



Special Services

Early Intervention (EI) – a support system for children at risk for developmental delays. Physical, occupational, developmental and speech therapists as well as dieticians are available to assist your child with growth and development. Early referral is recommended if concerns are present on any developmental screenings.

Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) – each public school is equipped for children to receive special education and related services. An IEP is an individualized document for teachers, parents, and administrators to improve educational outcomes for children and may include different developmental therapies as well.

504 Plans – Section 504 is a federal law designed to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive federal funds; 504 plans ensure that children are not excluded from activities due to their disabilities. Parents should meet with school officials to get a written plan in place that includes necessary accommodations.

WIC – A specialty program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) that provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

Insurance Information

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) – A federal income supplement program funded by a general tax that is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people to meet basic needs. For more information, see www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/index.html or call 1-800-772-1213.

All Kids – the insurance program in Illinois for children who need comprehensive, affordable health insurance, regardless of immigration status or health condition; www.allkidscovered.com.

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) – legislation passed in 1996 that defines policies, procedures and guidelines for maintaining the privacy and security of individually identifiable health information as well as outlining numerous offenses relating to health care and sets civil and criminal penalties for violations. Find out more information on privacy and security regarding health and medical information, visit www.hhs.gov.

Division of Specialized Care for Children (DSCC) – an agency that provides free health care coordination for qualifying families of children with special health care needs. Visit www.uic.edu/dsc or call 1-800-322-3722.