Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago



Lake County Summary of Services

Legal Assistance

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance (CCLA) offers legal services on civil legal problems in the areas of law most requested by those in need, including family, housing, consumer law, and orders of protection. Income-eligible callers may receive services over the telephone. Services are available in numerous languages, including Spanish.

For more information or to request services, call CCLA's Legal Advice Line at (312) 948-6821.

Pregnancy/Parenting and Adoption Support

Catholic Charities offers hope and respect with a full range of pregnancy services to teen or young women experiencing an unplanned or challenging pregnancy. Pregnancy and parenting support services are available to expectant mothers and fathers, and their families, of any age, race, religion, marital status, or economic background. This help is available throughout the pregnancy, and the infant's first year.

Post-placement and post-adoption support, a post-adoption registry, search and reunion services, and educational and support group sessions are also available.

For more information, call (847) 782-4229.

Independent Living Program

The Independent Living Program serves Youth in Care ages 18-21(referred by DCFS) in Cook, Lake, and collar counties. Participants are placed in their own apartments within the community of their support system. The program equips youth with necessary life skills to achieve self-sufficiency upon emancipation. A high school diploma/GED and employment a minimum of 20 hours per week is required for eligibility.

Catholic Charities ILO program provides intensive case management services, advocacy, assistance in enrolling in secondary education, referrals to employment training, financial literacy/budgeting, housing referrals, in-home life skills, and parenting education.

For more information, call (847) 782-4223.

Lake County Youth Mentorship Program

Pairs youth ages 9-12 with volunteer mentors who can serve as positive role models, encourage good decision-making and be a friend during times of need.

For more information, call (847) 782-4224.



Emergency Assistance Program

Provides emergency food, shelter, rental, and utility assistance and crisis management services. Emergency food services help clients to meet short term nutritional needs. Shelter services include emergency shelter for homeless women, children, and persons with medical needs that cannot be met by local shelters. Homeless prevention services include security deposit, rental and mortgage assistance to prevent homelessness. Other services that help a client stabilize include pharmaceutical assistance, transportation assistance, clothing vouchers, and case management services.

For more information, call: (847) 782-4100.

Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Assists single heads of households with dependent children under 18 with education, training, employment assistance, and case management services for up to five years as they learn to achieve stability and financial independence. Services are available in English and Spanish.

For more information, call (847) 782-4145.

HIV/AIDS Program

Provides comprehensive case management, behavioral health and supportive counseling, transportation, and food pantry services, to those living with HIV/AIDS in Lake County.

For more information, call (847) 782-4265.

Housing Advocacy

In collaboration with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, serves families in Lake County referred by DCFS whose housing needs are vital for family preservation.

For more information, call (847) 782-4151.

Rapid Re-Housing Program

Assists recently homeless individuals and families to quickly locate permanent housing.

For more information, call (847) 782-4151.

Immigration and Naturalization Services

It is a Department of Justice (DOJ) Recognized program that offers a wide spectrum of affordable, high-quality immigration legal services, including family/relative petitions, naturalization, petitions for victims of domestic violence and other qualifying crimes, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), replacement/renewal of permanent residence cards, outreach/education, and more.

All services are provided by a DOJ Accredited immigration specialist, who guides immigrants in an everchanging and complex immigration system.



For more information and to make an appointment, call (847) 782-4225, Monday-Friday from 2-4 p.m.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Provides veterans experiencing homelessness, or imminent risk of homelessness, with emergency housing and homeless prevention, case management services, and connections to benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

For more information and eligibility determinations, call (312) 948-6014.

Veterans Employment Program

Assists veterans and their families in finding and maintaining employment by providing job readiness training, job search strategies, resume writing assistance, mock interviews, and job placement counseling.

For more information, call (847) 782-4219.

Critical Time Intervention-Representative Payee (CTI-RP) Program

Provides intensive housing case management services to those experiencing chronic homelessness who also have documented disabilities.

For more information, call (847) 782-4151.

Grayslake Senior Community Center

Provides recreational, educational, and social programs for seniors who come to the activity/community center.

For more information, call (847) 543-1041.

Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program

LOSS provides services for those who are grieving the loss of a family member or other loved one by suicide. The LOSS Program offers weekly groups for the newly bereaved, monthly groups on Zoom and in person, as well as individual and family counseling. The LOSS Program for Children and Youth addresses the unique needs of children and adolescents impacted by the suicide of a family member or other loved one.

For more information, to view a schedule of group meetings, or to register for groups, call (312) 655-7283 or visit catholiccharities.net/loss.

Senior Case Management Services

Provides comprehensive services so that seniors are able to live independently or with caregivers in their own homes and communities. We offer a wide variety of programs and services for older adults and their



family members. Coordinators provide information, assessments and connect clients to services such as, homemaker, adult day care, emergency home response, transportation, Meals on Wheels, and benefits assistance. Community Outreach presentations about our programs and services are also available.

For more information, call (847) 546-5733 or email infocclcss@catholiccharities.net.

The Community Center

Through an array of family activities, classes, and programs, The Community Center works to reduce isolation, support families, and build community. Staff helps families cope with challenges that may include unemployment, poor health, learning English, boosting literacy, and managing limited finances. Families who come to The Community Center emerge stronger, and in turn help to strengthen their community. Services offered include promoting wellness, ESL classes, computer classes, tax preparation, citizenship classes, legal assistance, and immigration services. Additional workshops, classes, and activities are provided throughout the year based upon participant interest and program resources.

To schedule an appointment call (847) 775-0858.

House of Peace

The House of Peace is committed to finding sustainable long-term solutions in the prevention and treatment of domestic violence. We offer compassionate and culturally sensitive programs that allow the Latina women and children of Lake County area to recover their dignity and independence. The program offers shelter and individual and group services.

For more information, call (224) 430-4977.

Behavioral Health Counseling

Provides mental health and substance use services to families and individuals affected by one or more social problems, which are exerting pressure beyond their ability to cope. Individual, family, and group counseling is offered in a safe and supportive atmosphere. Our services are professionally driven, evidence-based and strengths-focused.

We accept Medicaid, Medicare, and most commercial insurance plans. We also offer a subsidized fee for those who do not have insurance.

For more information, call (312) 655-7191 for youth services or (847) 782-4049 for adult services.

Dining Programs for Adults 60+

Catholic Charities, offers nutritious hot meals and camaraderie for adults age 60+ and their spouse of any age at various sites listed around Lake County. Qualified participants can dine around Lake County 5 to 6 days a week depending on the site. Suggested donations are usually around \$5 per meal. Meal cost is supplemented by funding received through the AgeGuide and Catholic Charities. Your donation helps us in our efforts to maintain this beneficial program. No one is ever denied a meal due to inability or unwillingness to make a donation.

For more information, call (847) 782-4000.



Meals on Wheels

Provides hot, nutritious noon-time meals prepared and usually delivered by volunteers, for those who are homebound and unable to prepare their own food due to physical or mental difficulties. In some programs an evening sack meal may be included.

For more information, call (847) 782-4000.

Celebration of Giving

A program that provides Christmas joy and gifts to struggling individuals and families in Lake County. Families, churches, schools and businesses from the local area adopt a family for the holidays and shop for specific gift requests submitted by verified recipients in partner programs. This is a volunteer-driven program that involves around 500 volunteers each year and serves an average of 7,500 children.

For more information, call (847) 782-4210 or email cglc@catholiccharities.net.

Diaper Depot

An initiative to address the basic needs of low-income families and their infants, collecting and distributing diapers through partnering community agencies serving babies and children in Lake County.

For more information, call (847) 782-4117.

Community Suppers at Schreiber Center, St. James Parish, and Foss Park

Provides warm meals to anyone hungry or homeless from 6-7 pm every Monday and Wednesday at the Schreiber Center in Round Lake, from 5:30-6:30 pm every Thursday at St. James Parish in Highwood, and from 5:30-7 pm every Tuesday at Foss Park in North Chicago. COVID-friendly meals to go are also available.

For more information, call (847) 782-4117.

School Supply Drive

Provides support to low-income families in Lake County by collecting and distributing donated school supplies once a year. The supplies are distributed to families who participate in Catholic Charities programs and children partner agency programs.

For more information, call (847) 782-4126.

Schreiber Center for Human Services

101 N. Cedar Lake Rd. Round Lake, Illinois

The Schreiber Center for Human Services offers programs for children and families, mental health services, substance use counseling and treatment, and services for veterans and older adults. The center offers a food pantry, clothing room, and community suppers.

For more information, call (847) 546-5733.



Youth and Family Therapeutic Services

Youth and Family Therapeutic Services provides trauma-informed and strengths-based in-house and telehealth counseling to children and families in Cook and Lake counties. Services are offered in English and Spanish. Our Master's-level clinicians provide services that address: Parenting, Anxiety, Depression, Attention Deficit Disorder, Trauma, Grief, Sexuality, Relationship issues, Stress Management, Suicide Prevention, Sexually Problematic Behaviors, Life transitions, School Problems, Immigration, DCFS involvement, Social Skills and more. We accept most forms of insurance and offer subsidized fee options.

For more information contact (312) 655-7191 or YouthCounseling@catholiccharities.net.

CC Renews

CC Renews provides free trauma-informed and strengths-based counseling and case management services to individuals and families of all ages who have suffered multiple traumas. These services are available in Spanish and English to those who reside in Lake County and Chicago. Services are available in-person and telehealth.

For more information, call (312) 655-7191 or YouthCounseling@catholiccharities.net.