



## IMPORTANT NOTICE OF MEDIATION

### FOR EVICTION CASES ONLY

## 18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT DUPAGE COUNTY

**You are being served with an eviction complaint which could result in losing your housing and possibly paying the Plaintiff money.** Visit <https://www.dupageco.org/courts/> to learn more about the DuPage County Eviction Mediation Program. There are resources available for you.

### **DuPage County Eviction Mediation Program:**

To enroll or obtain more information

Call: **630-407-8807** or email: [evictionmediation@18thjudicial.org](mailto:evictionmediation@18thjudicial.org)

### **Mediation can help you avoid eviction.**

Mediation is a process where a neutral third party called a Mediator helps landlords and tenants communicate to resolve issues through mutual agreement. Your attorney may attend the mediation with you. Mediation is a free alternative to the court process, but there is no guarantee that an agreement may be reached by both parties. If an agreement is not reached in mediation, your case will proceed on in court. All discussions in mediation are confidential.

## **RESOURCES**

### **LEGAL RESOURCES**

**Prairie State Legal Services:** call 630-690-2130 or visit <https://www.pslegal.org/how-to-get-help/> (low-income FREE legal assistance)

**Eviction Help Illinois:** call (855) 631-0811 or visit [www.evictionhelpillinois.org](http://www.evictionhelpillinois.org) for free legal aid and connections to other resources to prevent eviction and increase housing stability

**Illinois Eviction Declaration Form & Moratorium FAQs:** [www.ihda.org/](http://www.ihda.org/) (information on your rights and financial assistance)

**Illinois Legal Aid:** <https://www.illinoislegalaid.org> (Legal information)

### **RENT & HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

**Assistance with payment of back due rent can help you avoid eviction.**

#### **Illinois Court- Based Rental Assistance Program**

- Are you in eviction court due to being behind on rent?
- Did you lose income or suffer financial hardship due to COVID-19?
- Are you at risk of becoming homeless?

If you answered "yes" you may be eligible for rental assistance. Proof of Citizenship is not required, Rental assistance is not a "public charge" benefit.

Tenants and Housing Providers/ Landlords can work together to **apply online** at [ilrpp.ihda.org/](http://ilrpp.ihda.org/)

Please have the following documents when completing the on-line application.

**Tenant:** government issued photo id; proof of address; proof of household income; amount of past due rent; eviction court papers (complaint/Summons); valid email address. **Housing Providers/Landlord:** Proof of ownership; Proof of unpaid rent; Written lease (if applicable); eviction court papers (complaint/summons); valid email address

For additional support, Call 866-ILHELP1 (866-454-3571).

#### **DuPage County Community Services**

Call: (630) 407-6500, ext. 2

Or email us at:

[housing@dupageco.org](mailto:housing@dupageco.org)

Ask to complete a housing assistance screening.

*Please include your court case number when calling or emailing.*

A case manager can assist you to apply for available programs, link you to useful resources and explore alternatives.

**For information about court operations, online access to court records, e-filing information and forms, contact the DuPage County Circuit Court: [www.18thjudicial.org](http://www.18thjudicial.org)**