

Parent Training and Information Centers

Helping Families of Children and Youth with Disabilities

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Parent Training and Information Centers

- ▶ Why Parent Centers Were Formed
- ▶ Who Receives Services
- ▶ What Trainings are Offered
- ▶ What Individual Assistance is Offered
- ▶ What Other Services Assist Families
- ▶ How to Access Services



The Individuals with Disabilities Education act

Parent Training and Information Centers in Illinois

- ▶ Family Resource Center on Disabilities
frcd.org
- ▶ Family Matters Parent Training and Information Center
fmptic.org

www.parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center/

POPULATION

In 2017-2018, the number of students ages 3-21 who received special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was 7.0 million, or **14 percent** of all public school students.



Serving families of students with disabilities and those suspected of having a disability

Those with IEPs under any category:

- ▶ Intellectual disability
- ▶ Hearing impairment
- ▶ Visual impairment
- ▶ Deaf-Blindness
- ▶ Speech or language impairment
- ▶ Emotional disturbance
- ▶ Orthopedic impairment
- ▶ Autism
- ▶ Traumatic brain injury
- ▶ Other health impairment
- ▶ Multiple Disabilities
- ▶ Specific Learning Disability - 34%
- ▶ Developmental Delay

Those with Section 504 Plans

Those who are under age 3 and receiving Early Intervention Services

Those who MAY be eligible for a Section 504 Plan or an IEP



Small but Mighty

From October 2017 through September 2018

- ▶ Parent Centers across the nation had 1.1 million+ contacts with parents, students with disabilities, and professionals.
- ▶ 392,900+ parents received individual assistance
- ▶ 356,400+ parents attended trainings
- ▶ 359,000+ informed and trained
- ▶ 65,700+ students with disabilities informed and trained



Our staff

- ▶ 2 part-time Information Specialists
- ▶ 1 full-time clerical
- ▶ 1 part-time project coordinator
- ▶ 1 part-time director

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October 2018 through September 2019

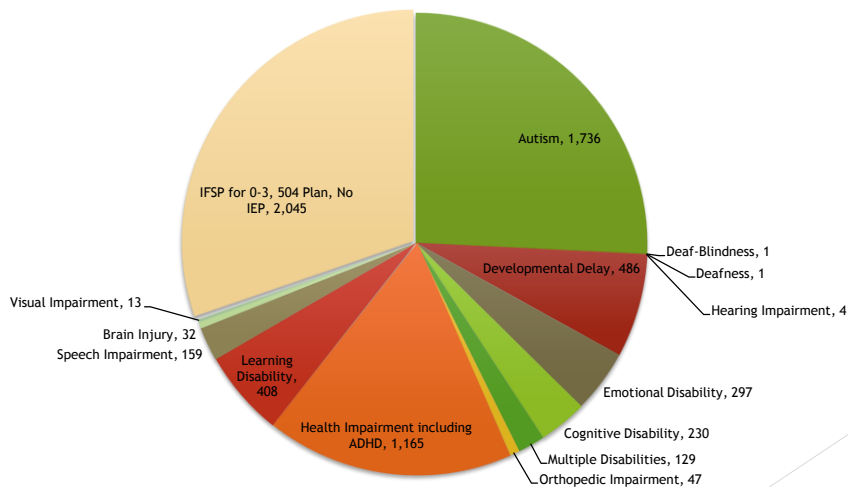
1,559 unduplicated parents served

7,270 contacts with parents, youth
and professionals

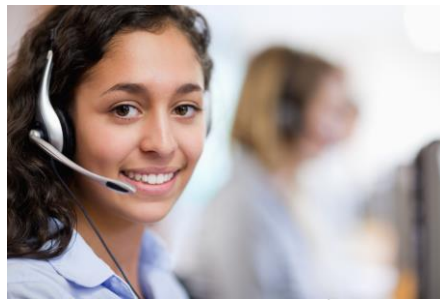
911 parents attended trainings

61 youth attended trainings

Types of Disability, if known



Training and Information



Training

- ▶ Live and in-person
- ▶ Live webinar
- ▶ Archived webinar
www.fmptc.org/recordings
- ▶ Social Media

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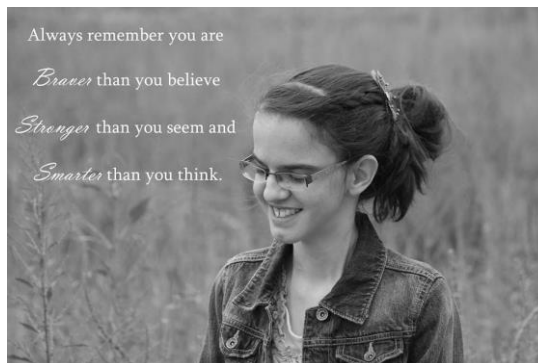
Topics

- ▶ Special Education Rights
- ▶ Evaluation
- ▶ Extended School Year
- ▶ Appropriate Goals in IEPs
- ▶ Health Issues at School
- ▶ Measuring Student Progress
- ▶ Prior Written Notice
- ▶ Procedural Safeguards
 - ▶ Facilitated IEP Meetings
 - ▶ State Complaint Procedures
 - ▶ Mediation
 - ▶ Due Process
- ▶ Productive IEP Meetings
- ▶ Using Non-Adversarial Strategies
- ▶ Using Data to Support Requests
- ▶ Communicating in Writing
- ▶ Utilizing Language from Endrew F.



TOPICS

- ▶ Inclusive Education
 - Learning Styles
 - Accommodations/Modifications
 - Teaching Strategies
- ▶ Secondary Transition and Self-Advocacy



TOPICS

- ▶ Social Skills
- ▶ Social Learning
- ▶ Sensory Issues
- ▶ Behaviors
- ▶ Mental Health
- ▶ Assistive Technology
- ▶ Bullying and Safety
- ▶ Learning Disabilities including Dyslexia and Processing Issues Related to Reading and Math
- ▶ The Impact of ADHD and Executive Functioning Disorders



Volunteer Advocacy Project

- ▶ Online Interactive Webinar Series
- ▶ 11 Week Course
- ▶ 3 Hours per Session
- ▶ January, February, March
- ▶ Assistance to Parents Needing an Advocate

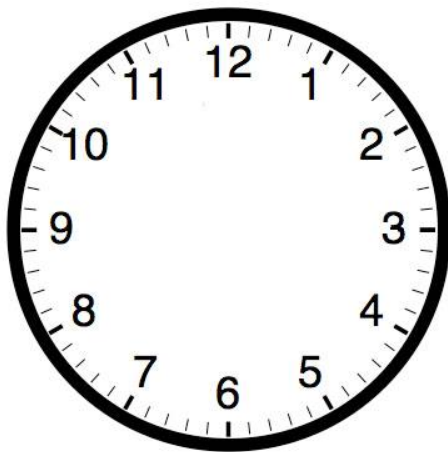


Individual Assistance

- ▶ Calls and Emails
- ▶ Letter Writing
- ▶ Parental Concern Lists
- ▶ Student Record Reviews
- ▶ Lending Library Options



It can take a while



Learning and Applying



Combining training and individual assistance

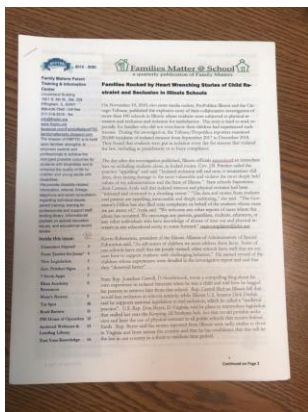


Robust Website fmptic.org

- ▶ Who We Are
- ▶ How We Help
- ▶ Recordings
- ▶ Events
- ▶ Newsletters
- ▶ Resources
- ▶ Library



Informative Quarterly Newsletter



- ▶ News related to special education or disabilities
- ▶ Workshop and stipend opportunities
- ▶ Links and resources
- ▶ Early Intervention/Early Childhood information
- ▶ Book review
- ▶ Test Your Knowledge

Free Lending Library

Mailed with a stamped returned envelope

Due back in 5 weeks

Items related to education, disabilities, future planning, mental health, behaviors, social skills, puberty/sexuality, transitioning to adult life, sensory issues, executive functioning, and much more



Any questions ?

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