

Home-Based Services Program

Illinois Home and Community Based Waiver Funding – Adults
with Medicaid Developmental Disability Waiver Funding

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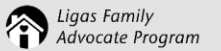
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- **The Ligas Family Advocate Program**

- Established as a pilot program in 2014 after the Ligas Consent Decree (2011) to provide consistent information about waiver services and living options statewide
- Connect families of loved ones with I/DD to similar families seeking funding and services selected from the PUNS
- Share creative ways to utilize waiver funding and explore waiver support options via virtual training and in-person events such as conventions.
- Funded through a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services
- Work with **Independent Service Coordination** agencies (ISCs) in getting information about all available options for services to adults and families
- <https://www.thearcofil.org/about-us/programs/ligas-family-advocate-program/>

Goals

- Understand the key components of the Home and Community Based Medicaid Waiver
- Understand the responsibilities of those directing Home-based Services
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of Developmental Disability Service Providers, Independent Service Coordination (ISC) Agencies, Self-Direction Assistants, Employers of Record, and the role of Illinois' Fiscal Agent, ACES\$ Financial Management Services
- Explore strategies to maximize the available benefits in the Home-Based Service Program
- Identify resources and programs that can provide guidance and assistance
- Get some questions answered
- Complete Survey!