

Illinois Family Leaders Collaboration
presents the 14th Annual...

Free Virtual Family Conference

for Families of Children with Disabilities

Resources and Inspiration for Adult Family Members



The Power of Families

Using Your Voice to Make a Difference

**Thursday, July 29-
Sunday, August 1**

**Register for each
session that
you want to attend.**

[Registration Link](#)

*Illinois STARNET is a grant funded by the
Illinois State Board of Education. 100% of annual
funding for the project is from federal sources.*

Free Virtual Family Conference For Families of Children With Disabilities

Agenda

Title: Sign Language Basics: Talking With Your Hands

Presenter: Sheri Kraus

Description: This workshop will provide participants with the basic knowledge behind Sign Language of who, what, where, when, and why sign language is used. Participants will learn basic signs that will help them when working with individuals who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or have not yet acquired language. All participants will be encouraged to actively participate in the training. Come prepared to laugh, learn, and fall in love with the beautiful language of sign!

Thurs. 7/29 6:00-8:00 PM
Register

Title: Skills For Effective Parent Advocacy

Presenter: Paula Wills, FRCD

Description: Are you tired of getting the run-around while wading through an alphabet soup of acronyms? Are you frustrated because you are unsure of how to help your child struggling in school? Skills for Effective Parent Advocacy will provide you with these important tools:

- Going from frustration to empowerment;
- Who is an advocate and why become one?
- How to effectively advocate for your child.

Fri. 7/30 2:00-4:00 PM
Register

Title: Inclusion: It Can Happen for All Students!

Presenter: Karri Potter, Family Matters

Description: When students with and without disabilities learn together in the same classroom everyone benefits. In this session you will learn about evidence based practices that promote inclusion for students of all ability levels. You will also be provided examples of accommodations and modifications that can be used to promote the success and learning of all students with disabilities.

Sat. 7/31 9:00-11:00 AM
Register

Title: Trauma Informed Care at School and Home

Presenter: Anni Reinking, STAR NET Regions I & III

Description: Educators are often provided training or coursework focused on trauma informed practices in classrooms. However, as children are home more, during a collective societal trauma, it is also important that trauma informed care is embedded into home settings. In this session participants will critically analyze trauma informed practices in school buildings to gather strategies to embed in home settings.

Sun. 8/1 2:00-4:00 PM
Register

Optional chat time included after each session