

Adult Linkages Quick Reference

<p style="text-align: center;">DRS (Department of Rehabilitation Services)</p>	<p>“Works in partnership with people with disabilities and their families to assist them in making informed choices to achieve full community participation through employment, education, and independent living opportunities.” Illinois Department of Human Services, www.dhs.state.il.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PUNS (Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services)</p>	<p>“To receive services in the state of Illinois, individuals who have developmental disabilities must be enrolled in the PUNS database. Coordinators at Suburban Access can assist with enrollment.” Suburban Access, www.subacc.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Home-based Waiver</p>	<p>“For children and young adults with developmental disabilities who live at home with their families and are at risk of placement in an Intermediate Care Facility for persons with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/DD).” Illinois Department of Human Services, www.dhs.state.il.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Home Services</p>	<p>“For children and young adults with developmental disabilities who live at home with their families, require nursing care, and are at risk of placement in a nursing home.” Illinois Department of Human Services, www.dhs.state.il.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Medicaid</p>	<p>Pays for medical services for individuals with low income. www.dhs.state.il.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Medicare</p>	<p>“Provides health insurance to younger individuals with disabilities.” Illinois Department of Human Services, www.dhs.state.il.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SSI (Supplemental Security Income)</p>	<p>“Supplemental Security Income pays benefits based on financial need.” Social Security Administration, www.ssa.gov/disability</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance)</p>	<p>“Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to you and certain members of your family if you are “insured,” meaning that you worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes.” Social Security Administration, www.ssa.gov/disability</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">POA (Power of Attorney)</p>	<p>An appointed agent “to make property or personal and health care decisions.” Illinois Guardian and Advocacy Commission, www.illinois.gov/sites/gac/OSG</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Guardianship</p>	<p>“A guardian is a person, institution or agency appointed by the Probate Court to manage the affairs of another.” Illinois Guardian and Advocacy Commission, www.illinois.gov/sites/gac/OSG</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Special Needs Trust</p>	<p>“Special needs trusts exist to enhance the quality of life of the person with disabilities through trust disbursements that supplement government benefits.” Illinois Disability Association, www.ilpooledtrust.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Respite Programs</p>	<p>Care provided to a child/adult with a disability in order to give temporary relief to family caregivers who are caring for them. National Respite Network, www.archrespite.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day Programs</p>	<p>Developmental disabilities programs that include daily living skills, community outings, vocational training, employment opportunities and recreation. Illinois Department of Human Services, www.dhs.state.il.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Special Recreation Programs</p>	<p>Provide recreation and leisure activities for individuals with disabilities. www.specialrecreation.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Transportation</p>	<p>Specialized services and programs to assist individuals with disabilities in accessing the community. www.rtachicago.org</p>