff are busy helping other callers, your call will be routed to the Legal Help Desk voicemail. Please leave the following information: name, state, contact info, best time to reach you, and a brief message outlining your legal inquiry. A Help Desk staff person will return your call. It is usually most efficient for Help Desk callers to contact Lambda by phone. If you are in a place where you are not able to make long distance calls, Lambda can make an appointment to call you. If you are absolutely unable to call Lambda, you may e-mail them at legalhelpdesk@lambdalegal.org or write to the addresses above.

People's Law Office

1180 N. Milwaukee
Chicago, IL 60642
Office: (773) 235-0070
Website: www.peopleslawoffice.com
Email: Peopleslaw@aol.com

People's Law Office is a civil rights law office in Chicago that has successfully represented victims of the police and other government officials for over 40 years. People's Law Office attorneys have fought for justice for people who have been tortured, wrongfully arrested or convicted, unfairly sentenced to death, suffered from police brutality or targeted as a result of their political beliefs or organizing efforts on behalf of movements struggling for justice and liberation.

The People's Law Office has been involved in many civil rights cases against state and federal prison and county jail officials for unjust conditions and treatment. Its attorneys have filed lawsuits on behalf of inmates who have been brutalized by guards or put in a position that leads to physical injury. From the early 1980's, the People's Law Office has successfully represented men and women in civil rights lawsuits who have been sexually assaulted and illegally strip searched, whether it be by police on the street, by guards in police lockups or jails, or by prison officials in prison.

Survivors of sexual abuse behind bars who believe they might have a lawsuit and would like to speak to a civil rights lawyer, can contact the People's Law Office by phone at (773) 235-0070, fill out the online contact form at www.peopleslawoffice.com/contact/, or send a letter via legal mail to Joey L. Mogul at the address above.

Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois

2040 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60647
Phone: (773) 272-1822
Website: www.tjlp.org
Email: info@tjlp.org

The Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois (TJLP) is a collective of radical lawyers, social workers, activists, and community organizers who provide free criminal and civil legal services for low-income transgender and gender non-conforming people targeted by the criminal legal system. TJLP offers support for detainees and prisoners, such as a gender-affirming pen pal program, court support, and jail and prison visits. In addition, TJLP helps distribute resources and connect people to their peers, friends, family, allies, advocates, and the larger prison abolition movement. TJLP also creates and distributes information, resources, and training curriculum for lawyers and social service providers who work with people targeted by the criminal legal system. Prisoners and jail detainees can contact TJLP via legal mail by writing to the address above. All services are free.

JDI has directly contacted each organization listed in the Resource Guide in hopes of pointing survivors toward those currently accepting new clients. However, the inclusion of any group or individual in the Resource Guide does not necessarily constitute an endorsement or recommendation by JDI, nor can JDI guarantee the availability of the services described here.