Jewish Child & Family Services
In July 2006, two comprehensive social service agencies serving Metropolitan Chicago children and families for over 100 years joined forces. Jewish Family and Community Service and Jewish Children's Bureau merged into one agency, Jewish Child and Family Services, to create a continuum of innovative therapeutic, educational and preventive social services for the Chicago community. Our pioneering programs are designed to enable individuals, children and families to grow and develop positively throughout their lives. We deliver necessary services to those in need regardless of religion or heritage.

Jewish Child & Family Services
LOCATIONS:

Central Office
216 West Jackson Blvd. Suite 800
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 444-2090

Chicago City (North) Community Counseling Center
3525 West Peterson Avenue
Chicago, IL 60659
(773) 866-5035

Chicago City (Downtown) Community Counseling Center
216 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 700
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 357-4800

Early Childhood Center for Innovative Learning
776 Red Oak Lane
Highland Park, IL 60035
(847) 831-2692

Elaine Kersten Children's Center
on the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Campus
255 Revere Drive, Suite 200
Northbrook, IL 60062
(847) 412-4350

Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building
5150 Golf Road
Skokie, IL 60077
(847) 568-5200

Joy Faith Knapp Children's Center
3145 West Pratt Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60645
(773) 467-3700

HIAS Chicago
216 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 700
Chicago, IL. 60606
(312) 357-4800
North Suburban Community Counseling Center
85 Revere Drive, Suite J
Northbrook, IL  60062
(847) 272-2882

Northwest Suburban Community Counseling Center
1156 W. Shure Drive, Suite 180
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
(847) 392-8820

Response Center: Prairie View
16595 Easton Avenue
Prairie View, IL 60090
(847) 955-9313

Response Center: Skokie
9304 North Skokie Blvd.
Skokie, IL 60077
(847) 676-0078

South Suburban Community Counseling Center
3649 West 183rd Street, Suite 123
Hazel Crest, IL 60429
(708) 798-1859

Virginia Frank Child Development Center
3033 W. Touhy
Chicago, IL 60645
(773) 761-4550

West Suburban Community Counseling Center
10 E. 22nd Street
Lombard, IL 60148
(630) 932-7832

PROGRAMS:

AIDS Service and Support Program
Chicago City (Downtown) Community Counseling Center, Chicago City (North) Community Counseling Center, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, North Suburban Community Counseling Center, Northwest Suburban Community Counseling Center, South Suburban Community Counseling Center, Virginia Frank Child Development Center, West Suburban Community Counseling Center
Contact: Randi Schulman
Goldie Bachman Luftig Building
Phone: (847) 568-5252
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AIDS Service and Support Program promotes awareness, education and prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Center For Young Children With Autism
Elaine Kersten Children’s Center
The Center for Young Children with Autism combines the latest innovative therapeutic methods with a strong family component. Serving children ages three to six, the Center is distinctive in its year-round program and full-day schedule of classroom activities and services.

Chemical Dependency Program of the Jewish Healing Network of Chicago
Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building
Contact: Marcy Cohn
Phone: 847-568-5227
Email: marcycohn@jcfs.org
The Chemical Dependency Program provides intervention and referral to treatment facilities; support groups, and spiritual retreats for people with chemical dependency and their family and friends; and education for professionals, religious and community leaders in Jewish settings about the prevalence of substance abuse in our community and how to respond.

Counseling
Northwest Community Counseling Center, West Suburban Community Counseling Center, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, Elaine Kersten Children’s Center, North Suburban Community Counseling Center, Chicago City (downtown, north) Community Counseling Centers, Joy Faith Knapp Children’s Center, South Suburban Community Counseling Center
Contact: Edward Reed, Director of Children and Family Centers
Phone: 847-568-5106
Email: edwardreed@jcfs.org
Ruth Fruehauf
Director of Community Counseling Centers
Phone: 773-467-3782
Email: ruthfruehauf@jcfs.org
Community Counseling Centers offers a range of services including individual, couple, family, and group counseling for children and adults of all ages. Clinicians provide comprehensive and integrated assessments and interventions with mutually established goals. Overall program goals are to strengthen individuals and families by improving functioning, coping and communication. Some of the other services included in this program are family life education and financial assistance.

Development
216 W. Jackson, 7th floor and
Joy Faith Knapp Children’s Center, 2nd floor
Contact: Stacey Shor, Director of Development
Phone: 773-467-3744
Email: staceyshor@jcfs.org
The development department is responsible for community members who wish to give time, goods or money to support the work of JCFS. Development responsibilities include: grants, individual giving, endowment, in kind donors (such as furniture, holiday toys, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah centerpieces) and volunteers.

Early Childhood Center For Innovative Learning
776 Red Oak Lane
Highland Park
With the assistance of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, the Early Childhood Center For Innovative Learning is now operating a unique childcare program that is dedicated to providing quality programming for both children with and without disabilities in an inclusive environment. Working in collaboration with the Northern Suburban Special Education District (NSSED) and United Cerebral Palsy (UCP), ECCIL provides year-round full and part-time childcare.

**Early Intervention**
Elaine Kersten Children’s Center
Joy F. Knapp Children’s Center
Contact: Marlies Gramann, Director of Clinical Services
Phone: (847) 412-4342
Email: MarliesGramann@jcfs.org
Contact: Early Intervention provides comprehensive therapeutic services for children ages 0 to 6. Services are provided by experienced and credentialed staff and include the following: Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Developmental Therapy, Developmental Play Groups, Social Work, Psychology and Nursing. EI also includes the Autism Assessment Service, which provides a comprehensive Autism-specific battery to diagnose Autism Spectrum Disorders in all ages.

**Family Life Education**
Chicago City (Downtown) Community Counseling Center, Chicago City (North) Community Counseling Center, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, North Suburban Community Counseling Center, Northwest Suburban Community Counseling Center, South Suburban Community Counseling Center, Virginia Frank Child Development Center, West Suburban Community Counseling Center
Contact: Ruth Fruehauf, Director of Community Counseling Centers
Phone: (773) -467-3782
Email: ruthfruehauf@jcfs.org
Family Life Education programs are small discussions and support groups for children and adults on contemporary topics, led by qualified and dedicated professionals. An example is the Chicago Chuppah Project, which provides workshops for engaged and newly married couples to help them build a Jewish home and a successful marriage.

**Foster Care**
Central Office
Contact: Nancy Dorfman Schwartz, Director of Foster Care
Phone: (312) 673-2705
Email: NancySchwartz@jcfs.org
Laura Warchol, Intake Coordinator
Phone: (312) 673-2731
Email: laurawarchol@jcfs.org
JCFS places children and adolescents from birth to 21 years of age who are wards of the State in JCFS foster homes. Our Specialized Foster Care program serves children who have a high degree of emotional/behavioral and medical problems. The full service, comprehensive program provides individual/family therapy, group therapy, life skills classes, respite care and case management services.

**Foster Care – Therapeutic Parent Coaching**
Central Office
Contact: Amy Joslin, Clinical Supervisor,
Phone: (312) 673-2767
Provide parent coaching to families and children in foster care within Cook County. Program is to assist in reunification of families.

**Gay and Lesbian Community Services**
Chicago City (Downtown) Community Counseling Center, Chicago City (Downtown) Community Counseling Center, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, North Suburban Community Counseling Center, Northwest Suburban Community Counseling Center, South Suburban Community Counseling Center, Virginia Frank Child Development Center, West Suburban Community Counseling Center
Contact: Randi Schulman, Goldie Bachman Luftig Building, 847-568-5252, randischulman@jcfs.org
Gay and Lesbian Community Services are offered in welcoming a Jewish environment to GLBT individuals, their partners and their families.

**Goodman Child and Adolescent Institute**
Elaine Kersten Children’s Center
Contact: Charlotte Mallon, Director of Clinical Practice Development
Phone: (847) 412-4352
Email: charlottemallon@jcfs.org
The Goodman Child and Adolescent Institute is the educational center of JCB, dedicated to providing the most current clinical conferences and training to area professionals, agency staff, and student interns from the fields of social work, psychology, counseling, and art therapy. Since 1996, we have trained over 2,100 area professionals and students on topics such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, the effects of divorce on families, and violence in adolescence.

**Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society of Chicago (HIAS Chicago)**
216 W. Jackson, Chicago, Chicago City (North) Community Counseling Center, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, Northwest Suburban Community Counseling Center, Ezra Multi-Service Center, community sites through the city and suburbs
Contact: Susan Wexler, Assistant Director
Phone: (312) 673-3233
Email: susanwexler@jcfs.org
Howard Cohen, Assistant Director
Phone: 312-673-3232
Email: howardcohen@jcfs.org
HIAS Chicago provides a wide range of immigration related services including refugee processing, family based immigrant petitions, green card and citizenship application assistance, as well as citizenship preparation through volunteer driven classes, individual tutoring and practice interviews. HIAS Chicago assists those interested in locating long-lost relatives and, in partnership with Holocaust Community Services, helps Holocaust survivors to apply for restitution. HIAS Chicago participates actively with the Jewish Federation on city, state and federal levels in advocating on behalf of immigrants and refugees.

**Holocaust Community Services**
Chicago City (Downtown) Community Counseling Center, Chicago City (North) Community Counseling Center, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, North Suburban Community Counseling Center, Northwest Suburban Community Counseling Center, South Suburban Community Counseling Center, Virginia Frank Child Development Center, West Suburban Community Counseling Center
Contact: Audrey Cantor, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building
Phone: (847) 568-5214
Email: AudreyCantor@jcfs.org
Holocaust Community Services is a communal service network for aging survivors of the Holocaust and their families. Services include home delivered meals, transportation, adult day services, personal care, housekeeping, laundry, counseling, care management, drop-in groups, financial assistance, assistance with applications for compensation and reparation program, consultation and training. It is a collaborative effort of JCFS, Council for Jewish Elderly, HIAS Chicago, and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

**Jewish Healing Network of Chicago**
Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building  
Contact: Tracey Lipsig Kite, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building  
Phone: (847) 568-5216  
Email: traceykite@jcfs.org

The Jewish Healing Network of Chicago ensures that people in the Chicago Jewish community who struggle with illness and loss can find out about and access social service, medical and spiritual resources. Services include Nursing Home Visiting, a resource library, support groups, community and professional conferences and Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick) training in synagogues. It is a joint program of JCFS, Council for Jewish Elderly, the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

**Keshev and Deaf Kids Festival**
Chicago City (Downtown) Community Counseling Center, Chicago City (North) Community Counseling Center, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, North Suburban Community Counseling Center, Northwest Suburban Community Counseling Center, South Suburban Community Counseling Center, Virginia Frank Child Development Center, West Suburban Community Counseling Center  
Contact: Kjersti Usler, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building  
Phone: (847) 568-5200

Keshev provides a full range of counseling and preventative services to members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community and their families. The Deaf Kids Fest is an annual event of fun, entertainment and learning for deaf and hard of hearing children through age 14 and their families.

**Legal Advocacy (Advocacy Services)**
Central Office  
Contact: Terrie Rymer, J.D.  
Phone: (312) 673-2740  
Email: TerrieRymer@juf.org

Advocacy Services provides legal representation, consultation, and information and referral services to individuals with disabilities and their families. Advocacy Services also provides consultations and information and referrals to the social service staffs of Jewish Federation agencies and other community agencies. This Federation program focuses on special education law, mental illness and developmental disabilities law, adult guardianship law and Social Security Disability benefits law.

**Migdal Oaz**
Rogers Park  
Contact: Diane Schlipper, Director of Residential Services  
Phone: (773) 467-3718  
Email: DianeSchlipper@jcfs.org

Migdal Oaz provides a home and supportive services for adults who have developmental disabilities.

**Pastoral Counseling of the Jewish Healing Network of Chicago**
Chicago City (Downtown) Community Counseling Center, Chicago City (North) Community Counseling Center, Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building, North Suburban Community Counseling Center
Center, Northwest Suburban Community Counseling Center, South Suburban Community Counseling Center, Virginia Frank Child Development Center, West Suburban Community Counseling Center
Contact: Rabbi Joseph Ozarowski
Goldie Bachman Luftig Building
Phone: (847) 568-5264
Email: josephozarowski@jcfs.org
‘Rabbi Joe’ is available for consultation with clinicians or for short-term work with clients to address spiritual issues raised by struggles with illness and loss. He can also co-lead one or multiple sessions of Family Life Education groups around illness and loss.

**Project Esther: The Chicago Jewish Adoption Network**
Joy F. Knapp Children's Center
Contact: Marsha Raynes, Director of Project Esther
Phone: (773) 467-3747
Email: MarshaRaynes@jcfs.org
Project Esther: The Chicago Jewish Adoption Network provides comprehensive services for adoptive and prospective adoptive families, couples, individuals and the Jewish communities in which they live. Services include adoption home studies, linking families to domestic and international adoption placement agencies, support groups, social networking programs and educational conferences and workshops. Project Esther also provides services to birth parents and adult adoptees.

**Project Shield**
Joy F. Knapp Children's Center
Contact: Cheryl Leon, Project Shield Coordinator
Phone: 773-467-3715
Email: CherylLeon@jcbchicago.org
Project Shield exists to respond to the overwhelming silence in the Jewish community about issues of sexual abuse and molestation. Project Shield provides a 24-hour hotline, confidential information and referral services for victims and adult survivors of sexual abuse. In addition, the program offers education and training services for students and staff at area day schools and summer camps.

**Psychological Services**
Elaine Kersten Children’s Center
Contact: Alysa Slay, Psy. D., Director of Psychological Services
Phone: (847) 412-4366
Email: AlysaSlay@jcfs.org
The Psychological Services department of JCFS is comprised of a team of qualified professionals in the field of Clinical Psychology. This team offers the community an opportunity to receive high quality, individualized, and affordable assessment and consultation. Services can be obtained as a primary service or in conjunction with one of JCFS’ many programs or services. Services include psychological evaluations, parenting capacity assessments and autism spectrum disorder assessments.

**Refugee Resettlement Services**
Chicago City (Downtown) Community Counseling Center
Contact: Betty Dayron, Associate Executive Director
Phone: (312) 673-3210
Email: BettyDayron@jcfs.org
Resettlement Services including counseling, financial assistance and referrals to medical, education and vocational resources are available for refugees and immigrants.
Residential Services
Five homes in West Rogers Park. The administrative offices are at the Joy F. Knapp Children’s Center.
Contact: Diane Schlipper, Director of Residential Services
Phone: (773) 467-3718
Email: DianeSchlipper@jcfs.org
Residential Treatment at the Jewish Child & Family Services consists of five homes designed to help children whose treatment needs exceed the resources of family care. Our homes treat children and adolescents with a wide range of clinical disorders, including mood disorders, ADHD, oppositional behaviors and developmental disorders.

The homes include:

*Rosenberg Group Home*
The Rosenberg Group Home has a capacity of twelve and serves girls and young women between the ages of twelve and twenty-one.

*Price Pregnant and Parenting Teen Group Home*
The Price Group Home can serve up to eight teens who are pregnant and/or parenting, and their babies. In addition to the childcare staff and therapist, there is a nurse and child development specialist available to the residents.

*Cummings Group Home*
The Cummings Group Home is a small, highly structured home serving six boys between the ages of six and thirteen.

*Aggregate Foster Homes*
The Jewish Children’s Bureau operates two Aggregate Foster Homes, the Talman Home and the Campbell Home. Both homes serve boys between the ages of eleven and twenty with a capacity of six at Talman and seven at Campbell. These homes follow a family model where a group of boys lives with a highly trained foster parent(s) with additional structure, support and guidance provided by three additional childcare staff assigned to the home.

Respite Services
Joy F. Knapp Children’s Center
Contact: Cathy Hennessy Price, Director of Respite Services
Phone: (773) 467-3750,
Email: CatherinePrice@jcfs.org
Respite provides a mentoring, therapeutic relationship to children with special needs and short-term relief to parents. The overall goals of the Respite Program are to support the child in functioning at his/her fullest potential, decrease the level of stress for families, to prevent the move of children into a more restrictive environment, and to improve the overall functioning of the child and family.

Response Center
Skokie Office, Prairie View Office
Contact: Robin Stein, Director of Response Center
Phone: (224) 625-2900
Email: RobinStein@jufchicago.org
Randy Parks, Assistant Director
Phone: (224) 625-2901
Becky Carter, Clinical Coordinator (Intake)
Response Center was established in 1970 as a program of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago to provide adolescents and their families with education, counseling and medical services that enable them to make healthy life choices. It combines resources of four Federation agencies: Jewish Child & Family Services, Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Vocational Service and Mount Sinai Hospital.

**Shaarei Chesed: Palliative and Hospice Services**
Goldie Bachmann Luftig Building
Contact: Carol Klein, Goldie Bachman Luftig Building
Phone: (847) 568-5208
Email: carolklein@jcfs.org
A new program of JHNC to ensure quality of life for patients and families facing advanced illness in a Jewish context. Jewish Healing Network of Chicago and Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care have a preferred provider relationship. Seasons provides medical hospice services that focus on comfort and symptom relief; JHNC meets the spiritual and emotional needs of patients by providing a chaplain, staff training, educational and spiritual materials, and resources for Jewish religious observance.

**Swartzberg and Zoller Residential Respite**
Rogers Park
Contact: Diane Schlipper, Director of Residential Services
Phone: (773) 467-3718
Email: DianeSchlipper@jcfs.org
The Swartzberg and Zoller Residential Respite program offers a home to young adults that are experiencing a crisis. Young adults can live in a supportive, confidential and empowering environment for up to six months to stabilize and transition back into the community.

**System of Care**
Central Office
Contact: Beth Wyman, Director of SOC
Phone: (312) 673-2752
Email: ElizabethWyman@jcfs.org
JCFS' System of Care (SOC) program provides an array of services, from assessment to intensive therapy to wards of the state of Illinois. SOC works with emotionally and behaviorally disturbed youth and their families. SOC focuses on permanency for children within their own communities and attempts to avoid placement in more restrictive settings, such as group homes or residential treatment facilities.

**Therapeutic Day School & Yeshiva**
Joy F. Knapp Children's Center
Contact: Peter DiFrancesca, Principal
Phone: (773) 467-3900
Email: PeterDiFrancesca@jcfs.org
JCFS’ Therapeutic Day School is designed to meet the needs of students, grades 1-12, with emotional and behavioral disorders that have adjusted poorly within the traditional education.

**Virginia Frank Child Development Center**
Virginia Frank Child Development Center
3033 W. Touhy
Chicago, IL 60645
Contact: Joni Crounse
The Virginia Frank Child Development Center provides a network of preventative and therapeutic services to parents and their young children, including a therapeutic nursery and kindergarten, counseling, a get-together group for parents and their young children, and workshops and groups addressing developmental issues and parenting. The Consultation, Education and Training Program of VFCDC provide support to early childhood programs throughout the Chicago area to enable staff to effectively address the psychological and cognitive development needs of the children they serve.

**Volunteers and Mentors**
Joy F. Knapp Children's Center
Contact: Coordinator of Volunteers
Phone: (773) 467-3746
Our diverse group of Chicagoland volunteers compliment and reinforce services to families by providing an array of supportive activities such as tutoring and mentoring.

**Services to Organizations Serving Children (SOSC)**
Community Sites
Contact: Edward Reed, Director of Children and Family Centers
Phone: (847) 568-5106
Email: EdwardReed@jcfs.org
SOSC provides consultation and school social work services to early childhood, elementary and high school programs throughout the Chicago area.

**Services to People with Disabilities and their Families**
Community Counseling Centers
Contact: Tamara Besser, Eva Cooper Disability Coordinator and Specialist
Phone: (847) 412-4357
Email: tamarabesser@jcfs.org
Coordinate a number of services for people with disabilities (primarily developmental) and their families such as sibshops, family camp and social skills groups. Consultation is also available for JCFS staff.

**Yad B’ Yad**
Joy Faith Knapp Children’s Center
Contact: Allison Latimer, Clinician
Phone: (773) 467-3813
Email: allisonlatimer@jcfs.org
Yad B’ Yad is a volunteer program bringing together Jewish young adults with developmental disabilities and young Jewish volunteers for social, cultural and religious activities.