

ADVOCACY RESOURCES

EVANSTON CITIZENS FOR APPROPRIATE SPECIAL EDUCATION

<http://evanstoncase.org>

(847) 556-8676

ILLINOIS LIFE SPAN

www.illinoislifespan.org

1. Scroll down to the bottom of the page
2. In the dark blue section on the left that says “**Advocacy Services**”, click on “**Search for Advocacy/Service Provider**”.
3. On the next page, select **Special Education Information/Advocacy** from the Drop-down list and then **select your county**. Click **Search** for results.

ILLINOIS NETWORK OF INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER (INCIL)

If your child is at least 14 years old, you may wish to contact:

<http://www.incil.org/locations.asp>

1. Select your county from the down-down and click Submit
2. Most centers have a youth advocate who can attend IEP meetings with families.

EQUIP FOR EQUALITY, INC.

<http://www.equipforequality.org>

- CHICAGO (Serves Northeastern Region)
 - ® Toll-Free: 1-(800) 537-2632
 - ® Phone: (312) 341-0022
- ROCK ISLAND (Serves Northwestern Region)
 - ® Toll-Free: 1-(800) 758-6869
 - ® Phone: (309) 786-6868
- SPRINGFIELD (Serves West Central Region)
 - ® Toll-free: 1 (800) 758-0464
 - ® Phone: (217) 544-0464

JAMES B. MORAN CENTER

<http://moran-center.org/>

(847) 492-1410

PARENT EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

<http://www.pepartnership.org/staff/mentors.html>

- Parent Mentors and their locations are listed within a map of Illinois
- Click on a name or a pin on the map for more information
- Toll Free: 1-877-317-2733

The Attorney General published *guidelines for choosing an Advocate in Special Education*.

The document can be found at:

http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/lay_advocate_guideline.pdf

PARENT TRAINING AND INFORMATION CENTERS (PTIs)

Illinois is divided into two regions and is served by two PTIs. *These centers no longer provide advocacy services; however they may be able to refer parents to advocates.*

Region 1 includes the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Will

>Family Resource Center on Disabilities'
20 E. Jackson Blvd., Room 300
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 939-3513 voice/312 939-3519 TTY & TDY
(312) 939-7297 FAX
(800) 952-4199 IL only
e-mail: frcdptiil@ameritech.net
Website: www.frcd.org

Region 2 includes the remainder of the state.

>Family Matters
1901 S. 4th Street, Suite 209
Effingham, IL 62401
(217) 347-5428 voice
(217) 347-5119 FAX
(866) 436-7842 Toll-Free
e-mail info@fmptic.org or deinhorn@arc-ess.org
Website: www.fmptic.org

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