

ADVOCACY RESOURCES

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PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTERS (PTIs)

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. Illinois is divided into two regions and is served by two PTIs. ***These centers no longer provide advocacy services; however they may be able to refer parents to advocates.***

Region 1 includes the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will.

Family Resource Center on Disabilities

11 E. Adams St. Suite 615
Chicago, IL 60603
Phone: 312-939-3513
Fax: 312-854-8980
Email: info@frcd.org
Website: www.frcd.org

Region 2 includes the remainder of the state.

Family Matters

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Email: info@fmptic.org
Website: www.fmptic.org

ILLINOIS NETWORK OF INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER (INCIL)

If your child is at least 14 years old, you may wish to contact: <http://www.incil.org/>
Most centers have a youth advocate who can attend IEP meetings with families.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL published guidelines for choosing an Advocate in Special Education. The document can be found at: https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/Page-Attachments/Guidelines_ChoosingAdvocateSpecialEducation.pdf

PARENT ADVOCATES

Local Services: https://www.isbe.net/Documents/parent_advocates_local.pdf

Statewide Services: https://www.isbe.net/Documents/parent_advocates_statewide.pdf

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