



Advocacy | Family Support | Training | Resources

Happy lives with full participation in community. That has been the vision of families for their loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities, since they created The Arc of Illinois. It grew into the largest statewide advocacy organization of people with disabilities, their families and community agencies that support them.

We bring together advocates, connect people and families, train and educate, and provide resources and support. Learn about our programs and public policy work, which are still led by individuals and families, who are changing systems and living the lives they choose.

We invite you to be a part of our vision. Join us today!



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Information & resources across the life span

The **Illinois Life Span Program** provides information and resources on advocacy, supports and services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages, their family members, and other stakeholders across the state via website and toll-free help line.

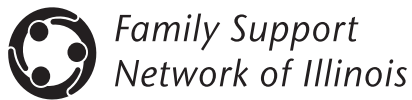
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Information & resources for families of children under 22

The **Family to Family Health Information Center**, the Illinois affiliate of Family Voices of Illinois, provides information and resources specifically for families of children and youth with any disability, special needs and/or chronic illness. We focus especially on healthcare and benefits issues.

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Support for individual & family advocacy

The **Family Support Network** supports individuals and families advocating for individual funding, services and community resources that meet individual needs and are key for independent living.

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Information & support for the PUNS waiting list

The **Ligas Family Advocate Program** works with the State of Illinois Independent Service Coordination agencies and providers to ensure that information about all available options for services reaches consumers over 18 years of age and their families.

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Support in transitioning to community living

The **Family Transition Project** supports individuals and families who want to explore the possibilities of community living, for those currently living in large institutions.

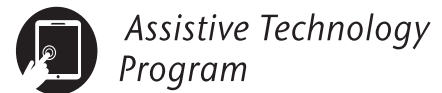
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Stipends to attend conferences

The **Consumer and Family Stipend Program** provides financial assistance so that individuals or their family members can attend a conference of their choice – provided the conference is related to intellectual and developmental disability issues.

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Assistive technology access

The **Assistive Technology Program** funds the purchase of assistive technology for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have an evaluation from a qualified provider and do not qualify for AT through Medicaid, Medicare or private insurance.

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Training in advocacy

The **Training Program** offers educational conferences and trainings for self-advocates, family members, and professionals.

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