



Guiding Principles:

- Parents have comprehensive knowledge of their children.
- Parents who know their children's rights can be better advocates.
- The home, school and community are all vital components when developing an educational program.
- All children are capable of learning and good behavior with appropriate support.
- Students are entitled to appropriate technology and access to **all** buildings & programs.
- All school districts and parents are capable of cooperative relationships.



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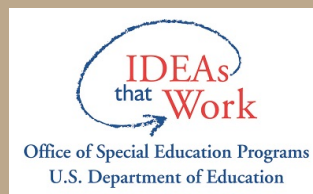
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FAMILY MATTERS PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTER



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FMPTIC offers:



- **Disability-related training**
- **Special Education training & support for families & professionals**
- **Community referrals & linkages**
- **IEP & 504 Education & Document Reviews**
- **Transition Support**
- **Self-Advocacy Education**
- **Support focused on parent-school partnerships**
- **Information regarding school-based conflict resolution**



Educational Coaching & Support

Our experienced Educational Support Coaches provide one-to-one coaching and education for families and self-advocates seeking support in navigating the Special Education system. Educational Support Coaches can assist with educational information, letter writing, connection to community resources, records reviews, and preparation for IEPs and other school meetings. Reach out to info@fmptic.org to schedule an appointment with a member of the FMPTIC team.



COMPASS Volunteers: Coaching Others and Mentoring Parents about School Services

Family Matters PTIC partners with individuals interested in providing educational support and mentoring on a volunteer basis for students and families across the state seeking or navigating Special Education support.

Participants commit to participate in 8-10 online educational sessions focused on core issues and challenges in Special Education.

Educational Surrogate Parent Program



Family Matters PTIC is pleased to partner with Illinois State Board of Education to provide training for Educational Surrogate Parents (ESP) in Illinois.

The program recruits and trains volunteers throughout the state who agree to step in and provide special education advocacy and support for students, ages 3-21, who are youth in care, are unaccompanied homeless youth, or whose parent(s) cannot be identified or located. ESP's commit to required training, background screenings, and completion of all mandatory paperwork, including a commitment to confidentiality.

All ESP's participate in an initial full-day online training and refresher trainings yearly. ESP's are required to submit reports two times per year.

ESP's provide key supports to students by learning about their educational needs, advocating for appropriate supports, assessments and services, attending IEP meetings, partnering with school staff, and utilizing effective and professional advocacy strategies.

