



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

WIC Food & Nutrition Centers

Overview

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a program of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) and operated by Catholic Charities Community Development and Outreach Services.

Our 16 Chicago centers located across the city are unique hubs of support in underserved communities. They provide a variety of nutritious, WIC-approved foods that eligible participants obtain with WIC coupons allotted based on family size and nutritional needs. The food centers also provide access to social services, employment and job training for youth, nutrition education programs, and other programs to support families.

Services

- **ON-SITE CHILD CARE:** Catholic Charities provides quality supervised childcare services for children while parents shop. Children are engaged in activities that promote learning in the areas of socialization, nutrition, music, and reading.
- **ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES:** Care Coordinators assist and help parents connect with social services in the community, state and federal benefits, and additional resources. Clients also gain access to Catholic Charities programs and benefits screening.
- **NUTRITION EDUCATION:** Cooking classes in on-site kitchens, recipes, and additional nutrition education programs are regularly offered.

Special Programs

- **PHOTO ID BADGING:** This program provides WIC participants and their children with a photo ID card for easy identification when presenting WIC vouchers. The service is free. Participants must bring WIC book to obtain an ID.
- **PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT:** The paternity establishment program is a free service to assist parents in acknowledging paternity. Trained representatives educate and inform parents of the opportunity to voluntarily establish the legal father-child relationship when the father is not married to the child's mother.
- **FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM:** WIC participants are provided with fresh fruits and vegetables from Farmers' Markets during the Illinois growing season, typically July through September.
- **TAX ASSISTANCE:** During tax season, Ladder Up provides free tax return preparation for families who meet income criteria at four WIC Centers. Services include preparation of Federal and Illinois income tax returns, E-file, ITIN application assistance, and preparation of prior year tax returns and amended returns.

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Eligibility

- Income must be at or below certain limits (annual gross income of \$34,281 for a family of four).
- Participants must be women who are pregnant, or have a child six month or younger (if breastfeeding the child can be up to one year old); infants (babies up to one year); or children up to age five.
- Applicants must live in the state in which they apply for WIC.
- An applicant is assessed by a Licensed Nutritionist who determines if the client is at risk from factors that could be nutritional or medical.

WIC Center Locations

Hours vary by location.

6202 S. Halsted St.
(773) 488-6800

2907 S. Wabash Ave.
(312) 326-5020

3932 W. Madison St.
(773) 533-9003

3110 W. Armitage Ave.
(773) 395-1010

416 E. 43rd St.
(773) 924-7041

1802 E. 71st St.
(773) 667-3932

5332 S. Western Ave.
(773) 778-1292

2310 W. Roosevelt Rd.
(312) 666-4193

8959 S. Commercial Ave.
(773) 978-6235

4622 W. Diversey Ave.
(773) 205-6575

5125 W. Chicago Ave.
(773) 378-8760

1106 W. 79th St.
(773) 651-6690

11255 S. Michigan Ave.
(773) 785-1786

1734 W. Chicago Ave.
(312) 455-8595

2400 S. Kedzie Ave.
(773) 522-7220

1643 W. Cermak Rd.
(773) 523-0409



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