

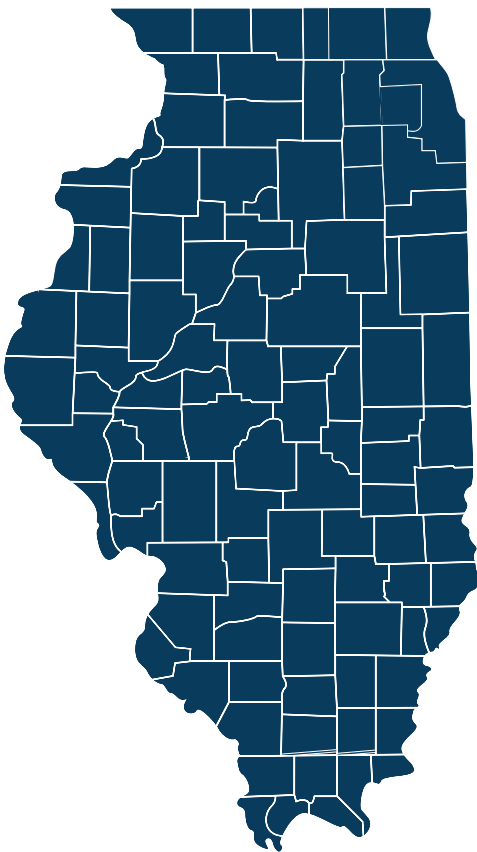
# Parent Training and Information Centers

**Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) are authorized in Part D of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and are funded by the U. S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs.**

**Each PTI is mandated to assist parents to:**

- Better understand the nature of their children’s disabilities and their educational and developmental needs;
- Communicate effectively with personnel responsible for providing special education, early intervention, and related services;
- Participate in decision-making processes and the development of Individualized Education Programs under Part B and Individualized Family Service Plans under Part C;
- Obtain appropriate information about the range of options, programs, services, and resources available to assist children with disabilities and their families;
- Understand the provision of IDEA for the education of, and the provision of early intervention services to, children with disabilities; and
- Participate in school reform activities.

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