

ADVOCACY RESOURCES

ILLINOIS LIFE SPAN

www.illinoislifespan.org

1. Scroll down to the bottom of the page.
2. In the dark blue section on the left that says “**Advocacy Services**”, click on “**Search for Advocacy/Service Providers**”.
3. On the next page, select **Special Education Information/Advocacy** from the drop-down list and then **select your county**. Click **Search** for results.

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/locations.asp>.

1. Select your **county** from the down-down and click **Submit**.
2. Most centers have a youth advocate who can attend IEP meetings with families.

EQUIP FOR EQUALITY, INC.

<http://www.equipforequality.org/>

- CHICAGO (Serves Northeastern Region)
 - Toll-free: 1-(800)537-2632
 - Phone: (312)341-0022
- ROCK ISLAND(Serves Northwestern Region)
 - Toll-free: 1-(800)758-6869
 - Phone: (309)786-6868
- SPRINGFIELD (Serves West Central Region)
 - Toll-free: 1-(800)758-0464
 - Phone: (217)544-0464

PARENT EDUCATOR PARTNERSHIP

<http://www.pepartnership.org/staff/mentors.html>

- Parent Mentors and their locations are listed within a map of Illinois.
- Click on a name or a pin on the map for more information.
- Toll Free: 1-877-317-2733

The Attorney General published *guidelines for choosing an Advocate in Special Education*. The document can be found at:

http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/lay_advocate_guideline.pdf

PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTERS (PTIs)

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

20 E. Jackson Blvd., Room 300

Chicago, IL 60604

312-939-3513 voice / 312-939-3519 TTY & TDY

312-939-7297 FAX

800-952-4199 IL only

E-mail: frcdptiil@ameritech.net

Website: www.frcd.org

Region 2 includes the remainder of the state.

►Family Matters

1901 S. 4th Street, Suite 209

Effingham, IL 62401

217-347-5428 voice

217-347-5119 FAX

866-436-7842 Toll-Free

E-mail: info@fmptic.org or deinhorn@arc-css.org

Website: www.fmptic.org

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