



Family-to-Family Health Information Center

2023 Snapshot Statement



What is the Family-to-Family Health Information Center?

Illinois Family-to-Family Health Information Center offers free services for families of children and youth with disabilities, complex medical conditions, and other healthcare needs. We assist in navigating healthcare and disability systems by providing information directly to families and professionals via phone, email, and in person. We offer training and technical assistance on health issues, leadership development for parents and organizations, and linkages to local, regional, statewide, and national partners.

What children and youth do we help?

- An estimated **473,393** children in Illinois – **16.9%** of all Illinois children – have special healthcare needs.¹
- **24,178** Illinois children had Early Intervention Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP).²
- **15%** of children in Illinois had a special education Individualized Education Plan (IEP).³
- **30,361** Illinois children received SSI based on disability and income level.⁴

| Illinois Children With... ¹ | Percent |
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| More complex health needs | 13.6% |
| Functional limitations | 3.5% |
| Developmental delay, ages 3-17 | 5.0% |
| Emotional, developmental, or behavioral needs | 9.0% |
| Autism | 2.6% |
| Receive therapies | 9.0% |

Why are we needed?

- **10.9%** of Illinois children with disabilities have unmet healthcare needs.⁵
- **45.1%** did not have adequate insurance coverage to meet their needs.⁵
- **47.6%** found it somewhat difficult, very difficult, or impossible to find mental health services.¹
- **89.4%** did not have a well-functioning healthcare system.⁵
- **10,037** Illinois children ages 0-22 are on the PUNS list waiting for developmental disability waiver programs.⁶

¹ 2022 National Survey of Children's Health, available at <https://www.childhealthdata.org/>

² EI Report, May 2023, <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=152527>

³ 2022-3 Illinois Report Card, <https://www.illinoisreportcard.com/state.aspx?source=studentcharacteristics&source2=iep&Stateid=IL>

⁴ November 2023 SSI Report, https://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_monthly/2023-11/ssim-2023-11.pdf

⁵ Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant Illinois FY 2022 Annual Report, https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/publications/idph/topics-and-services/life-stages-populations/maternal-child-family-health-services/FY24-Application_FY22-Report_IL-MCH-Title-V-Block-Grant.pdf

⁶ 11/7/23 PUNS report, <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=56033>