

The Arc of Illinois and Programs of The Arc of Illinois



The Arc of Illinois
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The Arc of Illinois is Illinois' largest statewide advocacy organization for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc of Illinois provides legislative advocacy and training for self-advocates, family members, and professionals. Individuals interested in learning about issues important to their loved ones with ID/DD can stay informed and active in shaping the system through membership in The Arc of Illinois.



Illinois Life Span (ILS)
Deb Fornoff, Program Director
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Illinois Life Span provides statewide resources and information on advocacy, services, and supports for individuals with ID/DD, their families, and professionals. Individuals seeking information related to disability supports or services can call our toll-free line or use our website for statewide resources and county specific information.



**FAMILY SUPPORT
NETWORK**

Family Support Network of Illinois (FSN)
Shirley Perez, Director
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The mission of the Family Support Network is to unify individuals with disabilities and their families to advocate for funding, services, and community resources that strengthen and support the individual and the family directly by responding to their individual needs and empowering them to live in their own homes. The Family Support Network further seeks to ensure the continuation of all individual supports through the life span of the individual. The FSN has expertise in the adult service system and works with families who have questions/concerns and need assistance.



The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center (F2F)
Faye Manaster, Program Director
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The Arc of Illinois Family to Family Health Information Center (F2FHIC) is a free service for families of children and youth with special health care needs, funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and The Arc of Illinois. We are part of a national network of 50 F2FHICS, one in each state, and a State Affiliated Organization, Family Voices, Inc. Our staff of experienced parents are here to answer questions about health care and health insurance for families and professionals about children with special health care needs, disabilities and/or chronic illnesses ages birth to 21.



Family Transition Project

Katherine Hamann, Project Director

www.goinghomeillinois.org

708-465-2827

Home and family is at the heart of the Family Transition Project. FTP families have experienced the successful transitions of their loved ones from state operated developmental centers to homes in their communities of choice. We share these successes with families who are contemplating or just beginning the process. We provide compassionate support to families, helpful information, and a lifelong experience in coping with the challenges our loved ones face and the barriers we and they may encounter. But most of all we offer hope that a successful transition is possible and is well worth it.

Ligas Family Advocate Program

Shirley Perez, Director

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The purpose of the Ligas Family Advocate Program is to provide family-to-family advocacy support for Ligas Class Members, individuals and their families who are selected through the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Prioritization of Urgency of Needs (PUNS) as a result of the Ligas Consent Decree. It is a place to get accurate information about options; as well as exposé to experts in the areas of employment, housing and so much more. We create opportunities for Ligas class members and their families to connect with other families. We are a state-wide organization that allows stakeholders to share their unique perspective in the system.



Consumer Stipend Program

Sharon Lenza, Program Director

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The Arc of Illinois administers the Consumer Stipend Program, funded by the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities. Consumer stipends are distributed to qualified applicants, enabling individuals with developmental disabilities and their family members to attend conferences/trainings directly related to disability issues.



The Arc of Illinois Training Department

Janet Donahue, Director of Development

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The Arc of Illinois also provides ongoing trainings and conferences throughout the state for self-advocates, family members, and professionals. The Arc of Illinois, through a generous donation, has developed a new *Assistive Technology Program*. This program will fund, or partially fund, the purchase of assistive technology for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities who have received an evaluation/assessment from a qualified provider but the purchase is not subsidized by Medicaid, Medicare or Private Insurance. Our goal through the Assistive Technology Program, is to enhance and improve the quality of life for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for individuals to receive technology to help with communication, education, employment, community living and independence.

