

Free or Flexible Cost Special Education Law Referrals

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Beyond Legal Aid (formerly CALA) Blocks Together Terrance Shorter Legal Clinic	3711 W. Chicago Avenue Chicago, IL 60651 T: (773) 940-2319 Appointments preferred Walk-ins welcome 2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays, 4-7pm	Free, serves low-income families; 200% poverty level	Westside neighborhoods of Chicago	All special education	None at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School discipline • Truancy • Employment and labor • Housing • Family • Criminal records • Immigration
CARPLS	T: (312) 738-9200	Free, serves families at or below 350% of federal poverty level	Chicago and Suburbs	Provides only advice and referrals to other attorneys	None at this time	Offers advice on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Employment • Education • Consumer debt • Divorce • Guardianship • Estates • Personal injury • Public benefits • Healthcare
Children's Law Group, LLC	142 E. Ontario Street, Ste. 525 Chicago, IL 60611 T: (312) 265-1055	Flexible fees/contingency. Pro-bono cases evaluated on an individual basis	Chicago and suburbs	Special education with focus on medically complex children	None at this time	N/A
Equip for Equality (EFE)	20 N. Michigan Avenue, Ste. 300 Chicago, IL 60602 T: (866) 543-7046	Free, no income restrictions	All of Illinois	All special education	Project focused on transition-aged students securing appropriate services to prepare for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All disability related legal issues • School discipline for students with IEPs or a suspected disability issue

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					<p>employment, post-secondary education, and independent living</p> <p>Project to represent court-involved students in Cook, Winnebago and St. Clair Counties to secure appropriate special education services and prevent push out from school</p> <p>Project to represent students whose rights were violated under the ISBE Public Inquiry into CPS</p>	
Harmening Law, LLC	73 W. Monroe, Suite 100 Chicago, IL 60603 T: (312) 379-5288 E: elise@harmeninglaw.com	Flexible fee/low/pro-bono	Chicago, Will, Dupage	All special education and disability cases	None at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family law matters • School discipline

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Hartlieb & Horste LLC	T: (847) 485-9232 www.hartliebhorste.com	Sliding scale fee	Chicago and Suburbs	All special education cases	None at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School discipline for students with an IEP or a suspected disability issue • Bullying, harassment, and discrimination by other students or school employees
Family Resource Center on Disabilities	11 E. Adam Street, Ste. 1002 Chicago, IL 60603 T: (312) 939-3513	Free, no income restrictions	Counties: Cook, Dupage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McHenry, Lake, Will	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent trainers provide advice and training to parents of students with disabilities on their rights and responsibilities under IDEA • Do not provide legal representation 	None at this time	None
Johnson, Jones, Snelling, Gilbert P.C.	325 N. LaSalle Street, #350 Chicago, IL 60654 T: 312-578-8100 E: cgilbert@jjsqd.com	Slide scale fees/ contingency; pro bono cases evaluated on case-by-case basis	Chicago and suburbs (rest of Illinois, evaluated on case -by-case basis)	All special education	None at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School discipline • Enrollment • Title IX • Discrimination • Civil rights • Labor and employment
Land of Lincoln Legal Aid	Legal Advice and Referral Center 8787 State Street East St. Louis, IL 62203 T: 877 342-7891 www.lincolnlegal.org	Free, serves families at or below 200% of federal poverty level (and all youth in foster	Counties: Clinton, Fayette, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair,	All special education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCFS youth in foster care education cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School discipline • Homeless student rights • Enrollment issues • Educational fee waivers

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		care, regardless of household income)	Washington, Adams, Bond, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Montgomery, Pike, Schuyler, Cass, Christian, Logan, Macon, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon, Scott, Shelby, Champaign, Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Ford, Jasper, Moultrie, Piatt, Vermilion, Alexander, Clay, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson,			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family law and domestic violence • Housing cases • Public benefits cases, including SSI/SSDI • Expungement/sealing of criminal records • Guardianship

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			Lawrence, Marion, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Richland, Saline, Union, Wabash, Wayne, White, Williamson			
Law Offices of Charles P. Fox	355 W. Dundee Rd., Ste. 209 Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 T: (847) 205-9897	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible fees • “Low-bono” 	Chicago and suburbs	All special education	None at this time	Minor and disabled guardianship
Legal Aid Chicago	120 S. LaSalle St., Ste. 120 Chicago, IL 60603 DCFS youth in foster care cases: T: (312) 347-8392 Other Cases: T: (312) 341-1070 www.legalaidchicago.org	Free, serves families at or below 150% of federal poverty level (and all youth in foster care, regardless of household income)	Chicago and suburbs (Cook County)	<p>All special education involving a youth in foster care (i.e. a ward of the state)</p> <p>All special education involving a student who is a survivor of sexual assault/abuse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project representing DCFS youth in foster care education cases • Project representing survivors of sexual abuse/assault in all education matters • Pro bono project providing representation to low-income students in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School discipline • School residency • Title IX for K-12 students • Family law and domestic violence • Public benefits including SSI/SSDI, medical cards, SNAP • Public housing eviction defense • Expungement of juvenile records • Consumer including utilities

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Loyola Civitas Childlaw Clinic Stand Up for Each Other (SUCEO) Chicago	25 E. Pearson Street, Ste. 1107 Chicago, IL 60611 T: (773)8000-EDU or (773) 800-0338	Free, no formal income restrictions but low-income families are highest priority	Chicago and suburbs	All special education, except for residential placements	Anti-Bullying Program: represents students and parents of students in cases regarding school-related bullying, harassment, or discrimination by another student or school employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School discipline • Bullying, harassment, and discrimination by other students or school employee • Abuse and neglect • International child abduction • School enrollment, residency, municipal ordinance violations for truancy, and other education matters if no other available legal services
Matt Cohen and Associates	155 N. Michigan Ave., Ste. 715 Chicago, IL 60601 T: (866) 787-9270	Flexible fees, sliding scale, pro-bono cases evaluated on an individual basis	None	All special education matters	None at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education accommodation cases • Testing accommodation cases • Adult Disability Services • Disputes/difficult placement cases

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Moran Center for Youth Advocacy	1900A Dempster Street Evanston, IL 60202 T: (847) 492-1410	Free, serves low-income clients whose income is 80% of median area income in Evanston	Evanston residents only	All special education	None at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School discipline • Juvenile delinquency representation • Criminal representation of young people, 26 or younger • Expungement & Sealing services (open to all individuals w/ Cook County criminal records, not just Evanston residents) • Criminal remediation representation • School-based Civil Legal Clinic, which offers legal advice/representation for families of elementary-school age children in Evanston 						
Prairie State Legal Services	Contact local Prairie State office www.pslegal.org/psls-locations.asp <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Bloomington Office</td> <td>(309) 827-5021 and (800) 874-2536</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Galesburg Office</td> <td>(309) 343-2141 and (800) 331-0617</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joliet Office</td> <td>(815) 727-5123</td> </tr> </table>	Bloomington Office	(309) 827-5021 and (800) 874-2536	Galesburg Office	(309) 343-2141 and (800) 331-0617	Joliet Office	(815) 727-5123	Free, serves families at or below 200% of federal poverty level (and all youth in foster care, regardless of household income)	Counties: Boone, Bureau, Carrol, DeKalb, DuPage, Fulton, Grundy, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jo Davis, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, La Salle, Lake, Lee, Livingston, Marshall, McDonough, McHenry,	Each office has different guidelines for types of cases they will accept, but generally they accept all special education cases	DCFS youth in foster care education cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School discipline • Family law and domestic violence • Housing cases • Public benefits cases, including SSI/SSDI • Juvenile expungement (limited offices)
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	Kankakee Office	(815) 935-2750 and (800) 346-2864		McLean, Mercer, Ogle, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Tazewell, Warren, Whiteside, Will, Winnebago, Woodford			
	McHenry Office	(815) 344-9113 and (877) 480-3020					
	Ottawa Office	(815) 434-5903 and (800) 892-7888					
	Peoria Office	(309) 674-9831 and (800) 322-2280					
	Rock Island Office	(309) 794-1328 and (800) 322-9804					
	Rockford Office	(815) 965-2902 and (800) 892-2985					
	Waukegan Office	(847) 662-6925 and (800) 942-3940					
	West Suburban Office	(630) 690-2130 and (800) 690-2130					