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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, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois Department of Human Services, and Illinois Department on Aging provides detailed information about rental properties and helps people find housing to best fit their needs: <http://ilhousingsearch.org>

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

Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA):
<http://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: <http://www.thecha.org>

USDA Housing Programs Illinois: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/IL_HousingPrograms.html
Map-based search for affordable rental housing:
http://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:
<http://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: <http://www.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 at the bottom of the INCIL home page to find your local CIL: <http://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": <http://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: <http://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 <http://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: <http://www.suburbancook.org>