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Looking for Housing?

Housing Action Illinois does not provide direct assistance to people looking for affordable housing. However, these websites provide other potential resources.

ILHousingSearch.org. The site developed by the Illinois Housing Development Authority and other state agencies provides detailed information about rental properties and helps people find housing to best fit their needs:

www.ilhousingsearch.org

Chicago Housing Options Survey Tool helps case managers and consumers identify affordable housing resources available: www.chicagohousingoptions.org

City of Chicago-Affordable Chicago Initiative: www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/progs/affordchic.html

Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA): www.ihda.org/renter/index.htm

Click on "Find an Apartment" and "Rental Assistance".

The Chicago Housing Authority. Housing Choice Voucher Program and Public Housing: www.thecha.org

USDA Housing Programs Illinois: www.rurdev.usda.gov/IL_HousingPrograms.html

Map-based search for affordable rental housing: rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_state.jsp

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development—Rental Housing in Illinois. Subsidized Housing, Public Housing, Housing Choice Vouchers and other information: www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=il&topic=renting

The HomeSales.gov web site provides current information about single-family homes for sale by the U.S. Federal Government. These previously owned homes are for sale by public auction or other method depending on the property: homesales.gov

The Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL) is a coalition of local Centers for Independent Living (CILs) that work with people who have disabilities. Click on the "Center Locations" link to find your local CIL:

www.incil.org

Community Action Agencies don't provide actual housing, but do provide a wealth of housing-related social services, such utility assistance, homelessness prevention and housing counseling. To find the Community Action Agency in your county visit the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies website and click on "Members":

www.iacaanet.org

IllinoisLegalAid.org provides lower-income and vulnerable Illinois residents with information about their legal rights and responsibilities, referrals to free and low cost legal aid offices, multimedia training and education, and forms and instructions for representing themselves. Much information on housing issues is available:

www.IllinoisLegalAid.org

Direct 2 Housing provides contact information, information about application processes and eligibility criteria for supportive housing options in Metro Chicago: www.direct2housing.org

1-888-995 HOPE provides free assistance to homeowners who are having trouble paying their mortgage. Call 1-888-995-HOPE or visit www.995hope.org

Homeless Services: If you are in need of emergency shelter in Chicago call 311. If you are in Suburban Cook County, call the emergency facility nearest you: South/Southwest, 708-754-4357; Northwest, 847-963-9163; and West Suburbs, 708-338-1724 (Oak Park) and 708-354-0858 (LaGrange). More information: www.suburbancook.org

Chicago Central Referral System Assessment Tool allows people who are homeless or living in a shelter to apply for housing: www.chicagocrs.org