















Kishwaukee United Way – Partner Agency Info Sheet (Rev. 05/01/14)

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	<p>Adventure Works of DeKalb County: Though outdoor activities like hiking and canoeing, children develop confidence & problem-solving skills, then apply those experiences to getting along with parents & peers.</p>	<p>Lynette Spencer, Executive Director 815.787.8990 www.adventureworksdekalb.org</p>
	<p>American Red Cross-DeKalb County Chapter: Helps people prevent, prepare for & respond to natural & human-caused disasters through immediate mobilization of people & resources and provision of community, workplace, & school-based training; Delivers Community Disaster Education, First Aid/CPR, HIV/AIDS prevention, & other life-saving health & safety training.</p>	<p>Emily Barille, Community Facility Coordinator 815.758.1274 http://www.redcross.org/</p>
	<p>Ben Gordon Center: Mental health counseling & substance abuse treatment services; Promotes community-based prevention, wellness & healthy lifestyles for youth, adults & the community through education & outreach.</p>	<p>Michael Flora, President & CEO 815.756.8501 http://www.bengordoncenter.org/</p>
	<p>CASA of DeKalb County: Advocates for best interest of abused & neglected children (infant - 18 years) ; Provides trained volunteers, or guardian ad litem, who work cooperatively with the juvenile services in DeKalb County.</p>	<p>Jill Olson, Executive Director 815.895.2052 www.casadekalb.org</p>
	<p>Catholic Charities' Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program: Works to preserve & protect the dignity of those residing in long-term care facilities; Advocates for individuals to receive highest level of care & services to maximize independence.</p>	<p>Cathy Weightman-Moore (815) 316-0042 http://catholiccharities.rockforddiocese.org/longtermcareombudsman</p>
 children's home + aid	<p>Children's Home + Aid: Facilitates the Healthy Families Illinois in-home visiting program; Teaches parenting skills to mothers; Refers to prenatal care & access to physician services.</p>	<p>Kathy Hicks, Executive Director 815.899.0137 www.childrenshomeandaid.org/Page.aspx?pid=250</p>
 Love ... Laugh ... Learn ... Comprehensive Day Care Services	<p>Children's Learning Center: Provides quality child care (daytime, before- and after-school, school holidays & summer) for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age; 60% of children from low-income families. <i>Star Level 3 Illinois Quality Counts certification.</i></p>	<p>Nancy Teboda, Executive Director 815.756.3506 www.clcdaycare.org</p>
	<p>Community Coordinated Child Care: Promotes children's well-being by advocating for quality, affordable child care; Supports parents & those providing child care by offering information, education, resources & services including child care financial assistance, Child Care Resource & Referral, parent & provider education, Child Care Food Program, and Nursing, Social Work, Mental Health, QRS and Infant/Toddler Specialists.</p>	<p>Susan Peterson, Executive Director 815.758.8149 www.four-c.org</p>
	<p>DeKalb County Hospice: Assists people to live with dignity & hope in ways that best meet their needs while coping with end-of-life issues and to support grieving family & community members.</p>	<p>Theresa Gobeli, Executive Director 815.756.3000 http://www.kishhealth.org/services/hospice/</p>
	<p>DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau: Helping youth & their families through a variety of problems such as school behavior, anxiety, depression, family conflict, parenting, self-esteem, sexual abuse, grief, violence, truancy, self-injury, homelessness, & crisis situations.</p>	<p>John Noreiko, Interim Executive Director 815.748.2010 www.dcyusb.com</p>

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	<p>Elder Care Services: Dedicated to helping seniors & those who are concerned for or directly responsible for care of seniors by providing education, support, resources & hands-on involvement to the senior or caregiver.</p>	<p>Tara Culotta, Executive Director 815.758.6550</p>
	<p>Epilepsy Foundation: Ensures that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research.</p>	<p>Barb Verni-Lau, Director of Client Services 815.964.2689 ext22 Veronica Garcia-Martinez, DeKalb Service Coordinator (815) 520-6366 http://www.epilepsyheartland.org/ef/Dekalb</p>
	<p>Family Service Agency's Big Brothers/Big Sisters provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, one-to-one mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. <i>Senior Services</i> provides a comprehensive program of therapeutic recreation, socialization, physical & mental stimulation, health education & intergenerational companionship that reinforces each participant's dignity and self-worth. <i>Children's Advocacy Center</i> provides a safe, child-sensitive environment for cases of child sexual abuse including specially trained forensic interviewer & referrals for medical treatment, trauma assessments, counseling, & even accompanies the child & family to court</p>	<p>David Miller, Executive Director 815.758.8616 www.realsolutionstoday.org</p>
	<p>The Growing Place: Professional preschool education program for children 6 weeks through 5 years; After-school care & summer camp for grades 1 to 4. <i>Star Level 3 Illinois Quality Counts certification.</i></p>	<p>Caitlin Lee, Executive Director 815.756.5744 http://growingplace-il.com/default.aspx</p>
	<p>Hope Haven: Provide shelter, meals & life skills programs for homeless individuals & families while preparing them for re-housing; Advocates for the rights of the homeless & those at risk for becoming homeless, while working in collaboration with others to end homelessness in DeKalb County.</p>	<p>Lesly D. Wicks, Executive Director 815.758.3166</p>
	<p>Kishwaukee Family YMCA: Strives to enrich the Spirit, Mind & Body of all of our participants, especially families & children, regardless of ability to pay with a focus on Youth Development, Healthy Living & Social Responsibility.</p>	<p>Rob Wilkinson, Executive Director 815.756.9577 www.kishymca.org/index.html</p>
	<p>Opportunity House: Helping persons with disabilities expand their life experiences through residential, vocational, social, & recreational opportunities.</p>	<p>Bob Shipman, Executive Director 815.895.5108 www.ohinc.org</p>
	<p>Pay-It-Forward House: Provides physical & emotional rest in a homelike environment to the loved ones of patients receiving medical treatment in DeKalb County.</p>	<p>Joyce Mathey, Executive Director 815.762.4882 www.payitforwardhouse.org</p>
	<p>Prairie State Legal Services: Provides or coordinates the delivery of high quality legal services to low-income individuals, families & groups.</p>	<p>Katherine Bettcher, Executive Director 800.942.4612 http://m.pslegal.org/</p>
	<p>Safe Passage: Provides a wide range of services to victims of domestic & sexual violence including crisis intervention & medical advocacy for victims of domestic & sexual violence, short- & long-term housing for victims & their children, counseling, legal advocacy, children's services, community education, & a batterer's intervention program.</p>	<p>Mary Ellen Schaid, Executive Director 815.756.5228 www.safepassagedv.org/</p>

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	<p>RAMP: Independent living services; Advocacy, Peer support, info & referral; Deaf services; Personal assistance; Housing & Youth transition for persons with any type of disability.</p>	<p>Lisa Williams, DeKalb County Manager 815.756.3202 www.rampcil.org/</p>
	<p>Sycamore Child Care: Full-service child care facility; 6 weeks to 4 years. National Association for the Education of Young Children Accredited.</p>	<p>De Austin, Executive Director 815.895.2484 www.sycamorechildcare.com</p>
	<p>Voluntary Action Center: Operates door to door transportation services for seniors & persons with disabilities as well as 2 public bus lines; Operates 5 senior luncheon sites throughout DeKalb County and Meals on Wheels & monthly community meals as well as facilitates other food programs.</p>	<p>Tom Zucker, Executive Director 815.758.3932 www.vacdk.com</p>
	<p>Youth Outlook: Serving LGBTQ youth by providing wellness education, leadership development, & social space. Conducts community education programs to change the social atmosphere that imperils LGBTQ youth in the first place.</p>	<p>Nancy Mullen, Executive Director 815.754.5331 www.youth-outlook.org</p>