

Baby Chicago Love In The City: A Comprehensive Guide to Raising a Family in the Windy City



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Chicago is a great city for families. It has a vibrant culture, world-class museums, and plenty of green space. But raising a family in the Windy City can also be a challenge. The cost of living is high, and finding the right neighborhood and school for your family can be difficult.

That's where this guide comes in. We'll provide you with everything you need to know about raising a family in Chicago, from finding the best neighborhoods and schools to finding fun and affordable activities for kids.

Finding the Best Neighborhoods for Families in Chicago

When it comes to finding the best neighborhoods for families in Chicago, there are a few things you'll want to consider.

- **Cost of living:** Chicago is a relatively expensive city, so you'll want to make sure you can afford to live in the neighborhood you choose.
- **Crime rate:** You'll want to choose a neighborhood with a low crime rate so that your family feels safe.
- **School quality:** If you have school-aged children, you'll want to make sure the neighborhood you choose has good schools.
- **Amenities:** You'll want to make sure the neighborhood you choose has the amenities you need, such as parks, playgrounds, and libraries.

Here are a few of the best neighborhoods for families in Chicago:

- **Lincoln Park:** Lincoln Park is a wealthy neighborhood on the North Side of Chicago. It has a low crime rate, excellent schools, and plenty of parks and playgrounds. Lincoln Park is also home to the Lincoln Park Zoo, which is a great place for kids to visit.
- **Lakeview:** Lakeview is another wealthy neighborhood on the North Side of Chicago. It has a low crime rate, good schools, and plenty of parks and playgrounds. Lakeview is also home to Wrigley Field, which is the home of the Chicago Cubs.
- **Ravenswood:** Ravenswood is a diverse neighborhood on the North Side of Chicago. It has a low crime rate, good schools, and plenty of parks and playgrounds. Ravenswood is also home to the Ravenswood Metra station, which makes it easy to get to downtown Chicago.
- **Logan Square:** Logan Square is a hip neighborhood on the Northwest Side of Chicago. It has a low crime rate, good schools, and plenty of parks and playgrounds. Logan Square is also home to the Logan

Square Farmers Market, which is a great place to buy fresh produce and other goods.

- **Hyde Park:** Hyde Park is a historic neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago. It has a low crime rate, excellent schools, and plenty of parks and playgrounds. Hyde Park is also home to the University of Chicago, which is a great place for kids to visit.

Finding the Best Schools for Your Family in Chicago

Once you've chosen a neighborhood, you'll need to start thinking about schools. Chicago has a variety of public and private schools to choose from, so you'll need to do your research to find the best school for your family.

Here are a few of the best public schools in Chicago:

- **Northside College Preparatory High School:** Northside College Preparatory High School is a selective enrollment high school in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. It has a 98% graduation rate and a 95% college acceptance rate.
- **Walter Payton College Preparatory High School:** Walter Payton College Preparatory High School is a selective enrollment high school in the Old Town neighborhood. It has a 99% graduation rate and a 98% college acceptance rate.
- **Jones College Preparatory High School:** Jones College Preparatory High School is a selective enrollment high school in the South Loop neighborhood. It has a 97% graduation rate and a 95% college acceptance rate.

- **Lane Tech College Preparatory High School:** Lane Tech College Preparatory High School is a selective enrollment high school in the Lakeview neighborhood. It has a 96% graduation rate and a 92% college acceptance rate.
- **Whitney Young Magnet High School:** Whitney Young Magnet High School is a selective enrollment high school in the Near West Side neighborhood. It has a 99% graduation rate and a 98% college acceptance rate.

Here are a few of the best private schools in Chicago:

- **Francis W. Parker School:** Francis W. Parker School is a co-educational college preparatory school in the Lincoln Park neighborhood. It has a 100% college acceptance rate.
- **University of Chicago Laboratory Schools:** University of Chicago Laboratory Schools is a co-educational college preparatory school in the Hyde Park neighborhood. It has a 99% college acceptance rate.
- **Latin School of Chicago:** Latin School of Chicago is a co-educational college preparatory school in the Old Town neighborhood. It has a 98% college acceptance rate.
- **Loyola Academy:** Loyola Academy is a co-educational college preparatory school in the Rogers Park neighborhood. It has a 99% college acceptance rate.
- **Saint Ignatius College Prep:** Saint Ignatius College Prep is a co-educational college preparatory school in the West Loop neighborhood. It has a 98% college acceptance rate.

Finding Fun and Affordable Activities for Kids in Chicago

Chicago has a lot to offer families, from world-class museums to kid-friendly parks and playgrounds. Here are a few of the best free and affordable activities for kids in Chicago:

- **Visit the Lincoln Park Zoo:** The Lincoln Park Zoo is one of the best zoos in the country, and it's free to enter. The zoo is home to a wide variety of animals, including lions, tigers, bears, elephants, and gorillas.
- **Walk or bike along the lakefront trail:** The lakefront trail is a 18-mile trail that runs along the shore of Lake Michigan. The trail is perfect for walking, biking, or rollerblading.
- **Visit the Field Museum of Natural History:** The Field Museum of Natural History is one of the largest and most comprehensive natural history museums in the world. The museum is home to a vast collection of fossils, animals, and artifacts.
- **Visit the Art Institute of Chicago:** The Art Institute of Chicago is one of the most famous art museums in the world. The museum is home to a wide collection of paintings, sculptures, and other works of art.
- **Visit Millennium Park:** Millennium Park is a public park in the Loop neighborhood. The park is home to a variety of public art installations, including the Cloud Gate sculpture (also known as "The Bean").

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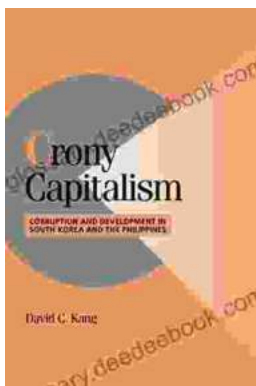


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