

DuPage Area Youth Resource Guide 2003-2004

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The Adult Education Program ESL/ABE/ASE

Address:	425 Fawell Blvd. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	Website:	www.cod.edu
Phone:	630-942-3697	Contact:	Joanna Escobar
Fax:			
Operated By:	College of DuPage		
Program Description:	This program works with people 16 years and older who need ESL classes and those who have dropped out of high school and are interested in getting their GED.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	16 years and older		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Students with difficulty in proficiency in English and high school students who have dropped out of school and wish to complete their GED.		
Youth Population Ages:	16 - Adult		
School Status:	In-school Youth, Out of School Youth, GED, School Dropout		
Geographic Area Served:	District 502		
Hours of Operation:	Year Round		
Annual Program Capacity:			
Cost to Participate:	None		
Projected Outcomes:	To provide students with the resources to continue their education.		

Career Insights – Job Shadowing Program

Address:	440 W. Aurora Avenue Naperville, IL 60540	Website:	
Phone:	630-420-6420	Contact:	Linda Arneth
Fax:			
Operated By:	NCUSD and Rotary		
Program Description:	This program matches the careers of student interest with speakers, job shadowing and possible internships		
Program Entrance Criteria:	None		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Youth must be a District 203 student		
Youth Population Ages:	14-18 Years		
School Status:	In-school Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	District 203		
Hours of Operation:	School Year M-F School Hours		
Annual Program Capacity:	Unlimited		
Cost to Participate:	None		
Projected Outcomes:	Individuals will gain information about the careers that are showcased.		

College and Career Center

Address:	440 W. Aurora Avenue Naperville, IL 60540	Website:	
Phone:	630-420-6420	Contact:	Linda Arneth
Fax:			
Operated By:	NCUSD		
Program Description:	This program provides district parents and students with resources to investigate colleges, post-secondary training and careers.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	None		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Youth must be a District 203 high school student		
Youth Population Ages:	14-18 Years		
School Status:	In-school Youth – District 203 High School student		
Geographic Area Served:	District 203		
Hours of Operation:	School Year - M-F School Hours Year Round – One evening per week		
Annual Program Capacity:	Unlimited		
Cost to Participate:	None		
Projected Outcomes:	Individuals will gain a better understanding of the requirements of college and careers.		

College of DuPage Gender Equity

Address:	College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137	Website:	www.cod.edu/gender/
Phone:	630-942-4259	Contact:	Heather Winter Sobecki
Fax:	630-858-7263		
Operated By:	College of DuPage		
Program Description:	The promotion of non-traditional careers to men and women		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Non-traditional careers are those in which 25 percent or less of the people working in that particular career and either male or female.		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Individual must be part of the above population.		
Youth Population Ages:	12-Adult		
School Status:	Middle, high school, or returning students.		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County		
Hours of Operation:	All Year, normal business hours		
Annual Program Capacity:	All DuPage middle, high school, and college students, educators, parents, and DuPage IETC clients.		
Cost to Participate:	None		
Projected Outcomes:	Increased enrollments in non-traditional occupations for both men and women.		

College of DuPage Career and Workforce Development/Tech Prep

Address: **425 Fawell Blvd
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137**

Website: www.cod.edu

Phone: **630-942-2496**
Fax: **630-858-7263**

Contact: **Ann Marie Rosen
For information:
Alison Greene**

Operated **College of DuPage**
By:

Program Description: **This program is targeted to provide career exploration and information. Information is available on work based learning; internships, job shadowing, leadership development opportunities, education, and training information. Career counseling is held that the Illinois Employment and Training Center - Lombard location.**

Program Entrance Criteria: **None**

Program Eligibility Criteria: **High school and community college students who reside in District 502**

Youth Population Ages: **Youth 13-21 years**

School Status: **In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth, High School Graduate/GED, School Dropout**

Geographic Area Served: **District 502 Area**

Hours of Operation: **Year Round**

Annual Program Capacity:

Cost to Participate: **None**

Projected Outcomes: **They will obtain career guidance and direction for education and training leading to employment.**

Community Learning Center

Address: **420 W. Madison
Elmhurst, IL 60126**

Website: **Ray-graham.org**

**436 South Main
Lombard, IL 60148**

**442 Fullerton
Elmhurst, IL 60126**

Phone: **630-834-4106**

Fax: **630-834-5946**

Contact: **Kim Zoeller
Barb Camp – Central
Intake and Referral**

Operated By: **Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities**

Program Description: **This program is targeted to provide a variety of experiences for overall life enhancement, skill development, as well as enhance independence (targeted skill training, community access training, horticultural and cultural arts therapy, paid and unpaid work experience). The emphasis is on community integration and building skills for independence for individuals with disabilities. This program is considered and funded as a “Developmental Training Program” by the State of Illinois.**

Program Entrance Criteria: **Need a public or private funding source**

Program Eligibility Criteria: **Individual must have a developmental disability**

Youth Population Ages: **Youth 14-21 Years (and Adults)**

School Status: **In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth, High School Graduate/GED, School Dropout**

Geographic Area Served: **DuPage County**

Hours of Operation: **Year Round
M-F 8:30 am – 3:00 pm (hours may vary slightly)**

Annual
Program
Capacity:

Location #1 above – 180, Location #2 above – 30, Location #3 - 48

Cost to
Participate:

There may be a parent/family contribution depending on the funding source and income. Full private fees for those without other funding.

Projected
Outcomes:

Individuals will set and achieve goals to enhance their quality of life and independence. They will obtain increased skills for independence, employment, community access, and self-advocacy.

District 99 Downers Grove Department of Special Services

Address:	Downers Grove North High School Downers Grove, IL 60515	Website:	
	6301 Springside Downers Grove, IL 60516		
Phone:	630-795-7114 or 8303	Contact:	Dr. John Correll Linda Boothe
Fax:			
Operated By:	District 99 Vocational Rehabilitation		
Program Description:	This program provides special education support for eligible students in the areas of learning disabled, emotionally disturbed, and/or cognitively impaired.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	District 99 resident		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Individual must have an individual employment plan and a psychological evaluation		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth 14-21 Years		
School Status:	In-school Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County		
Hours of Operation:	Year Round		
Annual Program Capacity:	The number is based on the number of individuals with special needs.		
Cost to Participate:	None		

Projected Outcomes: **Individuals will graduate and receive a diploma, post secondary transition to independence/training, secondary education/employment.**

District 99 Special Services

Address:	6301 Springside Downers Grove, IL 60516	Website:	
Phone:	630-795-7114 or 8500	Contact:	Dr. John Correll Mike Dellamaria
Fax:			
Operated By:	District 99 Vocational Rehabilitation		
Program Description:	This program provides special education support for eligible students in the areas of learning disabled, emotionally disturbed, and/or cognitively impaired.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	District 99 resident		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Individual must have an individual employment plan and a psychological evaluation		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth 14-21 Years		
School Status:	In-school Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County		
Hours of Operation:	Year Round		
Annual Program Capacity:	The number is based on the number of individuals with special needs.		
Cost to Participate:	None		
Projected Outcomes:	Individuals will graduate and receive a diploma, transition to post secondary options and/or secondary education, independent adult living skills		

Donka, Inc. Computer Skills Training with Assistive Technology

Address:	400 North County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 (Donka is housed in the DuPage Convalescent Center)	Website:	www.donkainc.org 1staveng@donkainc.org
Phone:	630-665-8169	Contact:	Leanne Stravenger- Vos/Kim Sively
Fax:	630-665-1669		
Operated By:	Donka, Incorporated		
Program Description:	Individualized computer training program with adaptive software and hardware for accessing and managing a computer with independence. Individuals learn to use business software applications through a 4-month training program to apply skills in the workplace, school and home-study.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Physically and/or visually impaired.		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Cognitive ability to learn business software application; a minimum 6th grade reading level; maturity to be independent in a classroom setting.		
Youth Population Ages:	19-21 years old		
School Status:	In-School Youth, Out-of-School Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County, and Kane County		
Hours of Operation:	Year Round 8:30-5:00pm Classes meet 8:30-10:30am and 10:30-12:00pm Mon., Wed., Th., and Friday's		
Annual Program Capacity:	30-35 per year		

Cost to Participate: **None; Participants are expected to prepare a testimonial letter, participate in fundraising events; and may volunteer for various projects if interested.**

Projected Outcomes: **Participants will learn skills used in today's educational and workplace settings. It is expected each participant will learn skills in Word Processing, Data Base Management, Spreadsheet Application, and Internet and E-mail. Participants increase independence, productivity and employment opportunities by learning to operate a computer with assistive technology.**

Donka, Inc. Job Placement for Adults with Disabilities

Address: **400 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL 60187
(Donka is housed in the
DuPage Convalescent
Center)** Website: **www.donkainc.org
mbikas@donkainc.org**

Phone: **630-665-8169** Contact: **Madeline Bikus**
Fax: **630-665-1669**

Operated **Donka, Incorporated**
By:

Program **Job Placement Services: Donka, Inc. Computer Lab for individuals**
Description: **with physical disabilities. Placement services provided to eligible job
seekers meeting placement criteria.**

Program **Eighth grade reading level; candidate must have transportation.**
Entrance
Criteria:

Program **Donka computer lab graduate; Donka computer lab teacher**
Eligibility **assessment.**
Criteria:

Youth **19-21 years old**
Population
Ages:

School **In-School Youth, Out-of-School Youth**
Status:

Geographic **DuPage and Kane County**
Area
Served:

Hours of **Year Round**
Operation: **Computer Training: M, W, TH, F - 9:00am - 12:30pm
Placement Services: M, T, W, TH, F - 8:30am - 5:00pm**

Annual **7-9 placement candidates at a time, vacancy available as soon as**
Program **candidate is placed.**
Capacity:

Cost to **Free; DHS/ORS sponsorships.**
Participate:

Projected Outcomes: **A job placement candidate with current job eligibility. Will complete the job seeking skills curriculum, search the internet for a job, finish a cover letter and resume, Retain a job, learn social communication skills and target job market. Health care insurance, data entry position and customer service.**

DuPage Area Tech Prep

Address:	DuPage Area Occupational Education System 301 South Swift Road Addison, Illinois 60101	Website:	DuPage-etc.org
Address:	College of DuPage 425 Fawell Blvd. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	Website:	www.cod.edu
Phone:	630-691-7508 or 630-942-2853	Contact:	Barney Eiserloh Ann Marie Rosen
Fax:	630-691-7524 or 530-858-7263		
Operated By:	DAOES and College of DuPage		
Program Description:	Tech Prep is an educational initiative to prepare students for highly skilled/high wage careers. It is a seamless program of study that begins in high school and continues at postsecondary education levels.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	All parents, students, and business persons in the DuPage county area.		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Individual must be a part of the above populations.		
Youth Population Ages:	14-21		
School Status:	In school youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County, Parts of Cook and Kane Counties		
Hours of Operation:	All Year Normal business hours		
Annual Program Capacity:	All DuPage area high schools and college students, educators, parents, 50 middle schools, and 2,000 businesses linked to surrounding schools		

Cost to Participate: **None**

Projected Outcomes: **The program includes the following components.**

- ❑ **Career awareness, assessment, exploration, and planning. Students choose their careers based on their own interests, aptitude, motivations, and values.**
- ❑ **A 2+2+2 sequence of occupational and academic courses, starting with 2 years in high school earning college articulated credit, transitioning on to complete a 2-year community college degree, and then another 2 years for an optional baccalaureate degree at a university. In many cases, the community college has transfer arrangements to the four-year college or university in the chosen career path.**
- ❑ **Relevant internship experiences in the chosen career path provide avenues for students to earn money, scholarships or employer sponsored tuition to fund the costs to complete a 4-year degree.**

DuPage County Workforce Development

Address:	Illinois Employment and Training Center 837 S. Westmore/Meyers Rd. Lombard, IL 60148	Website: ietc.dupageco.com
Phone:	630-495-4345 ext 310	Contact: Sue Clark,
Fax:	630-495-4374 or 630-495-4386	Administrator Sue Sycks, Youth Program Specialist
Operated By:	DuPage County Workforce Development	
Program Description:	These in and out-of-school youth programs assist students to meet basic skills, work habit skills and occupational skills goals; helps them attain a high school diploma or GED, enter employment, post secondary education or apprenticeship programs, and helps with employment and vocational training retention.	
Program Entrance Criteria:	Youth must be ages 14-21, a DuPage county resident with an assessed workforce development need.	
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Individual must be economically disadvantaged and have a barrier to employment such as: limited English, be an offender, pregnant or parenting teen.	
Youth Population Ages:	Youth 14-21 Years	
School Status:	In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth, High School Graduate/GED, School Dropout	
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County	
Hours of Operation:	Year Round	
Annual Program Capacity:	The number is based on funding – approximately 200	
Cost to Participate:	None	

Projected Outcomes: **Individuals will receive a high school diploma or GED, vocational training certificate and employment.**

ETC- Growing a Learning Community

Address:	Ogden & Miller Street Naperville, IL 60563	Website:	
Phone:	630-420-6487	Contact:	Gerry Rounds
Fax:			
Operated By:	NCUSD 203		
Program Description:	This program is a comprehensive K-12 program to infuse career education, systematically into the K-12 curriculum.		
Program Entrance Criteria:			
Program Eligibility Criteria:	District 203 student		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth 5--21 Years		
School Status:	In-school youth - NCUSD 203 Students		
Geographic Area Served:	District 203		
Hours of Operation:	School Year		
Annual Program Capacity:	Unlimited		
Cost to Participate:	None		
Projected Outcomes:	Through their K-12 educational experience students will gain an awareness of self, career clusters, and job seeking/keeping skills.		

Greater DuPage MYM Inc.

Address:	739 Roosevelt Road, Bldg 8-306 Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	Website:	general@greaterdupagemym.org www.greaterdupagemym.org
Phone:	708-482-2656	Contact:	Kendra Meyer
Fax:			
Operated By:	Greater DuPage MYM		
Program Description:	To serve the community through education on the realities and responsibilities of adolescent pregnancies and through long-term assistance of adolescent parents for their development of self-esteem, positive parenting skills, and empowerment towards self-sufficiency.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Age 13-23, living or working in DuPage County		
Program Eligibility Criteria:			
Youth Population Ages:	13-23 years old.		
School Status:	In-school youth, Out-of-school youth, High School Graduates (GED), and School Drop-out.		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County		
Hours of Operation:	Year Round Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm (office) Monday - Friday 6:30pm - 8:30pm (some programs)		
Annual Program Capacity:	Approximately 260 youth annually.		
Cost to Participate:	None		

Projected Outcomes: **Parents will become self-sufficient, empowered members of the community. They will increase their knowledge about the resources available to them. As well as, maintain up-to-date immunizations, decrease their risks for abuse and neglect and fewer than 2% will experience a subsequent pregnancy.**

LADSE/ORS Vocational Alliance BASIC – Business Approach Social Integration and Communication

Address: **1311 Cossitt Ave.
LaGrange, IL 60525** Website: **www.vocationalalliance.com**

Phone: **708-482-2656** Contact: **Debbie Hasse**
Fax:

Operated **LADSE – LaGrange Area Department of Special Education**
By:

Program Description: **This program provides transitional services to students with autism and those with other communication disorders, while improving their job retention and potential for career advancement once employed.**

Program Entrance Criteria: **Individuals with a documented disability.**

Program Eligibility Criteria: **Individuals with a communication disorder with a desire to work, currently seeking employment, or, underemployed.**

Youth Population Ages: **Youth ages 19-21**

School Status: **In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth, High School Graduate/GED**

Geographic Area Served: **East DuPage County, West Cook County**

Hours of Operation: **Year Round
Monday – Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm**

Annual Program Capacity: **50**

Cost to Participate: **None**

Projected Outcomes: **Youth with communication disorders will obtain and retain a job in competitive employment.**

LADSE/ORS Vocational Alliance – Employment With Business Project

Address: **1301 West Cossitt Avenue** Website: **www.vocationalalliance.com**
LaGrange, IL 60525

Phone: **708-354-5730 X** Contact: **Karen Bylsma**
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Fax: **708-354-1695**

Operated **LADSE - LaGrange Area Department of Special Education**
By:

Program **This program is a 3-year collaborative initiative focused on providing**
Description: **businesses with skills, motivations and resources to recruit and**
support employees with developmental disabilities

Program **Businesses must have an interest in learning more about the benefits**
Entrance **of hiring a person with a disability. Employee candidates must have**
Criteria: **a diagnosis of developmental disability.**

Program **Businesses must have an interest in learning more about the benefits**
Eligibility **of hiring a person with a disability. Employee candidates must have**
Criteria: **a diagnosis of developmental disability.**

Youth **Youth 16-21 Years, Adults with a disability**
Population
Ages:

School **In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth**
Status:

Geographic **DuPage County, Cook County**
Area
Served:

Hours of **Year Round, Hours accommodated to business partners and**
Operation: **candidates with disabilities.**

Annual **The goal at the end of the 3 years is to place 55 people with**
Program **developmental disabilities in jobs at 22 different businesses**
Capacity:

Cost to **None for either the person with disabilities or the business**
Participate:

Projected **22 businesses will receive training, support, job coaches, guidance in**
Outcomes: **recruiting and maintaining employees with developmental disabilities**

LADSE/ORS Vocational Alliance – STEP - Secondary Transitional Employment Program

Address: **1301 West Cossitt Avenue LaGrange, IL 60525** Website: **www.vocationalalliance.com**

Phone: **708-354-5730 X 530** Contact: **Karen Steffan**

Fax: **708-354-1695**

Operated By: **LADSE - LaGrange Area Department of Special Education**

Program Description: **The Office of Rehabilitation Services Secondary Transitional Employment Program offers students with disabilities, ages 14-21, in the LADSE cooperative schools transition area work related guidance and counseling, work experience, job placement, referral and resource development.**

Program Entrance Criteria: **Youth ages 14+ with a documented disability, who is a student of LADSE school districts**

Program Eligibility Criteria: **Youth ages 14+ with a documented disability, who is a student of LADSE school districts**

Youth Population Ages: **Youth 14-21 Years**

School Status: **In-school Youth**

Geographic Area Served: **DuPage County, Cook County, LADSE cooperative**

Hours of Operation: **Year Round
M-F 8 am – 4:30 pm**

Annual Program Capacity: **230**

Cost to Participate: **None**

Projected Outcomes: **Individuals will develop a vocational goal and job placement.**

LADSE/ORS Vocational Alliance – WIA Youth

Address: **1301 West Cossitt Avenue** Website: **www.vocationalalliance.com**
LaGrange, IL 60525

Phone: **708-354-5730** Contact: **Dianna Tomisek**
Fax: **708-354-1695**

Operated **LADSE - LaGrange Area Department of Special Education**
By:

Program Description: **This program is a job training and placement program for 14-21 year old youth with disabilities.**

Program
Entrance
Criteria:

Program Eligibility Criteria: **Youth at least age 14 with a documented disability, who is a student of LADSE school districts within Cook County capable of competitive employment as an outcome.**

Youth Population Ages: **Youth 14-22 Years**

School Status: **In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth**

Geographic Area Served: **Cook County**

Hours of Operation: **Year Round**

Annual Program Capacity: **25**

Cost to Participate: **None**

Projected Outcomes: **Job placement is the final outcome. Prior to competitive placement, youth may receive job seeking assistance, job training, vocational counseling and job support/coaching.**

Naperville Central Internship Program

Address:	440 West Aurora Ave. Naperville, IL 60540	Website:	
Phone:	630-420-6463	Contact:	Jane Callahan
Fax:	630-420-3245		
Operated By:			
Program Description:	This program offers opportunities for students to explore careers through paid internships (part-time employment). Students attend this class 1 period per day and work an average of 14 hours per week.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Youth age 16 or older who are currently sophomores, juniors or seniors		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	None		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth 16-18 Years		
School Status:	In-school Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County – School District 203		
Hours of Operation:	School year Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 3:10 pm		
Annual Program Capacity:	Class size		
Cost to Participate:	\$30 fee if enrolled		
Projected Outcomes:	Youth will gain leadership, human relations, communication, job seeking, work ethics, and safety skills, portfolios, and a career choice.		

Naperville Community School District #203 High School Special Education Program

Address:	203 West Hillside Naperville, IL 60565	Website:	
Phone:	630-420-6571	Contact:	Dr. Kathleen Briseno
Fax:	630-420-6566		
Operated By:	Naperville Community School District #203		
Program Description:	This is an academic high school program for the special education population. It is also a transitional program for 18-21 year olds that teaches functional independent skills across domains.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Individuals must live in the #203 school district		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Individuals must live in the #203 School district, need continued support after 4 years of regular high school education because they cannot meet/master their individual employment plan goals.		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth 14-21 Years		
School Status:	In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth without a High school diploma		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County, Will County		
Hours of Operation:	School year - Monday – Friday 7:45 am – 3:10 pm Extended school year – Monday – Friday 8:30 – 11:30 am		
Annual Program Capacity:	18 –21 year old programs – 20 students, High school special education students – 700+		
Cost to Participate:	Standard school fees		
Projected Outcomes:	Youth will gain a high school diploma, and functional daily living and independent skills in all domains		

NCO Youth and Family Services

Address:	1305 W. Oswego Road Naperville, IL 60540	Website:	www.ncoyouth.org
Phone:	630-961-2992	Contact:	Angela Michalak
Fax:	630-961-7251		ncoamichalak@aol.com
Operated By:	NCO Youth and Family Services		
Program Description:	NCO Youth and Family Services provides individual, youth, family, couples, and group counseling. We serve clients of all ages that are experiencing issues that are causing distress such as depression and anxiety.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	An initial screening is completed over the phone. Referrals are given if our services are not appropriate for the individual.		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	The individual must be willing to participate in services.		
Youth Population Ages:	All ages		
School Status:	In-school youth, out-of school youth, HS graduate/GED, School dropout.		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage, Cook, Kane, and more.		
Hours of Operation:	Year Round Monday though Friday 9-5pm. Evening hours are also available throughout the week.		
Annual Program Capacity:	Unlimited		
Cost to Participate:	Sliding fee schedule based on income and family size.		
Projected Outcomes:	Goals will be set with the individual in counseling.		

Occupational/Vocational Employment Skills Training—Technology Center of DuPage

Address:	301 S. Swift Road Addison, IL 60101	Website:	www.tcdupage.org
Phone:	630-620-8770	Contact:	Fred Kane, Director
Fax:	630-691-7592		Edward A. Susmilch, Principal
Operated By:	DuPage Area Occupational Education System (DAOES)		
Program Description:	This program delivers occupational and employment skills to DuPage County High School junior and senior students with comprehensive integration of academic skills, job skill training/assistance with a connection between school based and work based learning.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Must be a high school student—Additional criteria may be added by the referring high school.		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Must be a high school student—Additional criteria may be added by the referring high school.		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth 16-18 Years		
School Status:	In-school Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County, Parts of Cook County.		
Hours of Operation:	School year (Administrative offices open year round)		
Annual Program Capacity:	2500		
Cost to Participate:	None for the delivery of the program. There may be a kit fee—average cost \$100-\$150		

Projected Outcomes: **Youth will gain high school credit, specific occupational skills, post secondary education information, workplace/employment skills, part time or full time placement referrals.**

Parents Alliance Employment Project - Shared Visions – Job Placement Assistance for People With Hidden Disabilities

Address: **837 Westmore Road
Lombard, IL 60148** Website: **[www.ietc-dupageco.com/
parents.html](http://www.ietc-dupageco.com/parents.html)**

Phone: **630-495-4345x211** Contact: **Kristen Tribe**
Fax: **630-495-0387** **Jim Marino**

Operated **Parents Alliance Employment Project**
By:

Program Description: **A non-profit agency that matches qualified persons with disabilities to employment. Will work with employers to identify and solve workplace needs; match qualified applicants to jobs in which they find success and take pride in; work with employee to understand and learn all parts of the job; continue to assist employee to understand and learn all parts of the job; continue to assist employer and employee to ensure success on the job.**

Program Entrance Criteria: **18 years and older; proof of documented disability; motivated to work and meet employer expectations; able to achieve independence after initial training period; able to provide transportation or learn public transportation.**

Program Eligibility Criteria:

Youth Population Ages: **18 years and older**

School Status:

Geographic Area Served: **DuPage County**

Hours of Operation: **Year Round
M-F 8:00am - 5:00pm
W 8:00am-7:00pm (hours may vary slightly)**

Annual Program Capacity: **Based on availability**

Cost to Participate: **No cost for services, this service is free to employers and job seekers.**

Projected Outcomes: **A participant using Parents Alliance Employment Project Services can expect job development services which will then prepare the participant to apply for job placement opportunities in the community. Followed by job coaching services when placed in a job.**

Additional Information: **Parents Alliance Employment Project offers free monthly workshops for individuals with disabilities such as: Your Abilities; First Impressions... Getting your foot in the door; Interviewing skills; Social skills; and a monthly Helping Hands Job club.**

Parent Workshops - Open to Community

Address: **Waubonsie Valley High School** Website: **gina_bogin@ispd.org**
2590 Ogden Ave.
Aurora, IL 60504

Phone: **630-375-3345** Contact: **Gina Bogin**
Fax: **630-375-3001**

Operated
By:

Program Description: **Parent Workshops dealing with adolescent related issues.**

Program Entrance Criteria: **Open to all parents.**

Program Eligibility Criteria: **None**

Youth
Population
Ages:

School
Status:

Geographic Area Served: **DuPage County**

Hours of Operation: **Year Round in the evenings.**

Annual
Program
Capacity:

Cost to Participate: **None**

Projected Outcomes: **Parents attend a series of six workshops on adolescent related issues.**

Providers Breakfast - Neuqua Valley High School

Address: **2360 95th Street
Naperville, IL 60564**

Website:

Phone: **630-428-6000**
Fax: **(High School #)
630-428-6001**

Contact: **Beth Packer**

Operated
By:

Program Description: **Service Providers present their offerings to primarily school personnel (counselors, social workers learn about agency services).**

Program
Entrance
Criteria:

Program Eligibility
Criteria: **None**

Youth
Population
Ages:

School
Status:

Geographic Area
Served: **Open but primarily for Indian Prairie District 204 personnel**

Hours of
Operation:

Annual
Program
Capacity:

Cost to
Participate: **None**

Projected Outcomes: **Information about services available by agencies in the community - held each Fall.**

School District #200– Special Needs Vocational Program– Wheaton Warren South High School

Address:	1993 Tiger Trail Wheaton, IL 60187	Website:	www.CUSD200.org
Phone:	630-752-1877	Contact:	Elsie Dieden
Fax:	630-752-1877		
Operated By:	School District 200		
Program Description:	This program provides work experience, training, job placement and coaching, and a link with adult agencies prior to graduation.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Individual must be a special needs student at Wheaton South High School, determined to be in need by a team at the annual review, and must have an IEP		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Only district schools students are eligible.		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth 14-21 Years		
School Status:	In-school Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County—and only in the school district		
Hours of Operation:	School year (9 _ months)		
Annual Program Capacity:	Depends on case assignment—about 25		
Cost to Participate:	None		
Projected Outcomes:	Youth will acquire skills and experience provided on the job, career direction, a profile (list of strengths and weaknesses), resume upon graduation, paid employment, volunteer work, and linkages to adult service agencies.		

School District #200 - The Academy – Wheaton Warrenville South High School

Address:	1993 Tiger Trail Wheaton, IL 60187	Website:	
Phone:	630-484-7200	Contact:	Mitch Wysteelt
Fax:	630-682-2042		
Operated By:	School District #200		
Program Description:	This program is a dropout prevention, evening program to earn academic credit toward high school graduation.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	The individual must complete an interview, and an assessment of credit standing.		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Individuals must be a District #200 resident with 15+ credits toward graduation, employed 15 hours per week or able to gain employment to meet work requirements.		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth ages 16 - 21		
School Status:	In-school Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County		
Hours of Operation:	School Year Monday – Thursday 3 – 6:30 pm		
Annual Program Capacity:	30 students		
Cost to Participate:	\$200		
Projected Outcomes:	Youth will obtain a high school diploma upon successful completion, earning 21 credits.		

School District 204 - Boost Mentoring

Address:	780 Shoreline Drive Aurora, IL 60504	Website:	www.ispd.org joan_dollinger@ispd.org
Phone:	630-375-3043	Contact:	Joan Dollinger
Fax:	630-375-3004		
Operated By:			
Program Description:	This is a school district program for At Risk students. The students are mentored by adults in the community		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Training is completed through Breaking Free and coordination with school district liaisons.		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	12 - 13 years (Middle School)		
Youth Population Ages:	In-School Youth		
School Status:	In-school Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County		
Hours of Operation:	Year Round		
Annual Program Capacity:	40		
Cost to Participate:	None		
Projected Outcomes:	Community members volunteer to work with middle school students at risk one lunch period per week throughout the school year in an effort to develop self-esteem and trust.		

School District 204 - Indian Prairie - Transition Program

Address: **PO Box 3990** Website:
Naperville, IL 60567

Phone: **630-428-6566** Contact: **Janet Gressler, Kathy Sista**
Fax: **630-428-6572** **Transition Teachers**

Operated
By:

Program Description: **This is a school district transition program for 18-21 year old special needs students,**

Program Entrance Criteria: **Resident of the school district**

Program Eligibility Criteria: **18-21 year old special needs student**

Youth Population Ages: **Youth 18-21 Years, Adults with a disability**

School Status: **In-school Youth**

Geographic Area Served: **DuPage County, Will County**

Hours of Operation: **School Year**

Annual Program Capacity: **Varies as needed**

Cost to Participate: **None**

Projected Outcomes: **The youth will have developed vocational, leisure, functional life skills, will have pursued further education, and will integrate into the community.**

Vocational Courses for Special Population

Address:	425 Fawell Blvd. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	Website:	steve_fry@glenbard.org
Phone:	630-942-7662	Contact:	Steve Fry
Fax:			
Operated By:	College of DuPage		
Program Description:	Vocational Skills Training for Special Populations (Developmentally Disabled) Focus on: Computer Skills, Automotive Maintenance, Communications Skills, Housekeeping, and other job related skills.		
Program Entrance Criteria:			
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Developmentally disabled/Transitioning out of High School Program/Adult Population.		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth ages 18-21 and Adults		
School Status:	In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	District 502		
Hours of Operation:	Academic Year - September - June		
Annual Program Capacity:	12-14 Students per class. Usually run 3 classes per quarter. Approximately 35 students per quarter.		
Cost to Participate:	\$46.00 per non-credit hour – Most classes are 2 or 3 non-credit hours		
Projected Outcomes:	To provide vocational skills that will lead to job placement.		

Vocational Services

Address:	442 West Fullerton Elmhurst, IL 60126 (Program relocating in 10/03)	Website:	www.ray-graham.org
Phone:	630-993-1255	Contact:	Kim Zoeller
Fax:	630-993-0160		Barb Camp – Central Intake and Referral
Operated By:	Ray Graham Association for People With Disabilities		
Program Description:	This program provides paid work experiences (placement in a job with customized support—supportive employment), pre-employment skills development, job placement assistance, assessment of vocational interests, aptitudes and in-house employment (sheltered workshop)		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Individuals must have a funding source for community employment service – VR case opened.		
Program Eligibility Criteria:	Individuals must meet criteria for VR referral or have a developmental disability.		
Youth Population Ages:	Youth ages 19-21 and Adults		
School Status:	In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth, High School Graduate/GED, School Dropouts		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County		
Hours of Operation:	Year Round Community Employment Services – generally Monday – Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm- will customize based on individual need In-house employment – Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4 pm		
Annual Program Capacity:	Community Employment Services – Approximately 150 (depending on grant capacity) In-house Employment - 125		

Cost to Participate: **Up to \$180 per month – depending on funding source and income of individual**

Projected Outcomes: **Youth will obtain community employment, become more independent and will retain a job.**

Youth Education

Address:	415 Fawell Blvd. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	Website:	www.cod.edu/comconed/youth
Phone:	630-942-2193	Contact:	Julie Meissner
Fax:	630-942-3785		
Operated By:	College of DuPage		
Program Description:	This provides year round programming for youth in preschool through high school. The program includes enrichment, academic review and gifted education.		
Program Entrance Criteria:	Individuals with gifted education.		
Program Eligibility Criteria:			
Youth Population Ages:	Youth ages 4 – 18		
School Status:	In-school Youth, Out-of-School Youth, Home School Youth		
Geographic Area Served:	DuPage County, the entire College of DuPage 502 District		
Hours of Operation:	Year Round Monday – Friday 7 am – 5 pm		
Annual Program Capacity:	12,000+ enrollments		
Cost to Participate:	Differs based on number of hours of instruction in a cost recovery program		

Projected Outcomes: **Youth will explore careers at an early age, gain improvement in cognitive knowledge and advancement to the next grade level, gain a second chance for students who have failed a class, and gain electives that would not fit into the high school schedule.**