

SANGAMON COUNTY

AUTISM SERVICES:

Behavior Resource, LLC

2073 N. 20th
Springfield, IL 62703
217-588-8638
217-220-3393

Services include: consultation, functional behavior assessments, individualized behavior programs, advocacy/ attendance at IEP meetings, data collection & decision-making, collaboration with other treating professionals

Behavioral Perspective – Springfield

2035 W. Iles, Suite C
Springfield, IL 62704
888-308-3728

Services include: ABA Services, Parent Training and Support Services, Apple Academy (an intensive day program for children on the spectrum)

Continuum Behavioral Health

1434 E. Main Street
Suite B
St. Charles, IL 60174
630-286-0026

Services include: in home ABA therapy, assessments, parent training, advocacy services

GBC aba

101 Royce Rd.
Bolingbrook, IL 60440
312-882-1024

Services include: in home ABA therapy, parent education, social skills group, collaboration with schools

Hope

15 East Hazel Dell Lane
Springfield, IL 62712
217-585-5437

Services include: vocational programs, residential programs, schools and clinics

The Autism Clinic at Hope (TAC)

5220 South 6th Street (Hope Pavilion)
Springfield, IL 62703
217-525-8332

Services include: Screening and Diagnostic Evaluation, ABA Therapy and Speech/Language services, Parent Training and Support, Group Programs

Total Spectrum

650 West Grand Avenue

Suite 207

Elmhurst, IL 60126

844-263-1613

Services include: in home ABA therapy, initial assessment, school consultation, advocacy services

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CHILDREN):

Memorial Behavioral Health Child and Youth Services

Serving Springfield, Jacksonville and Lincoln

217-757-7700

Professional Counseling Offices

215 South Grand Ave. West

Springfield, IL 62704

217-744-3525

SIU Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

217-545-6900

Springfield Psychological Center (Children and adults)

2325 W. White Oaks Drive, Suite C

Springfield, IL 62704

217-793-3949

EQUINE THERAPY (CHILDREN):

Bright Star Equestrian Centre

1450 Horse Farm Rd.

Divernon, IL 62530

217-502-3390

217-744-3525

Celtic Medicine Horse

121 Bellerive Rd.

Springfield, IL 62704

217-899-2183

DANCE THERAPY:

Adaptive Dance at DAS

2820 S. MacArthur Blvd.

Springfield, IL 62704

217-522-9064

REHABILITATION THERAPY:

Memorial Outpatient Rehab:

Numerous Locations

217-862-0400

Services include: occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, feeding clinic

St. John's Children's Pediatric Rehabilitation:

800 E. Carpenter

Springfield, IL 62769

217-544-6464

Services include: occupational therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy

SWIM LESSONS:

YMCA Special Needs Aquatic Program:

701 S. 4th St.

Springfield, IL 62703

217-544-9846

Services include: swim lesson program for special needs kids

CAMPS:

Sparc:

232 Bruns Lane

Springfield, IL 62702

217-793-2100

Services include: Kamp Kaleidoscope

Springfield Park District – L.E.A.P.:

Services include: a program of adaptive recreation for individuals with Disabilities. L.E.A.P. programs are specifically designed for individuals with disabilities from pre-school through adults. Special populations served include, but are not limited to: learning disabilities, physically impaired, behavior problems, visually impaired, multiple disabilities, or those with any other special needs. Contact Annette Reese, Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, at 217-585-2941 for more information

CRISIS HELP:

Illinois Crisis Prevention Network (ICPN) is a collaborative partnership between Trinity Services and the Hope Institute. Funded by the State of Illinois, ICPN's Support Service Teams (SST) help individuals, families and community providers across the state so that persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities and/or concurrent mental health issues can successfully live and flourish in the community. (Must be referred for service.)

Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery in Springfield, IL strives to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing emergency, temporary care, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for children who may be at risk or whose parents are experiencing some type of crisis. Ages birth -6. Call 217-525-6800 for more information.

SASS – Screening, Assessment and Support Services:

Call the **CARES** line at 1-800-345-9049

Specialized Family Support Program (SFSP): 90-day program of crisis stabilization, community mental health, and assessment services, developed in response to the Custody Relinquishment Prevention Act. It is a collaborative effort between the Illinois Departments of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), Children and Family Services (DCFS), Human Services (DHS), Juvenile Justice (DJJ), Public Health (DPH), and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), designed to identify the behavioral health needs of youth at risk of custody relinquishment and to link those youth to the most appropriate clinical services. Call 217-557-1000 for more information.

OTHER:

Springfield Moms: Springfield Moms is a website geared to families in the Springfield area looking for fun things to do, share, and experience. For more information go to <http://www.springfieldmoms.org>

ACCESS Sangamon: Access Sangamon provides transportation for persons with disabilities who are unable to use the SMTD fixed-route bus service. Individuals with disabilities must apply to become eligible to use the service. Visit website or call 217-522-8594 for more information.

Adult Autism Group: Provides support and advocacy for adults on the autism spectrum. For more information go to <https://www.theadultautismgroup.org>

Autism Support of Central Illinois (ASCI): provides resources, support and recreational opportunities for families impacted by autism in central Illinois.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) provides assistive technology services to individuals throughout the state of Illinois to improve independence and quality of life.

Sangamon County Department of Public Health: provides a host of general health and wellness services for children and families in the county.

Special Olympics: Area 17 provides recreational programming for people in the counties of Macoupin, Menard, Morgan and Sangamon. Call 217-544-3023 for more information.

UCP Land of Lincoln: is dedicated to providing quality services, programs and advocacy to individuals with all types of disabilities, serving central Illinois, office in Springfield, IL.

United Way of Central Illinois 2-1-1 offers assistance and answers just by dialing 2-1-1

STATE RESOURCES

Autism Speaks Diagnosis Locator page allows you to put in your zip code and find centers that conduct autism screening and diagnosis in your area.

[Autism Speaks Resource Locator page](#) allows you to put in your location and search for autism services and resources in your area.

[Autism Training and Technical Assistance Project \(ATTA\)](#): develops and presents resources that assist individuals with autism in their transition from secondary education to postsecondary education and employment while also providing training and support to other stakeholders as they work to provide an equitable experience for individuals with autism.

[Center for Child Welfare and Education](#) (Northern Illinois University): The Center aims to assist the education and development of children and youth, with special emphasis on those who are educationally at risk including those who have been abused or neglected. Its work contributes to the body of knowledge and influences training and practice to positively affect educational outcomes of these populations.

[Central Illinois Service Access, Inc.](#) Serving Christian, Logan, Mason, McLean, Menard, Peoria, Sangamon, Tazewell and Woodford counties in Illinois. CISA provides service coordination and advocacy services to children and adults with developmental delays and/or disabilities of all ages. CISA, Inc. also provides case coordination for participants in the Brain Injury Program through the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services. Call 217-732-4731 for more information.

[Community and Residential Services Authority \(CRSA\)](#): is an interagency group responsible for identifying and addressing barriers facing parents, professionals and providers when trying to get needed services and programs for individuals (through the age of 21) with a behavior disorder or a severe emotional disturbance and their family.

[Division of Specialized Care for Children \(DSCC\)](#) at UIC: partners with Illinois families and communities to help children and youth with special healthcare needs connect to services and resources.

[Early Intervention Program](#): Illinois' Early Intervention program (under the Department of Human Services) works to assure that families who have infants and toddlers, birth to three, with diagnosed disabilities, developmental delays or substantial risk of significant delays receive resources and supports that assist them in maximizing their child's development.

[Easterseals](#): For nearly 100 years, Easterseals has been the indispensable resource for people and families living with disabilities. Throughout all life's moments – from the extraordinary to the ordinary and everything in between – Easterseals is here to help people and families realize and reach for their full potential.

[Easterseals DuPage & Fox Valley, Illinois](#)

[Easterseals Central Illinois](#)

[Easterseals Joliet Region, Inc.](#)

[Easterseals Serving Chicagoland & Rockford](#)

[Equip for Equality](#): Equip for Equality is devoted to advocating for the human and civil rights of persons with disabilities in Illinois.

Family to Family Health information Center: The Family to Family Health Information Center is a free service focused on providing healthcare information for families of children and youth with special needs, funded by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and The Arc of Illinois..

Family Matters Parent Training and Information Center: located in Effingham, Il. serving all of Illinois except Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties. The center's mission is to build upon families' strengths, empower parents and professionals to achieve the strongest possible outcomes for students with disabilities, and to enhance the quality of life for children and young adults with disabilities. The center assists parents of children with disabilities to be informed participants in the special education process and IEP process, assist students with disabilities to understand their rights and responsibilities, and supply information to professionals who serve children with disabilities.

Family Resource Center on Disabilities: Chicago's metropolitan area Parent Training and Information Center, serving Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties. The center provides families of children with disabilities with information, training and assistance. Some of the services they provide are to help families understand the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), make informed decisions about their child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP), obtain appropriate services for their child, and communicate more effectively with school professionals.

Family Support Network: A program of The Arc of Illinois, the Family Support Network provides support and advocacy for individuals with disabilities and their families.

Family Transition Project is a program of The Arc of Illinois, (also known as the Going Home initiative), advocates for and supports the successful transition of loved ones from state operated developmental centers (SODCs) to homes in their communities of choice.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program: The Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) is the state non-profit organization for Assistive Technology (AT) needs, including AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) devices. It provides AT assessments, training, and advocacy. IATP has a loan program for AT devices, a Demonstration Center, a work incentive planning and assistance program, and financial loans.

Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics: Provides advocacy, education, resources, projects and e-learning opportunities for families, medical residents and pediatricians in Illinois.

Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership: A partnership committed to improving the scope, quality and access of mental health programs, services and supports for Illinois children.

Illinois Council of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: Resources and research related to the field of child and adolescent psychiatry – Illinois presence.

Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities: We ensure that people with developmental disabilities and their families have a part in the design of and access to culturally competent services, supports and other assistance and opportunities that promote independence, productivity and integration and inclusion into the community.

Illinois Department of Child and Family Services: DCFS has the primary responsibility of protecting children through the investigation of suspected abuse or neglect by parents and other caregivers in a position of trust or authority over the child.

[Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services \(DRS\)](#): is a statewide provider of educational, employment, community inclusion and independent living services for individuals with disabilities.

[Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Disabilities](#): is a statewide provider of early intervention, living, day services, in-home supports and other resources for persons with disabilities.

[Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse](#): A clearinghouse of information and materials for parents and providers on early intervention, intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism. Contains a free Lending Library that can ship books and other materials to your home anywhere in Illinois.

[Illinois LEND](#) (Leadership and Education in Neurodevelopment): A training program that prepares individuals to serve as leaders to improve the quality of life of children and families with disabilities, with a focus on autism.

[Illinois Lifespan](#): Illinois Lifespan, a program of The Arc of Illinois, provides free information and resources on advocacy, supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages, their family members, and others statewide.

[Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living \(INCIL\)](#): Offer a number of services to consumers across Illinois to empower them with the knowledge and skills to make their own life choices and to and pursue their own goals of self sufficiency and full participation in their communities.

[Illinois Parents of Adults with Developmental Disabilities Unite! \(IPADD Unite\)](#): IPADD's purpose is to give Illinois parents, self-advocates, adult sibs and others who care about adults with developmental disabilities a dedicated online platform for networking, advocacy and information-sharing so that we know what's happening around the state. Our primary focus areas are: Employment, Community Service, and Rec/Leisure opportunities; Effective Transition Planning; Transportation; Housing; and how to pay for all of it. Facebook group and email list.

[Illinois Partners in Policymaking Leadership training program](#): for parents of school age children with developmental disabilities and adults with developmental disabilities.

[Illinois Respite Coalition](#) offers temporary relief to caregivers of special needs adults or kids

[Illinois STARnet](#): provides a variety of opportunities for personal and professional growth for those who touch the lives of young children, ages birth through eight, with an emphasis on children with special needs. STARnet offers many free workshops, podcasts, and webinars as well as stipends to attend conferences and workshops.

[Illinois State Board of Education](#): The Illinois State Board of Education provides leadership, assistance, resources and advocacy so that every student is prepared to succeed in careers and postsecondary education, and share accountability for doing so with districts and schools.

[Illinois Statewide Technical Assistance Collaborative \(ISTAC\)](#): is an ISBE Special Education initiative to improve outcomes for ALL students.

Illinois' UCEDD/LEND program resides at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) through the Department of Disability and Human Development and includes research centers, clinical and community programs.

Illinois Yellow Pages for Kids with Disabilities: Resources for special education and developmental disabilities in Illinois compiled by Wrightslaw.

Ligas Family Advocate Program: purpose is to connect recipients of Ligas award letters seeking Home Based or CILA services and their families with family advocates who are knowledgeable about creative ways to utilize their Ligas funding to build successful lives in the community.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Illinois: NAMI Illinois has a variety of education and support programs directed to individuals living with mental illness, family members, friends, professionals, other stake holders, and the community at large to address the mental health needs of Illinois. NAMI Illinois works to inform the public about mental illness by distributing information about mental illness through every means of communication.

Ounce of Prevention Fund: Programs, research, policy, advocacy and education to ensure that children born in poverty have the best chance for success in school and in life. Serve families of children age birth to five in Illinois.

PUNS, Prioritization of Urgency of Needs Services under Illinois Dept. of Human Services, is the PAS agent to receive services for adults and children with developmental disabilities.

Springfield Center for Independent Living (SCIL): serves Christian, Logan, Menard, Montgomery and Sangamon Counties. Their mission is to increase opportunities for equality, integration and independence for all persons with disabilities through advocacy, services and public education.

State of Illinois Developmental Disabilities: To access our service system, you can contact a local coordination agency in your area. These agencies are the "front door" to Illinois' state-funded service system. The Local Coordination Agency will talk with you about the service system and discuss your needs.

Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois (SILC): mission is to provide leadership, research, planning and education required to support independent living services in Illinois.

Supporting Illinois' Brothers and Sisters (S.I.B.S.) is the official Illinois chapter of the National Sibling Leadership Network (SLN). S.I.B.S. provides support to siblings of people with disabilities in Illinois by connecting them with information, networking opportunities, and resources in order to enhance the quality of life for their entire family.

Targeting Autism provides support and education to families, educators and librarians on ways to make libraries more accessible and inclusive for individuals with autism.

The Arc of Illinois: advocates for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout their lifetime. Provides resources, training and support to parents in Illinois.

The Autism Program of Illinois (TAP): provides community resources, autism education and training as well as autism services through affiliate partners throughout the state of Illinois. Direct services vary by location but can include: screening, diagnostic evaluation, occupational

therapy, speech/ language therapy, social skills training, parent and community training potty training and more. Click [here](#) for a locator map to find a service center near you.

[Think College Illinois](#): State chapter of the national organization that creates inclusive post-secondary educational opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disorders. Information and resources for parents, educators and self-advocates (students).

[United Cerebral Palsy](#): is dedicated to providing quality services, programs and advocacy to individuals with all types of disabilities.

[UCP Sequin of Greater Chicago](#)

[UIC, Department of Special Education](#): The Department of Special Education (SPED) is a community of dedicated scholars, researchers, teachers and practitioners working toward innovation and access to improve the education of children and adolescents with disabilities - particularly in urban school environments. The community also is a forceful advocate for special education through outreach service programs and groundbreaking research.

NATIONAL RESOURCES

[American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry](#): promotes the healthy development of children, adolescents, and families through advocacy, education, and research, and meets the professional needs of child and adolescent psychiatrists throughout their careers.

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#): Resources on parenting and health issues as well as illness and disability concerns.

[Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#): U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division website contains: Laws/Regulations, Design Standards, Technical Assistance Materials and Enforcement information.

[Asperger / Autism Network \(AANE\)](#): works with individuals, families and professionals to help people with Asperger Syndrome and similar autism spectrum profiles build meaningful, connected lives.

[Association of University Centers on Disabilities \(AUCD\)](#): supports and promotes a national network of university-based interdisciplinary programs, University Centers on Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDDs), located in every U.S. state and territory serving as a bridge between the university and the community to bring together resources and expertise to create meaningful change. Also responsible for running each states' LEND (Leadership and Education in Neurodevelopment) program to train future professionals in the field.

[Autism Now](#): National autism resource and information center.

[Autism Society](#): A leading grassroots autism organization, working to improve the lives of all affected by autism. Provides the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy.

[Autism Speaks](#): A leading autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding autism research and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

Autism Women’s Network (AWN): AWN’s mission is to provide effective supports to Autistic women and girls of all ages through a sense of community, advocacy and resources.

Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN): ASAN believes that the goal of autism advocacy should be a world in which autistic people enjoy equal access, rights, and opportunities. We work to empower autistic people across the world to take control of our own lives and the future of our common community, and seek to organize the autistic community to ensure our voices are heard in the national conversation about us.

Center for Parent Information and Resources: provides a central hub for parent information centers throughout the U.S., (such as Family Matters in Illinois), as well as numerous [resources](#) on topics related to families of children with disabilities.

Family Voices: Family Voices is a national grassroots network, providing families of children with special needs the resources and support they need to make informed decisions, advocate for improved public and private policies, build partnerships among families and professionals, and serve as a trusted resource on health care.

GRASP – Global and Regional Asperger Syndrome Partnership: GRASP is committed to empowering the lives of adolescents and adults living with an autism spectrum disorder by providing community outreach needs and other support services.

Information Connections For Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities and Chronic Diseases through the Marionjoy Medical Library. Free information centralized in one website with access to up-to-date, reliable, high-quality health information on developmental disabilities with a focus on ADHD, autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, traumatic brain injury and more.

Interactive Autism Network (IAN): goal is to facilitate research that will lead to advancements in understanding and treating autism spectrum disorder (ASD). IAN is a partnership of the Kennedy Krieger Institute and the Simons Foundation, with partial funding through a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Award.

Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA): Advocacy, legislation and resources for parents, educators and professionals.

Libraries and Autism: We’re Connected: provides resources to librarians of all types in making their libraries more accessible for individuals with autism.

Long-term Care Score Card: Families of individuals with higher support needs are likely to need long-term support services in adulthood. And when they do, this score card site is used to find state level LTSS (Long-term Services and Supports) system performance from the viewpoint of users of services and their families.

Maternal and Child Health Bureau: Their mission is to improve the health of America’s mothers, children and families through a variety of initiatives including the [Autism Cares Act](#).

NADD: is a not-for-profit membership association established for professionals, care providers and families to promote understanding of and services for individuals who have developmental disabilities and mental health needs.

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities (DD Councils): There is 1 in every US State and Territory. The DD Councils receive federal funding to support programs

that promote self-determination, integration and inclusion for all people in the United States with developmental disabilities.

National Autism Center: Part of the May Institute, the National Autism Center focuses on the promotion of evidenced based practices for ASD. They have a number of resource guides for parents and professionals.

National Council on Independent Living (NCIL): advances independent living and the rights of people with disabilities. NCIL envisions a world in which people with disabilities are valued equally and participate fully.

National Guardianship Association establishes and promotes nationally recognized standards of guardianship law; encourages integrity and competence through guardianship education, and protects the interests of guardians and the people in their care.

National Resource Center on Supported Decision-Making: Supported Decision-making is a legal alternative to legal Guardianship. Supported Decision-making provides a middle ground for the person who needs help with some aspects of life, but not with others. (Supported decision-making laws originated in Texas and Wisconsin recently passed legislation as well.)

NOLO: Legal encyclopedia full of information on family law, disability law and educational law.

One Place for Special Needs: One Place for Special Needs is a national disability resource for families who have children with disabilities. It is a resource where families can make connections with other special needs families and get practical information to help their child at home, school and the community.

Parent to Parent USA – offers support to families by matching parents with a parent mentor who has a child or children with a similar diagnosis. States that do not currently have a Parent to Parent Program (Illinois) are welcome to contact neighboring states' P2P.

Partners in Policymaking (PIP): In many states, parents of children with disabilities, family members and adults with disabilities work together to make positive change in their local communities through legislative advocacy. Check with your state's Arc organization or your state's DD Council to find a PIP program.

Sibling and Leadership Network: Provides siblings of individuals with disabilities the information, support, and tools to advocate with their brothers and sisters and to promote the issues important to them and their entire families.

Sibling Support Project: the first national program dedicated to the life-long and ever-changing concerns of millions of brothers and sisters of people with special health, developmental, and mental health concerns. We've published [books](#) for and about brothers and sisters, [host online groups](#) for teen and adult siblings, and presented [workshops](#) on sibling issues internationally and in every state. However, we're best known for helping local communities start [Sibshops](#)—lively peer support groups for school-age brothers and sisters of kids with special needs.

TASH: National organization that advocates for human rights and inclusion for people with significant disabilities and support needs – those most vulnerable to segregation, abuse, neglect and institutionalization. TASH works to advance inclusive communities through advocacy, research, professional development, policy, and information and resources for parents, families and self-advocates.

The Arc: National community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

The U.S. Department of Education’s Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): IDEA is the federal law that governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.

Think College: Think College is a national organization dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving inclusive higher education options for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Provides training and technical assistance.

TUCK: Advancing better sleep. Tuck aims to improve sleep hygiene, health, and wellness through the creation and dissemination of comprehensive, unbiased, free resources. Includes a resource guide on ASD and sleep.

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): CDC is committed to continuing to provide essential data on ASD, search for factors that put children at risk for ASD and possible causes, and develop resources that help identify children with ASD as early as possible.

CDC Childhood Developmental Milestones: Expected developmental milestones of childhood development.

CDC National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities: Dedicated to helping people live to the fullest. Much of the center’s work focuses on protecting people who are especially vulnerable to health risks – babies, children, people with blood disorders, and people with disabilities.

U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy: federal government website for information on disability programs and services nationwide.

Wrightslaw: Parents, educators, advocates, and attorneys come to Wrightslaw for accurate, reliable information about special education law, education law, and advocacy for children with disabilities.

State and Federal Funding/Legislation:

Find your Representative/District: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Find your Senator: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/index.htm>

Glossary of Search Terms/Tags & Acronyms:

ABA – Applied Behavior Analysis

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

ADL – Activities of Daily Living

ADRCs – Aging and Disability Resource Centers

ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder

CART – Clinical Administrative Review Team

CILA – Community Integrated Living Arrangement

CMS – Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services

Coordinated Care

Competitive Integrated Employment

DCFS – Department of Children and Family Services

DD – Developmental Disability

DDD – Division of Developmental Disabilities

DHS – Department of Human Services

DMH – Department of Mental Health

DPH – Department of Public Health

DRS – Division of Rehabilitation Services

DSCC - Division of Specialized Care for Children

DSP – Direct Support Professional

DT – Developmental Training

EI – Early Intervention (birth to 3)

Employment First initiatives

FAPE – Free and Appropriate Public Education

HCBS – Home and Community Based Services

HFS – Department of Health Care and Family Services

HUD – Housing and Urban Development

ICD – DD – Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

IEP – Individual Education Plan

ILCs – Independent Living Centers

ISBE – Illinois State Board of Education

ISC – Individual Service Coordination

ISP – Individual Support Plan

ISSA – Individual Service and Support Advocacy

Integrated Care

Legislative Liaison

LTSS – Long-Term Services and Supports

MAPP – Medical Assistance Purchase Program

NEMT – Non-Emergency Medical Transport

PAS – Pre-Admission Screening

PAS Agent – the organization that screens for the PUNS list

POS – Purchase of Service (fee for service)

PUNS – Prioritization of Urgency of Need of Services (Illinois' waitlist for services)

Person-centered planning

Public Policy Analyst

QA – Quality Assurance

QSP – Qualified Support Professional

Supported Decision-making

SEP – Supported Employment Program

SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly food stamps)

SNT – Special Needs Trust

SODC – State Operated Developmental Center

SSA – Social Security Administration

SSDI – Social Security Disability Insurance

SSI – Supplemental Security Income

SST Support Service Team