

## Family Advocacy Centers - Provider Directory

The Family Advocacy Centers is a statewide network of unique community based providers. These providers were strategically selected to operate in some of the areas where there are the highest rates of protective custodies. Although they often serve community residents, their priority goals are to provide supplemental support to parents involved with child welfare interventions:

- 1.To help children and youth in care reunite with their natural parents as soon as possible or maintain stability in alternate living arrangements that could possibly lead to or continue permanency;
- 2.To prevent children from coming into care.

Please use this directory as a guide to consider if the services they offer could be a match for your family's needs. Each provider has a unique menu of services and approach to service delivery that is responsive to their communities. These services are not substitutes for specialized or clinical supports such as therapy, substance abuse treatment or psychiatric services. In order to make a referral, please contact the FAC directly and provide them with the signed "Consent for Release of Information" form and other background information requested. They are all anxious to partner with you on behalf of strengthening the wellbeing of our communities and families.

Please also note that each program is different, but all of them are working collaboratively with "Be Strong Families" (formerly Strengthening Families Illinois) and the DCFS Statewide Provider Database. Most offer parenting classes or other types of family enrichment opportunities. Many offer services at non-traditional times (evenings and weekends). Family Advocacy Centers accept self-referrals as well as referrals from child welfare and child protection staff, DCFS and Private Agencies. Most programs don't have geographical boundaries for clients, but in consideration of travel time, generally the provider located nearest to the client is the easiest choice. Family Advocacy Services are provided at no cost to the family or agency! Some programs are small and others have a myriad of additional social services they provide based on other funding sources. However access to those other services is subject to their agency policies.

Family Advocacy Centers are also child welfare supervised visitation sites; meaning they provide space for the family visit to occur. To ensure space is available, all visits must be scheduled in advance with the FAC (no walk-ins). All visits must be supervised by DCFS/POS staff, foster parent, transportation staff or other pre-arranged personnel. These participating Family Advocacy Centers are available to only host the visit; they are not required to provide transportation, bus cards, toys, food or snacks, etc. These

resources provide additional community-based, neutral settings to convene visits possibly in closer proximity to the parent or placement setting.

DCFS and POS staff teams are encouraged to establish ongoing networking relationships with FACs, especially those nearest to their office locations. For additional questions or information about the Family Advocacy Centers network, please contact Frank Navarro, Julia Camacho Monzon or Eugene Grandberry via Outlook

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Agency	Contact Person	Geo Area	Service Array
<p><b>A Knock At Midnight</b>            400 W 76<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 206            Chicago, IL 60620            773-488-2960 (Office)            773-488-2020 (Fax)            PAS Liaison: Linda Collins            708-210-3732            DCFS Monitor:            Gene Grandberry            312-814-6800</p>	<p>Ida Brown  <a href="mailto:akamforbrown@msn.com">akamforbrown@msn.com</a>            Julie Stalle  <a href="mailto:Juliars2000@yahoo.com">Juliars2000@yahoo.com</a></p>	<p>Cook South            City and            Suburbs            Greater            Grand            Crossing and            Surrounding            Area</p>	<p>Anger Management, Effective Parenting, Computer Literacy,            Work Force Prep, Family Group Sessions, Youth Mentoring,            Acute Counseling, Referrals for Services/Assistance</p>
<p><b>Aunt Martha's Youth Services</b>  <b>Illinois Latino Resource Institute</b>            8910 S. Commercial            Chicago, IL 60617            773-356-5923 (Office)            773-356-5925 (Fax)            PAS Liaison: Linda Collins            708-210-3732            DCFS Monitor:            Julia Camacho Monzon            312-814-6800</p>	<p>Irma Chavez  <a href="mailto:irmachavez98@gmail.com">irmachavez98@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Cook South            South            Chicago and            Surrounding            Area</p>	<p>Family Visitation Site, Advocacy Services for Parents, Service            Referrals, Case Management, Parent Café, Parenting Classes,            Support Groups, Anger Management, Referrals for Domestic            Violence for Victims and Perpetrators, Outreach Services,            Individual and Family Counseling related to DCFS</p>
<p><b>Bright Star Community Outreach</b>            4518 S. Cottage Grove            Chicago, IL 60653            773-616-7287 or            773-373-5220 (Office)            773-373-5226 (Fax)            PAS Liaison: Linda Collins            708-210-3732            DCFS Monitor:</p>	<p>Ruth Robinson  <a href="mailto:ruth@brightstarcommunityoutreach.com">ruth@brightstarcommunityoutreach.com</a>            Pastor Chris Harris  <a href="mailto:Pastorharris@brightstarcogic.com">Pastorharris@brightstarcogic.com</a></p>	<p>Cook South</p>	<p>Youth and Family Counseling, Mentorship Programming, Life            Skills Training, Financial Literacy, Workforce Development,            After School Program, Parent Café/Parent Coaching, Anger            Management, Case Management</p>

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<p>Eugene Grandberry 312-814-6800</p>			
<p><b>Decatur Family Advocacy Center Old Kings Orchard Community Center</b> 815 N. Church St. Decatur, IL 217-428-2782 (Office) 217-428-3474 (Fax) PAS Liaison: Kim Letterly 217-875-6750</p>	<p>Elizabeth Hughes-Callison <a href="mailto:Elizabethhughescallison@gmail.com">Elizabethhughescallison@gmail.com</a> Brooke Hyden <a href="mailto:bhyden.okofac@gmail.com">bhyden.okofac@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Central Macon County</p>	<p>Computer Classes, Resume and Interview Assistance, Work Readiness, Women's Empowerment Group, Parent Advising Group, 4-H Children's Program, Financial Literacy, Court advocacy, Community outreach, Food basket program, Adolescent Mentoring Groups, Life Skills, Life Coaching, Advocacy, Referrals</p>
<p><b>Erie Neighborhood House</b> 4225 West 25th St. Chicago, IL 60623 773-542-7617 (Phone) 773-542-7716 (Fax) PAS Liaison: Bernard Amber 312-793-6727 DCFS Monitor: Julia Camacho Monzon Chicago-312-814-6800</p>	<p>Sandra Robles <a href="mailto:srobles@eriehouse.org">srobles@eriehouse.org</a> Rosa Sanchez <a href="mailto:rsanchez@eriehouse.org">rsanchez@eriehouse.org</a></p>	<p>Cook Central Chicago Little Village Cicero Berwyn</p>	<p>Family Visitation Site, Parenting Classes and Women's Support Group (in Spanish), English as a Second Language Classes, Computer Classes, Open Lab Time, Workforce Development-Vocational Training in Healthcare, Tutoring, Individual and Family Counseling/ Social Work, Public Housing Education and Services</p>
<p><b>Family Focus The Family Community Resource Center</b> 509 West Washington Street Bloomington, IL 61701 309-821-1616 (Office) 309-821-1717 (Fax) PAS Liaison: Lynn Meinen 309-671-7900 DCFS Monitor:</p>	<p>Belinda Kennedy <a href="mailto:b.kennedy@thefcrc.org">b.kennedy@thefcrc.org</a> Rev. Frank McSwain <a href="mailto:f.mcswain@thefcrc.org">f.mcswain@thefcrc.org</a></p>	<p>Central Bloomington and McLean County</p>	<p>Advocacy through court process, Employment Referrals, Site for NA/AA Support Groups, Mentorship, Social Security Representative Payee, Resume and Interview Assistance, Special Education/IEP Resource, Planned Parenthood Resource, Family Visitation, Women's Support Group, Tutoring, Referrals for Community Resources, Budgeting, Domestic Violence Awareness, Healthy Relationship Program</p>

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<p>Julia Camacho Monzon 312-814-6800</p>			
<p><b>Family Focus</b> <b>The Family Advocacy Center in Champaign County</b> 310 W. Church, Ste. 103 Champaign, IL 61820 217- 607-0546 (Office) 217- 607-0549 (Fax) PAS Liaison: Dary Lynn Danvers 309-794-3500 DCFS Monitor: Julia Camacho Monzon 312-814-6800</p>	<p>Christy Lazzell (Intake) <a href="mailto:Clazzell@familyadvocacy.org">Clazzell@familyadvocacy.org</a> Grace Mitchell <a href="mailto:gmitchell@familyadvocacy.org">gmitchell@familyadvocacy.org</a></p>	<p>Central Champaign County Champaign - Urbana Mahomet Seymour Sidney Rantoul Fisher</p>	<p>Ongoing collaboration with other social service agencies/programs, advocacy, Public school intervention and advocacy, Housing intervention and advocacy, Family court support and preparation, Criminal case review and support, Counseling, Resource and referral to community agencies/programs, facilitation of parenting groups, anger management groups and life skills training, Supervised and 3rd party visits, and mentoring.</p>
<p><b>FAMILY FOCUS - 4 SITES</b> Family Focus, Inc. 310 S. Peoria Street, Suite 404 Chicago, IL 60607 312-421-5200 (Office) 312-421-8185 (Fax) PAS Liaison: LainieGershon-Madio (Cook County Only) 847-948-6807 DCFS MONITOR: Julia Camacho Monzon Chicago: 312-814-6800 <b>Aurora</b> 550 Second Ave. Aurora, IL 60505 Phone: (630) 844-2550 Fax: (630) 844-2569 PAS Liaison: Jahna Nickels 630-844-8488</p>	<p>Darren Harris Program Manager <a href="mailto:Darren.Harris@family-focus.org">Darren.Harris@family-focus.org</a>  Shaquita Booker <a href="mailto:shaquita.booker@family-focus.org">shaquita.booker@family-focus.org</a></p>	<p>All Cook and Northern (Aurora)          Northern Aurora and Surrounding Area</p>	<p><b>All the Family Focus Centers</b> have the capacity to offer the following services: All participants receive an intake including a strengths- based needs assessment and an Individualized Family Service plan (IFSP), if needed; Brief counseling, 1-3 sessions; Home visiting, by request; All locations are Child welfare family visitation sites by appointment; Parenting education classes; Support groups for all parents &amp; caregivers raising grandchildren <b>Other Available Services:</b> Family Support and Assessment, Goal Setting, • Safety Planning, Support Groups, Crisis Counseling and long term referral support, Informational/Educational Workshops (domestic violence, child development, parent-child interaction, etc.) Advocacy Services (court, educational, medical, child welfare, etc.) Non-Traditional Respite Services, Internal or External Referrals (food, clothing, etc.) Supervised Child Development Activities</p>

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<p><b>Englewood</b> 6727 S. Western Ave Chicago, IL 60636 773- 962-0366 (Office) 773- 962-0966 (Fax)</p> <p><b>Nuestra Familia</b> 4145 W. Armitage Chicago, IL 60639 773-276-0940 (Office)</p> <p><b>Our place-Evanston</b> 2010 Dewey Ave. Evanston, IL 60201 847-475-7570 (Phone) 847-475-7590 (Fax)</p>	<p>Darrin Johnson <a href="mailto:Darrin.Johnson@family-focus.org">Darrin.Johnson@family-focus.org</a></p> <p>Mariana Osoria <a href="mailto:Mariana.osoria@family-focus.org">Mariana.osoria@family-focus.org</a></p> <p>Vanessa Allen-Graves <a href="mailto:Vanessa.Allen-Graves@family-focus.org">Vanessa.Allen-Graves@family-focus.org</a></p>	<p>All Cook South City</p> <p>All Cook Central</p> <p>Cook North Rogers Park West Ridge Cook North Suburbs</p>	<p>(operate simultaneously with parent groups; Child Services- Development Assessment and Referral, Follow-up (ensuring needs of family have been met after discharge from the program or further services are needed) Approved DCFS Visitation (site is approved for family visits), Special Events (field trips, holiday festivities, etc.); Services for Youth- College Prep Workshops, Tutoring, Mentoring, Support for “Aging Out” Youth, Crisis Counseling and long term referral support, After School Programs, Summer Camps, Educational Activities, Recreational Activities; Community Outreach Services- Leadership through Participation in Community Coalitions, Participation in Community Resource Fairs, Foster Parent Credit Workshops</p>
<p><b>National Youth Advocacy Program Fellowship Connection</b> 2435 W. Division Chicago, IL 60622 773-772-1141 (Phone) 773-772-5933 (Fax) PAS Liaison: Bernard Amber 312-793-6727 DCFS Monitor: Julia Camacho Monzon Chicago: 312-814-6800</p>	<p>Lynette Santiago <a href="mailto:lsantiago@nyap.org">lsantiago@nyap.org</a> Rosalinda Rodriguez Ext. 107 <a href="mailto:rrodriguez@nyap.org">rrodriguez@nyap.org</a></p>	<p>All Cook Central City West Town Humboldt Pk Logan Sqr. Hermosa Belmont Craigin Ukranian Village Portage Pk</p>	<p>Life Skills Training, Assistance with Linkage Services, DCFS Case Support, Access to family support groups, Parent Cafes, Café Talk, Parenting Classes, Anger Management Classes, Anger Management Resources, Access to parent support groups, Family Visitation, Workforce Development, ESL and Immigration Services</p>
<p><b>Healthy Families Chicago Westside Family Advocacy Center</b> 2100 S. Marshall Blvd. Unit 201 Chicago, Illinois 60623 773-257-0111 (Office)</p>	<p>Valerie Darby <a href="mailto:vdarby@healthyfamilieschicago.org">vdarby@healthyfamilieschicago.org</a> Diane Scruggs <a href="mailto:dscruggs@healthyfamilieschicago.org">dscruggs@healthyfamilieschicago.org</a></p>	<p>Cook South and Suburbs</p>	<p>Advocacy, Crisis Intervention, Service Referrals, Transportation Assistance, Monthly Parent Groups, Connected with Parent Cafes</p>

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<p>773-257-0117 (Fax)          PAS Liaison: Pamela Brown          708-338-6640          DCFS Monitor:          Eugene Grandberry          Chicago: 312-814-6800</p>			
<p><b>Mujeres Latinas en Acción</b>          2124 W. 21st Place          Chicago, IL          773-890-7676 (Office)          773-890-7650 (Fax)          PAS Liaison: Pamela Brown          708-338-6640          DCFS Monitor:          Julia Camacho Monzon          Chicago: 312-814-6800</p>	<p>Francine Cosyleon, 7680  <a href="mailto:Francine@mujereslat.org">Francine@mujereslat.org</a>          Marlen McNamara, 7681  <a href="mailto:mmcnamara@mujereslat.org">mmcnamara@mujereslat.org</a></p>	<p>Cook Central          Pilsen          Westside          South and          Southwest          Berwyn          Stickney          Riverside          Burbank          Oak Lawn          Evergreen          Pk, Cicero &amp;          Surrounding          Area</p>	<p>Domestic Violence Program: Crisis intervention, court advocacy, individual and group counseling, 24-hour crisis hotline, community education, professional training, and referrals to shelters and other resources. Play therapy for children who witness domestic violence. Counseling, therapy, crisis intervention, community education, criminal court advocacy, medical advocacy, and training for sexual assault victims. A parenting skills support group that improves communication between parent and child, and offers court ordered supervised visitation for non-custodial parents. Empowerment and leadership training for Latinas, developing self-esteem while improving their ability to lead. An after school program for Latina teens promoting leadership development, community advocacy, and school success. A Mother-Daughter class strengthens family communication. Jovenes con Palabra/ Young Men of Their Word is an after school program for at-risk Latino teens focusing on violence prevention, leadership, mentorship, and respectful relationships. A Mother-Son component strengthens family bonds. Self-empowerment through leadership development, financial literacy, and basic entrepreneurship concepts for women interested in starting or expanding a micro-enterprise in order to obtain financial independence. Ventanilla de Salud provides valuable information daily about available health services, referrals, and information for prevention. A partnership</p>
<p><b>Nicasa (Headquarters)</b>          31979 N. Fish Lake Road          Round Lake, IL 60073          847-546-6450 (Phone)          847-546-6760 (Fax)</p>	<p>Debi Leer  <a href="mailto:dleer@nicasa.org">dleer@nicasa.org</a>          Linda Snelten  <a href="mailto:lsnelten@nicasa.org">lsnelten@nicasa.org</a></p>	<p>Northern          Lake County          Wsaukegan          Round Lake</p>	<p>After School Programs, Recovery Home for Men and Women, Services for Women, Community Support Services, DUI Services, Gambling Services, Latino Services, Parent Support, Empowerment Programs, Secretary of State Services, Speaker's Bureau, Teen Court, Substance Abuse</p>

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<p><b>Waukegan Office</b>          1113 Greenwood Ave.          Waukegan, IL 60087          847-244-4434 (Office)          847-244-9431 (Fax)</p> <p><b>Highland Park Office</b>          1724 1st Street          Highland Park, IL 60085          847-433-1303 (Office)          847-433-2324 (Fax)</p> <p><b>Judy H. Fried Center</b>          2031 Dugdale Ave.          North Chicago, IL 60064          847-785-8660 (Phone)          847-785-8665 (Fax)</p> <p><b>Nicasa Zion</b>          1632 23rd Street, Zion, IL 60099          847- 872-2830 (Office)          PAS Liaison: George          Vennalasseril 847-249-6917          DCFS Monitor:          Eugene Grandberry          312-814-6800</p>			<p>Services for Adults and</p>
<p><b>Primed for Life</b>          816 South College Street          Springfield, IL 62704          217-789-2980 (Office)          217-789-2987 (Fax)          PAS Liaison: Scott Cameron          217-221-2525          DCFS Monitor:          Eugene Grandberry          312-814-6800</p>	<p>Leshonda Rogers  <a href="mailto:Lrogers@primed4life.org">Lrogers@primed4life.org</a>          Laura Salefski  <a href="mailto:lsalefski@primed4life.org">lsalefski@primed4life.org</a></p>	<p>Central          Sangamon          County</p>	<p>Case Management, Coaching, Counseling, Direct Client Support, Court Advocacy, Development Training, Housing Assistance, Life Skills/Empowerment Training, Mentoring, Youth Advisory Board, Community Outreach, Transportation Assistance, Work Readiness</p>



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<p><b>Sankofa House</b>          4041 W. Roosevelt Road          Chicago, IL 60624          773-542-9900 (Office)          773-542-9790 (Phone)</p> <p><b>Sankofa</b>          200 E. 75th St. Suite 404          Chicago, IL 60619          773-826-9520 (Office)          773-826-9537 (Fax)          PAS Liaison: Bernard Amber          312-793-6727          DCFS Monitor:          Eugene Grandberry          312-814-6800</p>	<p>Westside location:          Ed Bickham  <a href="mailto:wsafechild@sbcglobal.net">wsafechild@sbcglobal.net</a></p> <p>Southside location:          Debra A. Brown  <a href="mailto:wsafechild@sbcglobal.net">wsafechild@sbcglobal.net</a></p>	<p>Cook Central          and South          City          Near West          Side, South          Shore and          Greater          Chicago          Metropolitan          Area</p>	<p>Family Visitation Site, Advocacy and Empowerment Services, Networks with Faith Based Groups, Case Management, Home Visitation, Life Skill Coaching, Supportive Housing Facility, Sankofa House - for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and limited units for others based on income, Respite, Juvenile Expungement, Afterschool and Educational Enrichment Programs, Workforce Development, Violence Prevention, Computer Training (specialty 40 years old and older), Health and Wellness Workshops, Parenting Classes and Male Mentoring Groups.</p>
<p><b>SOS Children Village</b>  <b>Casa Tepeyac</b>          4538 South Hermitage          Chicago, IL 60609          773-247-7725 ext. 101 (Office)          773-247-7794 (Fax)          Linda Collins          708-210-3732          DCFS Monitor:          Julia Camacho Monzon          312-814-6800</p>	<p>Veronica Smith, LCSW  <a href="mailto:vsmith@sosillinois.org">vsmith@sosillinois.org</a>          773-247-7725, ext 10</p>	<p>Cook South          Back of the          Yards, New          City, West          South and          Southwest          side          southwest          collar          suburbs</p>	<p>Family Visitation Site, Intervention and Assessment Services, Crisis Stabilization, In-Home Family Services, Child and Family Support Services, Crisis and Resource Referral Service Visitation Site also at SOS Children's Village 7600 S. Parnell</p>
<p><b>Southtown</b>  <b>Youth Programs Center</b>          P.O. Box 725          1108 South 15th Street          Mt. Vernon, IL 62864</p>	<p>Rev. James Gordon  <a href="mailto:southtown@mvn.net">southtown@mvn.net</a>          Tiffany Gray  <a href="mailto:stowndfac@gmail.com">stowndfac@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Southern          Jefferson &amp;          Marion          Counties</p>	<p>Wide Variety of Youth Services, Mentoring Programs, Excel in Education/Tutor Reward Programs, Technology Center, Community Action Teams and Parent Action Teams</p>

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618-242-4077 or 618-244-7195 (Office) PAS Liaison: Audrey Olden 618-257-7421 DCFS Monitor: Eugene Grandberry 312-814-6800			
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