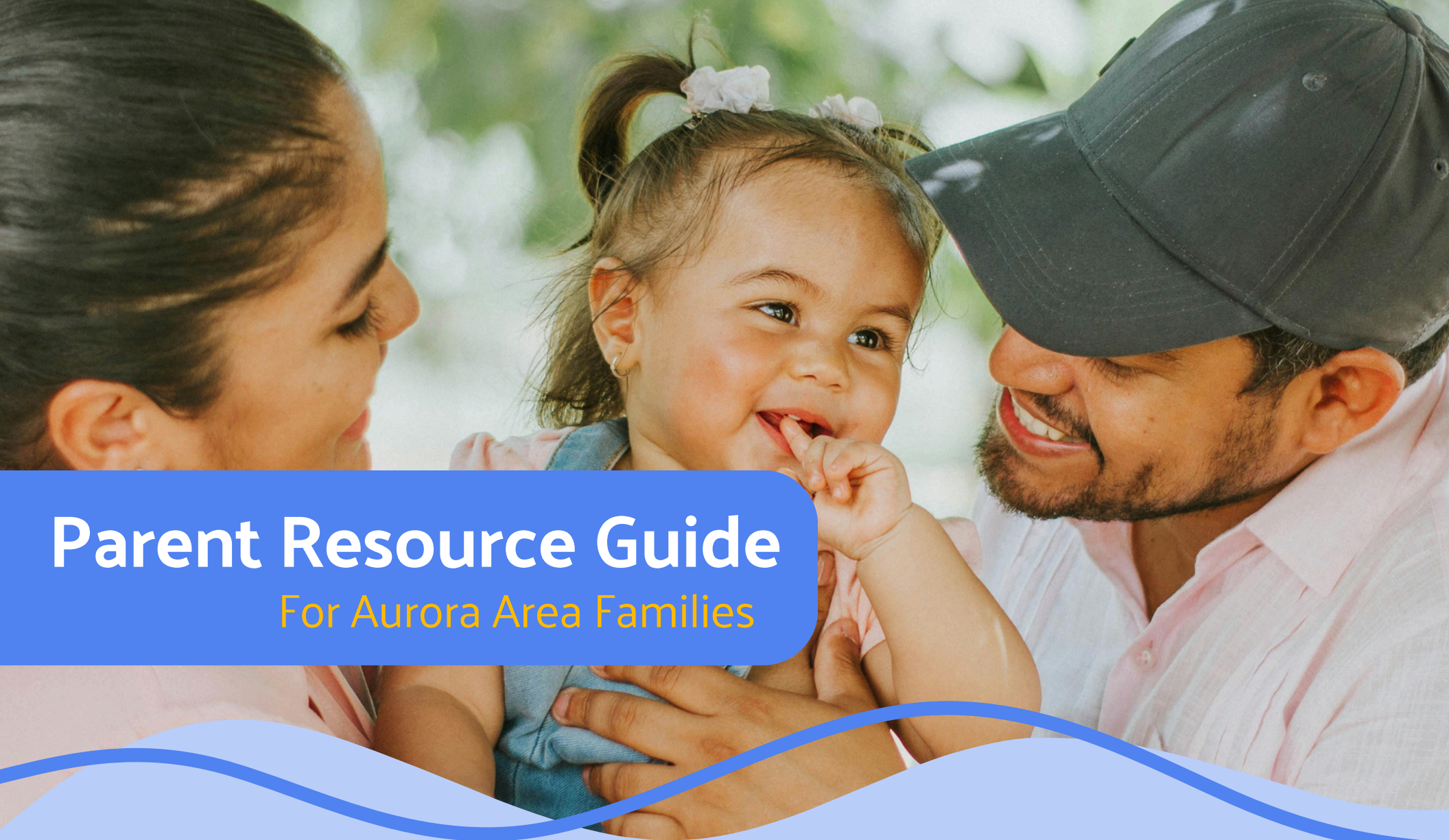




Parent Resource Guide

For Aurora Area Families



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Strong, Prepared And Ready for Kindergarten

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Milestones and Developmental Screenings

All children develop in unique ways and at different rates.

Below is a guide of things to look for as your child grows.

If you have any concerns about your child's growth, please talk with your child's pediatrician to get connected with your community's early childhood intervention system.

Before Birth, you can

- Monitor baby's movements (~10 movements every 20 minutes is considered healthy). If you are concerned about fetal movement or have any questions, please contact your doctor.
- Get regular low-impact exercise (1-3 hours weekly can improve outcomes for pregnancy & delivery, like pain, healing, sleep & exhaustion, and lower risk of pre-term birth, gestational diabetes, and pre-eclampsia. Please consult your doctor about the appropriate activity level for you and baby.)

Things to look Out for in Your Newborn (Developmental Skills typically seen around 2 months)

- Baby calms when picked up or held
- Baby looks at your face and follows you as you move
- Baby moves all four limbs regularly
- Baby opens hands briefly
- Baby watches you as you move
- Baby looks at a toy for several seconds

Milestones and Developmental Screenings

At 6 months, many children

- Respond to their own name
- Respond to other people's emotions and often seem happy
- Copy sounds
- Like to play with others, especially parents

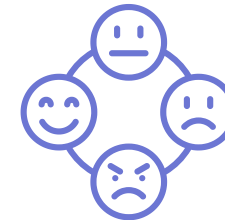


At 1 year (12 months), many children

- Use simple gestures, like shaking head “no” or waving “bye-bye”
- Say “mama” and “dada” and exclamations like “uh-oh!”
- Copy gestures
- Respond to simple spoken requests

At 1 ½ years (18 months), many children

- Play simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- Point to show others something interesting
- Show a full range of emotions, such as happy, sad, angry



At 2 years (24 months), many children

- Say sentences with 2 to 3 words
- Follow simple instructions
- Get excited when with other children
- Point to things or pictures when they are named

At 3 years (36 months), many children

- Show affection for friends without prompting
- Carry on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Copy adults and friends
- Play make-believe with dolls, animals, and people



Milestones and Developmental Screenings

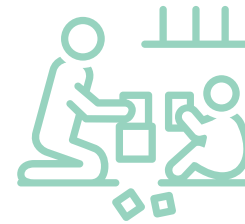


At 4 years (48 months), many children

- Tell stories
- Would rather play with other children than by themselves
- Play cooperatively with others
- Wash their hands by themselves

At 5 years (60 months), many children

- Run on their tiptoes
- Recognize their names in print
- Understand “yesterday” and “tomorrow”
- Put their shoes on the correct feet



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FOR YOU**

Contact SPARK today for
a **FREE** developmental
screening for your child!

331-452-1268

SPARK@foxvalleyunitedway.org



Questions to Ask Your Child's Doctor:

- Is my child's development on track for his/her age?
- How can I track my child's development?
- What should I do if I'm worried about my child's progress?
- Where can I get more information?



Choosing Quality Care for Your Child

Most parents have mixed feelings about having their infants, toddlers or preschoolers in child care.

These lists of suggested questions and observations can help parents choose the best care for their child.

Ask about the teachers and the program

- What education or training do staff have who will be working with this age group?
- What is the teacher-to-child ratio?
- What does the daily schedule look like for the children? Is there time for active play?
- What state licenses does the program/facility have?
- What are the program options? (Days and times) What is the policy for late pickup?

Observe the space if possible

- Is the space welcoming and child-friendly? Warm and nurturing?
- Are activities and furniture developmentally appropriate for the children's age?
- Is the space intellectually stimulating and provides safety for all children?
- What is the noise level? Is the space crowded, and is there an outdoor play area that provides the same level of safety for children?

Discuss your involvement as a parent

- Is there a record or summary of what the child did that day while in the program?
- How is parent involvement encouraged? Programs? Visits? Volunteer?
- When or with what frequency will the parent be able to talk to the provider or teacher about progress or concerns?

Infant - Toddler

- Is the facility clean? Does it have access to a sink for handwashing and a clean changing area? How often are toys washed and disinfected?
- Are small toys used by other children kept away from children under 3?
- Are bottles and food items stored safely? What does mealtime look like?
- Are there obvious safety hazards for young children? Open electrical sockets? Large furniture pieces or items stored up high out of a child's reach?

Preschool

- What is the staff structure (Director, Supervisor, Parent Coordinator)? Who is the contact person for parents? Does the staff change often?
- What is the mentality or theory of learning used? What curriculum is used? What are the education standards?
- Are meals provided, or do parents provide meals? Are parents able to send food from home? Food restrictions?
- How much are children expected to sit and focus on a task?
- Will there be a meeting or welcome before the child starts in the program? Introduction or walk-through for the child and family.

Ready for Kindergarten?

Though all children develop at different rates, here are some common skills that can help you identify how ready for kindergarten your child is:



Language & Communication:

- Knows and says first and last name.
- Speaks in a way that is fairly understandable by unfamiliar adults.
- Expresses frustration/anger with words
- Can follow 2- to 3-step directions
- Understands positional words (i.e., below, behind, on top of, near)



Gross Motor:

- Can run and skip.
- Can do a two-footed jump and a one-legged hop.
- Alternates feet when climbing stairs.
- Can walk backwards.
- Attempts a two-handed catch of large ball.



Self-care:

- Uses the bathroom without help.
- Dresses self in the morning.
- Can snap, button, and/or zip.
- Knows how to wash his hands.



Fine Motor:

- Traces lines and basic shapes (circle, square, etc.)
- Holds a writing utensil with a non-fisted grip.
- Can use scissors for an intentional task, though may not have mastered the task. (i.e., cutting on a line)

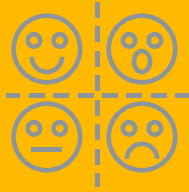
KIDS: Families & Caregivers (isbe.net) - <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/KIDS-Families.aspx>

The Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) is an observational tool designed to help teachers, administrators, families and policymakers better understand the developmental readiness of children entering kindergarten.

Ready for Kindergarten?

Social/Emotional:

- Separates from caregiver easily or without undue distress
- Explores new things and is willing to take some risks.
- Is beginning to play and share with other children without the need for constant supervision.
- Is able to "wait his turn." (Within reason).
- Focuses on an adult-directed activity.
- Recognizes other people have feelings.



Health Requirements:

- Physical examination & required immunizations
- Vision exam & Form
- Dental exam & Form
- Parent/Caregiver needs to complete the health history portion of the certificate of Child Health Examination and similar forms for vision and dental, and bring it to a qualifying nurse or physician to conduct the necessary exams and confirm that the child has received all required immunizations



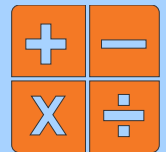
Pre-Reading/Literacy:

- Recites or sings the alphabet.
- Visually identifies some of the letters.
- Likes listening to stories/books.
- Recognizes own name when it's written or typed.
- Can tell if two words rhyme, but might not be able to give a third word that rhymes with them.
- Tries to write his own name, with the same letters/symbols each time.
- Recognizes some environmental print (i.e., the logo of a favorite restaurant, food, or other signs)
- Knows how to hold a book correctly (i.e., right side up, where the front cover is)



Math Readiness:

- Counts from 1 to 10 without skipping numbers.
- Able to identify basic shapes, either verbally or by pointing to them.
- Can or is beginning to count using one-to-one correspondence. (Pointing at each item in a pile as he counts.)
- Can sort items by at least one way they are alike (by a common attribute).
- Can identify some of the colors in an 8-count crayon box (black, blue, brown, green, orange, red, purple, and yellow) either verbally or by pointing to the correct color.



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Kindergarten Registration & School District Information

Kaneland Community Unit School District 302

Administration
47W326 Keslinger Rd, Maple Park, IL 60151
(630)365-5111
School Registration Fee: \$105
Extended Kindergarten: \$250

West Aurora School District 129

Admission Office
1877 West Downer Pl.
(630) 301-5050
Registration Fees (subject to change):
Full Day Kindergarten \$125

East Aurora School District 131

Centralized Registration
310 Seminary Avenue
Main Office: (630) 299-7302
Office hours:
Monday–Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Indian Prairie School District 204

School District 204 Main Office
780 Shoreline Drive, Aurora, IL 60504
(630) 375-3020
School Registration Fees:
Kindergarten, Half day: \$73 | Full day: \$145

Oswego Community Unit School District 308

Central Registration
1008 Douglas Road, Oswego, IL, 60543
(630) 608-5090
School Registration Fees:
Kindergarten, Half day: \$60 | Full day: \$550

Batavia Public School District 101

Administration Center
335 W Wilson St
Batavia, IL 60510
(630) 937-8800
School Registration Fee: \$150

Not sure what school district you belong to?

Visit www.greatschools.org and enter your address to find out your school district.

Parents and legal guardians of children who will be five years of age on or before September 1st are encouraged to register their children for kindergarten. Bring the following for kindergarten registration: Student's **original birth certificate, valid passport or other record** recognized by a court of law, and **Proof of Residency**

Resources for Families



Free, but Priceless

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to growing a love for reading in children under five.

Through DPIL, registered children receive one **free book** in the mail every month until their fifth birthday. The program is completely free and available to all children under 5 in Kane and Kendall counties, regardless of household income - **All you have to do is register!**



Scan to register your child and start receiving **FREE BOOKS!**

Resources for Families



Because kids don't come with instructions.

Receive text messages to help you in your parenting journey.

We cover it all: tantrums, nutrition, brain-building activities, local events, and much more! Messages are timed to your child's age, from pregnancy to preteen.

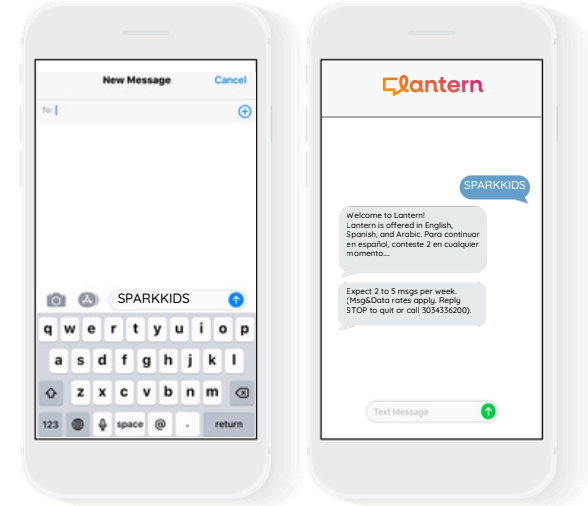
Sign Up is Easy!



Text SPARKKIDS to 274448 then follow the prompts or scan above



Lantern Parents Say:



"I love getting little **age-appropriate** messages on my phone that I know are **reliable** and backed by **science**."

"I love that they don't interrupt my life that I can look at them when I want to and they're just **friendly reminders** of best practices to do with my child."

Learn more at mylantern.org

Lantern is a non-profit organization. They don't sell or share information.

*Message and data rates apply. Text STOP to 274448 to stop.

Text HELP to 274448 for help.

Crisis Resource Numbers



In times of personal crisis or daily challenge,
211 is here to help.

What is 211?

211 is the federally designated 3-digit dialing code that connects to a **free, confidential service** for information and referrals to a wide range of social services programs and resources.

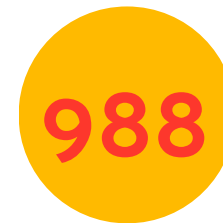
More Numbers to Call for Help



For emergencies



For municipal or local government services



For the suicide and crisis lifeline

Crisis Resource Numbers

**Mutual Ground 24-hour Domestic
Violence Hotline:**
(630) 897-0080

**Mutual Ground 24-hour Sexual
Violence Hotline:**
(630) 897-8383

**YWCA Metro Chicago
Rape Crisis Hotline:**
(630) 971-3927

**National Suicide
Prevention Lifeline:**
988

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline:
(224) 248-6956

**Suicide Prevention
Services of America:**
(630) 482-9699

**Postpartum Support
International:**
(800) 944-4773

**Postpartum Depression Crisis
Hotline:**
(866) 364-6667

**Chicagoland's Fussy Baby
Network:**
(888) 431-2229

Illinois Substance Use Quitline:
(866) 784-8937

**Illinois Substance Use
Warmline:**
(866) 359-7953

DCFS Hotline:
(800) 252-2873

**Kane County Hunger
Relief Network:**
(630) 584-6166

Poison Control:
(800) 222-1222

IDHS Food Helpline:
(800) 843-6154

**AID - Crisis Line of
Fox Valley:**
(630) 966-9393

Financial Resources

Islamic Center of Aurora

543 S Lake Street, Aurora, IL 60506

(630) 780-6580

Zakat Financial Assistance Program

<https://www.masjidhidayath.org/services/zakat>

Financial assistance program:

Offers help for those in extreme poverty, for those unable to afford basic needs due to disability or other unforeseen circumstances, for those freed from trafficking, and for those in debt.

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago

Kane & DuPage Counties Location

2055 West Army Trail Road, Suite 140, Addison, IL 60101

(630) 790-6600

Childcare Assistance Program (CCAP):

Financial assistance towards childcare while the parent or guardian works or goes to school. Eligible if combined monthly household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty line.

Early Literacy Resources

Aurora Public Libraries

<https://www.aurorapubliclibrary.org>



Santori Library Branch

101 S. River St, Aurora, IL 60506

630-264-4117

Children's Craft Corner

Laptop Checkout

Outdoor Garden

Children's Center

West Library Branch

233 S. Constitution Dr, Aurora, IL 60506

630-264-4117

Children's Area

Laptop Checkout

Curbside & outdoor pickup and return services

Public Computers

Eola Library Branch

555 S. Eola Rd, Aurora, IL 60504

630-264-4117

Currently under renovation

Library of Things

(any branch)

<https://www.aurorapubliclibrary.org/libraryofthings>

Examples: instruments, STEAM kits, sewing machines, etc.

Community/Recreation Resources

Fox Valley Park District

Prisco Community Center

150 W. Illinois Ave., Aurora, IL
630-859-8606

Vaughan Athletic Center

2121 W. Indian Trail, Aurora, IL
630-907-9600

Eola Community Center

555 S. Eola Rd, Aurora, IL
630-897-0516

Free Museum Opportunities

Blackberry Farms

<https://www.blackberryfarm.info>
S Barnes Rd, Aurora, IL 60506

Free museum days for Illinois residents
on select days throughout summer

Red Oak Nature Center

<https://www.redoaknaturecenter.info/>
930 N River Rd, North Aurora, IL 60542
Admission is **free for parties under 9**

Fox Valley Park District Scholarship program

<https://www.foxvalleyparkdistrict.org/programs-events/scholarships/>

Qualifying families can apply for up to **\$160 per year** to use towards certain park district programming based on need. Eligibility follows federal poverty guidelines for 130% of the poverty threshold.

Families must be able to provide proof of residency, income, and family relation.

Food Pantry Resources

Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry

1110 Jericho Rd, Aurora, IL, 60506
(630)897-2127

<https://www.aurorafoodpantry.org/>

Families can visit once per week using one of the following methods:

- **M/T/TH Marketplace:** 10am-2pm, No registration necessary but recommended
- **Wednesday Delivery:** Must live within 10 miles of pantry, pre-registration required
- **Friday Drive-up:** 11am-1pm, No pre-registration necessary

My Pantry Express

(Northern Illinois Food bank)

<https://solvehungertoday.org/mpx/>

(630) 443-6914

- Online ordering for groceries based on location

Holy Angels Catholic Church

204 S. Russell Ave. Aurora, IL 60506

(630) 897-2478

<https://www.holy-angels.org/food-pantry>

Food Pantry

Tuesday-Saturday

9:15-11:30am

Walk-in

Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry

West Pantry: 834 N Highland Ave, Aurora, IL 60506

East Pantry: 801 Ziegler Ave, Aurora, IL 60505

Saturday Church Location: 551 4th St, Aurora, IL 60505

630-897-5431

<https://mariewilkinsonfoodpantry.org/>

Families can visit one location per week

- **Wednesday Pick-up:** 11am-2pm, West Pantry, Drive-through service
- **Friday Pick-up:** 12:30-4pm, West Pantry, Drive-through service
- **Saturday:** 8-11am, East Pantry, Drive-through service
- **Sunday:** 10am-12pm, Church location, walk-in location

Two Rivers Head Start

1661 Landmark Rd, Aurora, IL 60506

630-264-1444

<https://www.trhsa.org/food-pantry>

Scheduled appointments necessary

Families can receive food twice monthly

Appointments are available:

Monday: 2-4pm

Wednesday: 9-11am, 3-6pm

Friday: 9am-12pm

Clothing & Goods Pantry Resources

Aurora Interfaith Food Pantry

1110 Jericho Rd, Aurora, IL, 60506

(630)897-2127

<https://www.aurorafoodpantry.org/>

Community Clothing Closet: Gently used clothing donated by members of the community, must make appointment to enter

Two Rivers Head Start

1661 Landmark Rd, Aurora, IL 60506

630-264-1444

<https://www.trhsa.org/food-pantry>

Personal Care Pantry: Non-food resources, such as toiletries, are also offered based on availability

Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry

West Pantry: 834 N Highland Ave, Aurora, IL 60506

<https://mariewilkinsonfoodpantry.org/>

Pet Resources: 2nd & 4th Wednesday & Friday monthly, West Pantry, Must register your pet and bring proof of ownership, Dog & Cat food, Cat litter, other supplies based on availability

Search the link below for an interactive food resource map:

<https://eat-move-save.extension.illinois.edu/>

Utility Resources

Community Contacts

214 Walnut Street, Saint Charles, IL 60174

630.587.5872

Gas & Electric Utility Assistance

<https://dceo.illinois.gov/communityservices/utilitybillassistance/howtoapply.html>

Eligibility: 30 day income at or below 60% of area median income

Must be able to provide SSN, proof of income, copy of most recent utility bill to receive any of the following forms of assistance:

- Standard LIHEAP assistance: one-time assistance with heat and electric bills, payment is sent directly to utility company
- Emergency replacement of non-functioning furnace
- Emergency Reconnection Assistance
- Percentage of Income payment program (limited availability)

Lifeline Support for Affordable Communications

1-800-234-9473

LifelineSupport@usac.org

<https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline-consumers#rules>

National communication utility assistance

- Income eligibility is 135% or lower of the federal poverty guidelines
- Discounts up to \$9.25 a month off of phone, internet, or bundled plans in most areas
- Discounts up to \$34.25 a month for individuals on tribal land
- Extended emergency support for victims of domestic violence & assistance separating phone lines from the abuser

Salvation Army

Aurora Corps Community Center

550 Redwood Drive, Aurora, IL, 60506

630-897-7265

<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/il/aurora/redwood-drive-corps/>

- Rent & utility Assistance
- Emergency assistance based on income

Lazarus House

214 Walnut Street, Saint Charles, IL 60174

630.587.5872

Homeless Prevention Services

<https://www.lazarushouse.net/rent-and-utility-assistance/>

- offers help for those at risk of homelessness
- offer one time emergency rent/mortgage & utility assistance
- permanent housing for homeless individuals with a disabling condition
- Short to medium term rental assistance
- rent subsidies for families in extreme poverty

Housing Resources

Mutual Ground / Breaking Free

418 Oak Ave, Aurora, IL 60506

630-897-0084

<https://mutualground.org/>

Domestic & Sexual Violence Shelter

- Domestic violence and Sexual violence residential services
- Case management services
- Substance Use counseling services
- 6 or 8 week long parenting education program

360 Youth Services

1323 Bond St, Naperville, IL 60563

(630) 961-2992

<https://360youthservices.org/>

Housing organization

Serves individuals 18-24 primarily

Youth housing & case management

- Emergency shelter program
- transitional housing program
- LGBTQ+ affirming housing program

Hesed House

659 S River St. Aurora, IL, 60506

630-897-2156

<https://www.hesedhouse.org/>

Homeless shelter

- Emergency overnight shelter
- Family shelter
- Comprehensive resource center (case management)

Hope Haven

1145 Rushmoore Dr, DeKalb, IL 60115

(815) 758-5765

<https://www.hopehavendekalb.com/>

Housing organization

- Emergency shelter program
- Rapid re-housing & case management services
- Homeless Prevention financial assistance services
- subsidized apartment program for individuals with disabilities
- clinical services & case management

The Neighbor Project

32 S Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505

(630) 906-9400

<https://www.neighborproject.us/>

Housing related financial assistance

- Free financial coaching
- Court based rental assistance for renters and landlords up to 15k
- Affordable rental housing units
- Homebuyer education program with one-on-one counselor
- Down payment assistance
- Breakthrough rental program where 12 months of rent will be returned to go towards a down payment

Legal Resources

World Relief

73 S 4th St, Aurora, IL 60505

(630) 906-9546

<https://worldrelief.org/chicagoland/>

- Immigrant family services
- Immigrant legal services

Family Focus Aurora

1444 N Farnsworth Ave, Aurora, IL 60505

630-844-2550

<https://www.family-focus.org/center/aurora/>

- Immigration Services
- Child and Family Programs

Prairie State Legal Services

North & Central Illinois Locations

303 North Main Street, Suite 600, Rockford, IL 61101

<https://pslegal.org/>

Free services for individuals with income that is less than 125% of the federal poverty level

- Safety related legal services (orders of protection, divorce & custody issues with domestic violence concerns, elder abuse, harassment & stalking, immigration concerns due to trafficking or domestic violence)
- Housing related legal services (subsidized housing, discrimination & disability accommodations, evictions, housing protections, foreclosure and other ownership issues)
- Financial stability related legal services (removing legal barriers to employment such as criminal records or driver's license concerns, SNAP & TANF issues, public medical assistance issues, social security issues, special education & school enrollment concerns, tax disputes, nursing home & home care concerns, powers of attorney)

Dental Resources

All-Brite Family Dental

Dr. Betsy Giron
909 N Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
630-801-0088

<https://allbritefamilydental.com/>

- Adults & families welcome
- Accepts Medicaid
- \$30 a year discounted dental plan for uninsured patients (25-30% discount on all services)

Community Health

Partnership of Illinois- Aurora

157 S. Lincoln Ave., Suite C, Aurora, IL 60505
(630) 859-0015

<https://chpofil.org/locations/aurora/>

- Basic & emergency dental care
- Pediatric dental care
- Spanish language translation services
- accepts Medicaid & Medicare
- Sliding scale payment options based on family size and income
- Will provide assistance on applying and navigating public benefits such as Medicaid

Familia Dental

47 Clock Tower Plz, Elgin, IL 60120
(847) 695-8780

<https://www.familiadental.com/locations/illinois/elgin/>

- Adults & families welcome
- Accepts Medicaid
- Flexible payment options available
- mobile dentistry available

VNA Dental Clinic

400 N Highland Avenue Aurora, IL
(630) 394-8516

<https://vnahealth.com/location/vna-health-center-aurora/>

- Adults & families welcome
- Accepts Medicaid
- Sliding scale costs based on proof of income
- Special cost of \$10-30 based on income for first visit for uninsured children under 5

Premier Dental LLC

1264A N Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
630-801-9028

- Adults & families welcome
- Accepts Medicaid

Smiles of Aurora

201 N Constitution Dr Suite #3
Aurora, IL 60506
630-349-5889

<https://smilesofaurora.com/>

- Adults & families welcome
- Discounted & flexible payment options available

Islamic Center of Naperville Shifa Clinic

25W530 75th Street, Naperville, IL 60565
(630) 364-4773

- free preventative & curative dental care
- eligibility is based on income and family size

Pediatrician Resources

Community Health Partnership of Illinois- Aurora

157 S. Lincoln Ave., Suite D, Aurora, IL 60505

(630) 859-0015

<https://chpofil.org/locations/aurora/>

- Primary care services for all ages
- Well-child care services
- Lab and basic diagnostic services
- Chronic disease management
- Spanish language translation services
- accepts Medicaid & Medicare
- Sliding scale payment options based on family size and income
- Will assist with applying for and navigating public benefits such as Medicaid

VNA Healthcare

Location 1: 1400 Indian Avenue Aurora, IL

Location 2: 400 N Highland Avenue Aurora, IL

Location 3: 323 Weston Avenue, Aurora, IL

(630) 446-6135

<https://vnahealth.com/service/pediatrics/>

- Well-child services
- Typical sick and injury exams
- Developmental support
- Nutrition & Fitness support
- Chronic disease management
- Accepts Medicaid & Medicare
- discounted rates for uninsured patients based on income & family size

Aunt Martha's Community Health and Outreach Center

2124 Ogden Ave, Aurora, IL 60504

877-692-8686

<https://www.auntmarthas.org/healthcare/pediatrics/>

- Well-child care services
- Developmental support
- Sick care
- Chronic disease management
- Pediatric behavioral health services
- Telehealth options
- sliding scale costs based on income & family size

Vision Resources

Aurora Lions Club

101 S River Street
Aurora, IL

(At Aurora Public Library every 3rd
Saturday of the month)

<https://www.auroralionsclub.org>

- Free vision screenings
- Donated eyeglasses

Aunt Martha's Community Health and Outreach Center

2124 Ogden Ave, Aurora, IL 60504
877-692-8686

[https://www.auntmarthas.org/health
care/pediatrics/](https://www.auntmarthas.org/health-care/pediatrics/)

- Vision & hearing screenings
- Discounted rates based on income &
family size

Prenatal Resources

Kane Kares

Kane County Health Department
1240 N. Highland Ave.,
Aurora, IL 60506
224-227-4476

<https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/Kane-Kares.aspx>

- Free personal nurse resource for expectant parents
- support throughout the pregnancy and birth into the early period of parenting

SPARK

Fox Valley United Way
44 E. Galena Blvd
Aurora, IL 60505
630-896-4636

<https://www.sparkaurora.org/bright-beginnings/>

- Bright Beginnings (informational resource for expecting and recently postpartum parents)

Illinois WIC Program VNA

VNA Healthcare
630-892-4720
400 N Highland Avenue Aurora, IL
<https://vnahealth.com/service/wic/>

- Free nutrition counseling based on family's dietary needs
- Free nutrition education classes & materials on nutrition for expectant parents and young children
- Free breastfeeding classes and counseling for breast feeding mothers
- Free breast pumps as well as nursing bras and pads provided based on availability
- Breast feeding peer counselors

Childcare Resources

Daycare Centers

Children of America

1125 Oak St

North Aurora, IL 60542

Ages: 6 weeks- 12 years

<https://www.childrenofamerica.com/locations-aurora.cfm>

- Infant & toddler classrooms
- Preschool & pre-k programs
- Before & after school care
- Subsidized care may be available

The Learning Experience

91 Templeton Dr, Oswego, IL, 60543

(630) 383-5100

Ages: 6 weeks to 6 years

<https://thelearningexperience.com/centers/oswego-il/>

- Separate classrooms for infants, 1- to 2-year-old children, 2-year-old children and 2-3-year-old children
- Preschool program
- Kindergarten program

La Petite Academy

2441 W. Sullivan Road, Aurora, IL 60506

Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years

<https://www.lapetite.com/your-local-school/aurora-il-7661/>

- Separate classrooms for infants, young toddlers, and two and up
- Early preschool & preschool programs
- Pre-k & junior kindergarten programs
- Before & after school care
- Financial assistance is available but dependent on income & availability

Aurora Early Learning Center

One Hope United

525 College Ave, Aurora, IL 60505

630-256-7700

Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years

<https://onehopeunited.org/aurora-early-learning-center/>

- Infant & toddler care
- Preschool program
- Kindergarten program
- Before & after school care
- Accepts CCAP

Childcare Resources

Daycare Centers

Prairie Pals Christian Preschool & Childcare

33 Stonehill Road, Oswego, IL 60543
630-551-7143

Ages: 6 weeks to 5 years

<http://prairiepals.org/ccinformation.html>

- Infant & toddler classroom, toddler (15-30 months) classroom, two- & three-year-old classroom,
- multi-age classroom
- preschool program with classrooms for 2-, 3-, and
- 4-year-old children as well as a pre-k classroom

Kindercare

Fox Valley location: 3044 Weber Dr, Aurora, IL 60502
(630) 499-7911

Constitution location: 80 S Constitution Dr, Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 906-6582

Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years

- Infant & toddler daycare classrooms
- Preschool program options
- Pre-k program options
- Before & after school care
- Accepts CCAP

Hometown Childcare

Location 1: 1679 Town Center St, Aurora, IL 60504

Phone: (630) 898 4663

Location 2: 1709 Town Center St, Aurora, IL 60504

Phone: (630) 229 0476

Location 3: 60 S Lincoln Ave, Aurora, IL 60505

Phone: (630) 692 9300

Ages: 6 weeks to 5 years

<https://hometownchildcare.com/>

- Separate infant & toddler classrooms
- Preschool classroom
- may accept tuition subsidies (CCAP)

The Children's Courtyard

701 Shoreline Drive

Aurora, IL 60504

888.865.3834

Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years

<https://www.childrenscourtyard.com/your-local-school/aurora-il-3224>

- Classrooms for infants, young toddlers, and two-year-old children
- Early preschool, preschool, pre-k, and junior kindergarten
- Before & after school care
- Financial assistance is available but dependent on income & availability

Childcare Resources

In-Home Daycare Options

Angela Jackson

3945 Nicholas Ct, Aurora, IL 60504
630-299-3736

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 12

- Accepts CCAP
- Licensed
- Offers transportation to and from school

Carmendin Enriquez

1814 Clarendon Lane, Aurora, IL 60504
630-450-9379

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 8

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Tiny Hands Little Feet Home Daycare

3170 Compton Rd, Aurora, IL 60504
630-538-3788

Ages: 3m-12y

Capacity: 6

- Open on weekend
- Exempt from licensure

Lizzy's Daycare

Lisette Rios
32 N Webster St, Aurora, IL 60505
331-250-5865

Ages: 2-12y

Capacity: 7

- Accepts CCAP & will assist in the application process
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Happy and Healthy Kids Daycare

Malika Rasulova
2460 Biltmore Cir, Aurora, IL 60503
260-508-9139

Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years

Capacity: 7

- English, Uzbek, Russian, Kyrgyz
- Serve Halal food options
- Licensed

Little Troopers Childcare

Diane Rutka
1642 Kautz Rd, Aurora, IL 60504
630-888-7190

Ages: 2m-6y

Capacity: 5

- Lowered rates
- Accepts CCAP
- Only open on T, TH, F
- Exempt from licensure

Childcare Resources

In-Home Daycare Options

Catalina Bautista

519 Alyce Ln, Aurora, IL 60505
630-229-6139

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 8

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Maria Cortes

175 S 4th St., Aurora, IL 60505
630-639-0934

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 8

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Martha Alvarez

1590 Kenmore Ave, Aurora, IL 60505
630-229-0887

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 11

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Queen B's Infant & Childcare Services

Aquilla Milton
320 Peppertree Ln, Aurora, IL 60504
630-456-3581
331-318-2579

Ages: 6 weeks-12 years

Capacity: 8

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Offers transportation to and from school

GrandmaBear's Daycare

Ginger Ingram
822 Hinman St, Aurora IL, 60505
630-336-9516

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 8

- Accepts CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English, Spanish and limited ASL

Olga Barraza

835 N Ohio St, Aurora, IL 60505
630-405-9936

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 8

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Childcare Resources

In-Home Daycare Options

Ruby's Playhouse Daycare

Rubicela Vega Armenta
345 S Broadway, Aurora, IL 60505
773-742-4395
vegarubicela25@gmail.com

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 8

- Accepts CCAP
- Licensed

Abigail Cano

1820 Walden Cir, Aurora, IL 60506
331-274-6124

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 7

- Accepts CCAP
- Licensed

Sonia Corral

521 N Glenwood Pl, Aurora, IL 60506
630-849-1771

Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years

Capacity: 8

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Lala Land Licensed Home Daycare

Yolanda Belton
2161 Sandburg Drive, Aurora, IL 60506
630-844-0899
lalayogie36@comcast.net

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 8

- Accepts CCAP
- Licensed
- Offers transportation to and from school for SD129

Kharisma's Kuddles Childcare

Kharisma Benard
3691 Fletcher Lane, Aurora, IL 60506
630-888-8046
kharismaschildcare@gmail.com

Ages: 6 weeks-6 years

Capacity: 8

- Accepts CCAP
- Licensed

Sunflower Childcare

Evelin Ramos
2415 Sunflower Ct, Aurora, IL 60506
331-262-4792
sunflowerchildcare2415@gmail.com

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 7

- Accepts CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Childcare Resources

In-Home Daycare Options

My First Steps Childcare

Paulette Ramirez Amaya
4 Central Ave, Aurora, IL 60506
630-618-7680
myfirststepscc@gmail.com

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 8

- Accepts CCAP
- Licensed

Marcelina Cervantes

449 Plum St, Aurora, IL 60506
630-994-0806

Ages: 6 weeks to 12 years

Capacity: 8

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Rosalina Baeza-Grado

452 Blackhawk Ave., Aurora IL, 60506
331-454-2279

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 7

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Maria Reyes

1166 N Russel Ave, Aurora, IL 60506
630-994-971

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 12

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

Rosalia Lozano

835 Huntington Dr., Aurora IL, 60506
708-646-7168

Ages: 0-12y

Capacity: 12

- Does not accept CCAP
- Licensed
- Provider speaks English & Spanish

For more in-home childcare options in your area, please visit these websites:

<https://sunshine.dcf.illinois.gov/Content/Licensing/Daycare/ProviderLookup.aspx>

<https://childcarecenter.us/>

Enrichment Resources for 0-5

SPARK

44 E Galena Blvd, Aurora, IL 60505

630-896-4636

<https://www.sparkaurora.org/playgroups-4/>

<https://www.sparkaurora.org/bright-beginnings/>

<https://www.sparkaurora.org/gateway-to-early-childhood-programs/>

- Play groups (Aurora Public Library, World Relief, Aurora Housing Authority)
- Gateways to Early Childhood (Intake & referral program for educational, developmental and childcare resources)



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IGrow Coordinated Intake Program

Kane County Health Department

630-208-5150

homevisitation@kanecountyil.gov

<https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/IGrow.aspx>

- Free home visiting service for families of children birth to three

Family Focus

1444 N Farnsworth Ave, Aurora, IL 60505

(630) 844-2550

<https://www.family-focus.org/>

- Home visiting
- Extended family support (for non-immediate relatives who have become the primary caregiver of a child)
- Coordinated intake (home visiting case management)
- Doula (postpartum, early parenting)

Helpful Websites

American Academy of Pediatrics – www.aap.org

Health and wellness information for families, including information on developmental stages, immunizations, and parenting.

Common Sense Media - www.common Sense Media.org

Website that offers age-based media reviews for families on books, movies, video games, and much more.

Healthy Children - www.healthychildren.org

Powered by the American Academy of Pediatrics, this website offers great resources for families on healthy living, safety and prevention, family life, etc. With resources and guides categorized by children's age, this website is filled with up-to-date information for parents.

Reading Rockets – www.readingrockets.org

Reading Rockets offers a wealth of strategies, lessons, and activities designed to help young children learn to read.

Parenting 24/7 – www.parenting247.org

News, information, and advice on family life designed for parents and grandparents of children ages newborn to teens. Features include articles, video clips of parents and experts discussing timely topics, breaking news, parenting newsletters, and recommendations for the best parenting resources on the web.

PBS Parents – www.pbs.org/parents

Information about child development, and fun educational activities for children to help get them ready for school.

SPARK - www.sparkaurora.org

An education initiative of Fox Valley United Way, SPARK (Strong, Prepared, and Ready for Kindergarten) connects families with early education and care that prepares their young children for success. SPARK hosts free family events and provides free developmental screening.

Helpful Websites

The Illinois Early Learning Project – www.illinoisearlylearning.org

Provides information on early care and education for parents, caregivers, and teachers of young children in Illinois. Also offers printable Tip Sheets for caregivers and parents, Frequently Asked Questions (and their answers), and links to "the best of the Web" on topics related to early care and education.

Talking is Teaching – www.talkingisteaching.org

Talking is Teaching is a campaign of Too Small to Fail, an initiative of the Clinton Foundation. It empowers parents with fun and easy ways to improve their babies' learning using books, parent videos, social media, and information from experts

The Kindergarten Survival Handbook – www.parenteducation.com

Kindergarten Milestones and Skill Builders by Subject – www.familyeducation.com

Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) – <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/KIDS-Families.aspx>





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