Child Care/Respite Care

**Circles of Learning**

Childcare services for children 6 weeks through 5th grade; enhanced pre-school service thru Head Start and Rockford Public School Early Childhood Collaborations. Early Head Start Program for children ages birth – 3 years olds. Offers before and after school services. For more information email: [a.rumage@circlesoflearning.org](mailto:a.rumage@circlesoflearning.org)

5711 Wansford Way Rockford, IL 61109

Phone: [815-226-8715](tel:815-226-8715)

Fax: [815-226-8717](tel:815-226-8717)

2907 N Main Street Rockford, IL 61103

Phone: [815-636-3820](tel:815-636-3820)

Fax: [815-636-3829](tel:815-636-3829)

**YWCA of Rockford (Childcare Solutions)**

There are multiple programs available to serve women and children. Women can come for support in times of crisis, including as survivors of rape or domestic violence. Job training, career counseling, childcare, health and fitness programs, and other programs are available.

4990 E. State St.

Rockford, IL 61108

Phone: 815-968-6861

Houses Childcare Solutions, a website that provides child care referrals and consumer education to parents, offers training opportunities and technical assistance to child care providers, including mailing, research, QRS visits and consultation/observational visits with infants and toddlers ages 0-3, works to develop new child care options and assist employers in meeting their employees’ child care needs.

Phone: 815-484-9448

[http://www.ywca-rockford.org](http://www.ywca-rockford.org/)

**Blackhawk Learning Connection**

Rockford area children who are low or no income.

421 Buckbee St  
Rockford, IL 61104

Phone: 815-962-8853

Fax: 815-962-0140

**First Step for Kids (First Step Day Care & First Step Learning, Inc)**

Non-for-profit agency that cares for and educates children beginning at 6 weeks of age through 11 years. Offers morning preschool program that exists within the full day of care and a part-time kindergarten readiness program. Financial assistance is available to families that qualify.

First Step Day Care  
1300 Pearl Street  
Belvidere, IL 61008

Phone: 815-544-6560

First Step Learning, Inc.  
620 Logan Avenue  
Belvidere, IL 61008

Phone: 815-544-0404

**Ken-Rock Community Center**

Only programs for 6 and under is recreation and after school services.

3218 11th Street  
Rockford, IL 61109

Phone: 815-398-8864

Fax: 815-398-8220

[http://www.kenrock.org](http://www.kenrock.org/)

**Lutheran Social Services**

Provides adoption services, foster care crisis intervention and counseling, pregnancy and parenting counseling/support services, and youth programs. The Adoption Preservation Program is open to all families with adopted children under the age of 18 and provides a stipend for hourly or overnight respite care. Parents must identify their own respite provider. Youth programs include tutoring and mentoring of children in K-8 in the Rockford Public School District. No fees. Hours M-F 8:30-5, others by appointment.

* 321 W. State St.  
  Rockford, IL 61101

Phone: 815-969-8836

<http://www.lssi.org/>

**M.A.Y.A’S House (Shelter Care Ministries)**

A day-time drop-in day center for homeless children. Maya’s House gives parents a safe, structured, educational environment for their children while allowing them to look for a job or obtain the training or education they need.

412 N. Church St.  
Rockford, IL 61103

Phone: 815-964-5520

**Rockford Day Nursery / Early Learning Center**

Families who are at risk due to working in low income jobs or in need of work related training.

2323 S 6th Street  
Rockford, IL 61104

Phone: 815-962-0834

Fax: 815-962-0838

**Trinity Day Care**

Daycare for children 6 weeks to 12 years old on a sliding fee scale.

215 N. 1st St.  
Rockford IL

Phone: 815-987-5437

**Children’s Home and Aid of Illinois**

Provides family centered counseling services for children and parents, including those involved in the child welfare system and foster care/adoption situations. These counseling services help improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families and maximize the family well-being and academic achievement of these children. Also provides pregnancy and early parent counseling and support. Other services include adoption and foster care services, early childhood care (Mother House Crisis Nursery for ages 0-6) and education, residential services, and youth services. Most services are free to Medicaid-eligible children. M-F 8:45-5.

Northern Region  
910 2nd Avenue  
Rockford, IL 61104

Phone: 815-962-1043

[http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org](http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org/)

**LYDIA Home Association- Rockford**

Lydia Home Association offers **“Safe Families for Children”** which assists families during times of crisis such as unemployment, eviction or homelessness, family medical crisis, pregnant teens, post partum depression, etc., preventing the need for children to be placed in foster care by offering temporary placement. Also offers **LYDIA’s Residential Treatment Program** for children and adolescents with severe behavioral problems provides for counseling services, and has LYDIA Urban Academy in Rockford.

2323 South Sixth St., Suite 2  
Rockford, IL 61104

Phone: 815-966-0039

Fax: 815-965-3721

[http://www.lydiahome.org](http://www.lydiahome.org/)

**Mother House Crisis Nursery (service of Children’s Home and Aid)**

Offers 24 hour, 365 day/night nursery services to children, ages newborn to 6 years, for families in crisis. Families in extremely stressful situations can bring their children to Mother House for “free” temporary nursery care. Examples of crises may include violence, homelessness, addiction, hospitalization, NA/AA meetings, counseling, and stress. Provides situational crisis counseling, parent education classes, support groups and parent/child interaction groups. Conducts follow-up calls and home visits to help stabilize family, as well as referral and linkage to community resources.

1603 S. 4th St  
Rockford, IL 61104

Phone: 815-962-4858

[http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org](http://www.crisisnursery.net/)

**Remedies (formerly PHASE/WAVE)**

Assists people who have problems with substance abuse or family violence. Remedies Renewing Lives’ domestic violence shelter and services offers counseling for victims of domestic violence and their dependent children. Call [815-962-2102](tel:815-962-2102) to initiate services. Substance abuse services include: screening, assessment, treatment, and aftercare for substance abusers both adults and adolescents. Individual, couple, family and group counseling available. Also offers medical and psychological services; prevention education and training; intervention guidance; on-site urinalysis processing; Alcoholics & Narcotics Anonymous; relapse prevention counseling; and methadone & suboxone treatment. Free or sliding fee schedule services, Medicaid eligible. Nurses, physicians, and certified addictions counselors. M-Th 8am-5pm, F 8am-1pm, other hours by appointment.

319 S. Church Street

Rockford, IL 61101

Phone: 815-962-0871

2028 N. State Street  
Belvidere, IL 61008

Phone: 815-547-4502

Crisis line: 815-962-6102

[http://remediesrenewinglives.org](http://remediesrenewinglives.org/)

**Easter Seals Family Support Services Respite Program**

Serves up to 10 families a month for a total of 20 hours per family. Families chosen on a first come/first serve basis with a wait list used if necessary. Provides a respite worker based on your input and needs for your child. All respite workers have the Illinois State Board of Education Paraprofessional certificate. Eligibility criteria: birth-21; medical diagnosis of a developmental disability; denial from DHS-DORS program or Milestone (listed below) and cannot be used in conjunction with either program; live Winnebago, Boone or Ogle counties. No income guidelines.

Family Support Services

Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago-Rockford Regional Office

815 N. Church St.

Rockford, IL 61103

[815-965-5069 x 221](tel:815-965-5069%20x%20221)

[http://www.eastersealschicago.org](http://www.eastersealschicago.org/)

**Genesis Daycare**

Accepts both typically developing children and children with certain special healthcare needs, including physical and cognitive disabilities (call to discuss).

724 Harrison Avenue  
Rockford, IL 61104

Phone: 815-397-4867

**GiGi’s Playhouse- Rockford Down Syndrome Awareness Center**

Offers programs for children and adults, including their families, with Down Syndrome and other disabilities. Programs include literacy, crawlers, 0-2, walkers, hop-skip and jumpers, playhouse pals, kids club, open play, and parent orientation. Works to educate people about and empower people with Down Syndrome and other disabilities. Developmental therapists, OT, PT, speech therapy involved, but not in place of therapy services. No fees. M-F 10-2 and other select times.

801 N. 2nd Street, Suite 2  
Machesney Park, IL 61115

Phone: 815-654-7529

<http://www.gigisplayhouse.org/location-rockford.asp>

**Illinois Respite Coalition**

The purpose of the Illinois Respite Coalition-Lifespan Emergency Respite Program is to offer funding and resources to support caregivers of adults with special needs or children with special needs with an urgent need for respite care in the absence of any other funding source. They also focus on creating a one stop shop for those who need respite care in Illinois. To learn more, visit their website and click on your county on the map for more information.  
[http://www.illinoisrespite.org](http://www.illinoisrespite.org/)

**Lisa’s Daycare**

Licensed DCFS day care home specializing in care for children with intellectual disabilities age one month through 12 years. Small provider to child ratio with DCFS approved assistant. Mission Statement: To provide quality care to children in a nurturing, educational, and enriching environment. Provides weekend hours and respite care for families as needed. Located in northwest Rockford, Illinois.

Visit [http://www.cooperativeresourcing.com](http://www.cooperativeresourcing.com/) for more information.

**Milestone, Inc. Individual and Group Respite Care Programs**

Families are eligible for the Individual Milestone Respite Program if:  
o They live in Winnebago, Boone or Ogle County;  
o The family has a loved one living with them who has a developmental disability (Cognitive Disability, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, or Epilepsy);  
o The family does not receive other state services such a Home Based Support, Person Assistants, Child Care Grants, or Office of Rehabilitation Services (they may receive up to 20 hours of ORS Respite).  
All families who participate in the Milestone Individual Respite Care Program are eligible to participate in Milestone’s Group Respite sessions free of charge. Group Respite is held twice a month at the Milestone Training Center. The Respite Program is conducted in a large gym. A wide variety of different sensory, fine and gross motor activities are provided.

4450 N. Rockton Avenue, Rockford, IL 61103

Phone: 815-639-2973

<http://www.milestone-inc-il.org/RespInfo.php>

**Rockford Home Services Program (Department of Rehabilitation Services Office)**

We will be serving up to ten families a month for a total of twenty hours per family. Families will be chosen on a first come/first serve basis with a wait list used if necessary. Eligibility criteria:

* Birth to twenty one
* Must have a medical diagnosis of a developmental disability
* Denial from DHS-DORS program or Milestone and cannot be used in conjunction with either program
* There are no income guidelines
* Key services provided by HSP include personal assistant services, such as help with bathing, dressing, cooking and other daily tasks, as well as home modification and nursing care.

107 N. 3rd Street  
Rockford, IL 61107

Phone: 815-987-4964, TTY: 888-340-1006

Fax: 815-967-3768

**The Secondary Transitional Experience Program (STEP)** is a training/placement program that helps students with disabilities prepare to transition to employment and community participation during and after high school. Students learn to become productive, self-sufficient adults through a variety of STEP experiences. Assist students in developing desirable work habits and realistic career goals; provide opportunities for students to explore careers; offer meaningful work experiences through on-the-job placement; encourage students to develop the social and personal skills needed to maintain successful employment.

107 N. 3rd Street  
Rockford, IL 61107

Phone: 815-967-3725

Fax: 815-967-3722

<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=36737>