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SPECIAL RECREATION SERVICE PROVIDERS As of November 1, 2017

Introduction

Illinois is the only state in the nation with statutory authority for park districts and municipal recreation departments to enter into partnerships to enhance services for people with disabilities. The General Assembly gave an incentive to those entities who choose to partner: a special property tax levy that can be used only by partner entities, and only to fund services for people with disabilities.

In 2017, there are 33 intergovernmental partnerships. These include 158 park districts, 44 municipalities, and one township (townships do not have this levy authority). These partnerships are known as special recreation associations, or SRAs.

Each SRA is different. Some have as few as two partner communities, while others have 16 partner communities. Services vary greatly as well, as do philosophies regarding staff credentials, services, and supports. Many SRAs also work with the partner entities to support inclusive participation, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Other SRAs fund retrofits of existing partner entity recreation sites and facilities, and fund the development and construction of new assets at sites that will be accessible.

For more information about SRAs in general, go to http://www.specialrecreation.org/home.html, and for information about the SRA in the community in which you live or work, use the lists below and reach out for high-quality services.

SRA Partnerships

Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation (CUSR)

Jameel Jones, *Director, Champaign Park District* 1311 W. Church Street Champaign, IL 61821 217-239-1152 www.cuspecialrecreation.com

Partner Communities: Champaign, Urbana

River Valley Special Recreation Association (RVSRA)

Tom Breitenbucher, CPRP, Executive Director 1335 E. Broadway Bradley, IL 60915 815-933-7336 www.rivervalleysra.com

<u>Partner Communities:</u> Bourbonnais, Bradley, Kankakee

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*Chicago Park District Special Recreation Dept.

Gerry Henaghan, Special Recreation Manager Kennicott Park, 4434 S. Lake Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60653 312-7425798 TTY 312-747-2001

*Chicago Park District provides special recreation programming but is not a special recreation partnership.

Partner Communities: Chicago

Decatur Park District Special Recreation Assn.

Decatur Indoor Sports Center 1295 W. Wood Street Decatur, IL 62522 217-429-7750

www.decatur-parks.org

Partner Communities: Mt. Zion, Decatur, Forsyth

Fox Valley Special Recreation Association (FVSRA)

Carolyn Nagle, Executive Director 2121 W. Indian Trail Aurora, IL 60506 630-907-1114 www.fvsra.org

Partner Communities: Aurora, Batavia, Geneva, Montgomery, North Aurora, Oswego, St. Charles, South Elgin, Sugar Grove

Gateway Special Recreation Association

Ryan Massengill, Superintendent of Recreation 15W431 59th St. Burr Ridge, IL 60527 630-620-2222 www.ray-graham.org

<u>Partner Communities:</u> Burr Ridge, Countryside, Elmhurst, Hinsdale, Oak Brook, Westchester, Willowbrook

Special Opportunities Available in Recreation (S.O.A.R.)

Kathy Kramer, Executive Director 115 E. Washington Street Bloomington, IL 61701 309-434-2260 www.bpard.org (under SOAR tab)

Partner Communities: Bloomington, Normal

South East Association for Special Parks & Recreation (SEASPAR)

Matt Corso, Executive Director 4500 Belmont Downers Grove, IL 60515 630-960-7600 www.seaspar.org

Partner Communities: Brookfield, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, Indian Head Park, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lemont, Lisle, Western Springs, Westmont, Woodridge

South Suburban Special Recreation Association (SSSRA)

Janet Porter, Executive Director 19910 80th Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60487 815-806-0384

www.sssra.org

Partner Communities: Country Club Hills, Hazel Crest, Flossmoor, Frankfort Square, Homewood, Lansing, Matteson, Oak Forest, Olympia Fields, Park Forest, Richton Park, Tinley Park

South West Special Recreation Association (SWSRA)

Lori Chesna. Executive Director 12521 S. Kostner Ave. Alsip, IL 60803 708-389-9423 www.swsra.com



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Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association

(HISRA)

Katie Hogan Van Cleve, Executive Director

8727 N. Pioneer Rd. Peoria, IL 61615 309-691-1929

www.hisra.org

<u>Partner Communities:</u> Chillicothe, Morton, Peoria,

Washington

Posen, Summit, Worth

Partner Communities: Alsip, Bartlett, Blue Island,

Merrionette Park, Midlothian, Palos Heights,

Southwestern Illinois Special Recreation

Association (SWILSRA)

c/o Granite City Park District

2900 Benton

Granite City, IL 62040

618-877-3059

Illinois River Valley Special Recreation Association Partner Communities: Collinsville, Godfrey,

(IRVSRA)

Casey Smith, Program Manager

250 Red Bud Drive. Pekin, IL 61554 309-347-7275

www.irvsra.org

Partner Communities: Creve Coeur, East Peoria,

Groveland, Pekin

Granite City, Highland, O'Fallon

Special Recreation Association of Central Lake

County (SRACLC)

John Buckner, Executive Director

290 Oakwood Rd. Vernon Hills, IL 60061

847-816-4866 www.sraclc.org

Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association (KSRA) Partner Communities: Grayslake, Hawthorn

Julie Eggleston, Executive Director

1403 Sycamore Rd. DeKalb, IL 60115 779-777-7285

www.kishsra.org

Partner Communities: DeKalb, Genoa, Rochelle,

Sandwich, Sycamore

Lily Cache Special Recreation Association (LCSRA)

Jill Mukushina, Superintendent of Special

Recreation

201 Recreation Drive Bolingbrook, IL 60440

630-739-1124

http://www.bolingbrookparks.org/en/lcsra/

Woods, Lake Zurich, Libertyville, Lincolnshire,

Mundelein, Vernon Hills

Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake

County (SRSNLC)

Jessica Jeffery-Finley – RL, Program Manager

814 Hart Rd.

Round Lake, IL 60073

847-546-8558

www.rlapd.org

Teresa Hayhurst – *Z, Program Director*

2400 Dowie Memorial Dr.

Zion, IL 60099 847-746-5500

www.zionparkdistrict.com

Partner Communities: Bolingbrook, Plainfield, Joliet Katie Kozuch – L, Recreation Program Manager

2200 E. Grass Lake Rd. Lindenhurst, IL 60046

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Lincolnway Special Recreation Association

(LWSRA)

Keith Wallace, Executive Director

1900 Heather Glen Drive New Lenox, IL 60451

www.lwsra.org

Partner Communities: Frankfort, Manhattan,

Mokena.

New Lenox, Peotone, Wilmington

Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR)

Sue Bear, Executive Director 6820 W. Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053

847-966-5522

www.mnasr.org

Partner Communities: Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Partner Communities: Channahon, Joliet

Niles, Park Ridge, Skokie

McDonough County Special Recreation Association (MCSRA)

Kayla Morphey, *Director*

1406 N. Randolph Macomb, IL 61455

309-833-4526

www.mcsra.com

Partner Communities: Bardolph, Bushnell,

Macomb

New Star Recreation Services (NSRS)

Mike McNicholas, Program Director

1624 E. 154th St. Dolton, IL 60419 708-801-9966

www.specialrecservices.org

Partner Communities: Calumet City, Dolton,

Riverdale. South Holland 847-356-6011

www.lindenhurstparks.org

Julie Schneider – W, Manager

2000 Belvidere St. Waukegan, IL 60085 847-360-4760

www.waukeganparks.org

Partner Communities: Lindenhurst, Round Lake

Area, Waukegan, Zion

Special Recreation of Joliet and Channahon (SRJC)

Sara Kolodziej, Superintendent

3000 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL 60435 815-741-7275 x160

http://www.jolietpark.org/sirc-home

Springfield Park District

Annette Reese, Special Recreation Supervisor

2500 South 11th Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-585-2941

www.springfieldparks.org

Partner Communities: Springfield, Chatam

Veterans Park District/Village of River Gove

Magdalena Wells, Special Recreation Supervisor

44 W. Golfview Drive Northlake, IL 60164 708-343-5270

www.veteransparkdistrict.org

<u>Partner Communities:</u> Melrose Park, Northlake,

River Grove, Franklin Park

Warren Special Recreation Association (WSRA)

Brenda Zeck, Executive Director

100 S. Greenleaf St.

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Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association Gurnee, IL 60031 (NEDSRA)

Rick Poole, Executive Director 1770 W. Centennial Pl. Addison, IL 60101 630-620-4500 www.nedsra.org

Partner Communities: Addison, Bensenville, Glendale Heights, Itasca, Lombard, Medinah, Oakbrook Terrace, Schiller Park, Villa Park, Wood Dale

Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association (NISRA)

Jim Wiseman, Executive Director 285 Memorial Dr. Crystal Lake, IL 60014 815-459-0737 www.nisra.org

Partner Communities: Barrington, Barrington Hills, Carpentersville, Cary, Crystal Lake, East Dundee, Elgin, Gilberts, Hampshire, Harvard, Huntley, Lake in the Hills, Marengo, McHenry, Sleepy Hollow, Wauconda, West Dundee, Woodstock

Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association Partner Communities: Berwyn, Cicero, Elmwood (NSSRA)

Craig Culp, Executive Director 3105 MacArthur Blvd. Northbrook, IL 60062 847-509-9400

www.nssra.org

Partner Communities: Deerfield, Glencoe, Glenview, Highland Park, Highwood, Kenilworth, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, Northbrook, Northfield, Riverwoods, Wilmette, Winnetka

847-244-6619

www.warrenspecialrec.org

Partner Communities: Gurnee, Warren Township, Wildwood

Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)

Sandy Gbur, Executive Director 116 N. Schmale Rd. Carol Stream, IL 60188 630-681-0962 www.wdsra.com

Partner Communities: Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Roselle, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, Winfield

West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA)

Marianne Birko, Executive Director 2915 Maple St. Franklin Park, IL 60131 847-455-2100 www.wssra.net

Park, Forest Park, Harwood Heights, Norridge, Oak Park, River Forest, Franklin Park

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Northern Will County SRA (NWCSRA)

Kailee Kordas, CTRS, Executive Director 10 Montrose Dr. Romeoville, IL 60446 815-407-1819 www.nwcsra.org

<u>Partner Communities:</u> Crest Hill, Lockport, Romeoville

Northlands Association for Special Recreation (NASR)

Katie Humphrey, CPRP, Special Recreation Manager 6581 Revlon Drive Belvidere, IL 61008 815-547-5711 www.belviderepark.org

1122 S. Burchard Ave., PO Box 417 Freeport, IL 61032 815-235-6114 www.freeportparkdistrict.org

401 S Main St.
Rockford, IL 61101
815-987-1606
www.rockfordparkdistrict.org

<u>Partner Communities:</u> Belvidere, Des Plaines, Freeport, Rockford

Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA)

Tracy Crawford, Executive Director 3000 W. Central Road, Suite 205 Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 847-392-2848 www.nwsra.org

<u>Partner Communities:</u> Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Mt. Prospect, Palatine, Prospect Heights,

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River Trails, Rolling Meadows, Schaumburg, South Barrington, Streamwood, Wheeling

Oak Lawn Park District/Special Recreation Cooperative

Maddie Singler-Kelly, CPRP, Director
Julie Ryan, Superintendent of Recreation/Special
Recreation
4625 W. 110th St.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-857-2200
www.olparks.com

<u>Partner Communities:</u> Justice, Bridgeview, Burbank, Hickory Hills, Hometown, Oak Lawn, Palos Hills, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood, Evergreen Park

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