

## Mission Statement

*We build upon families' strengths, to empower parents and professionals to achieve the strongest possible outcomes for students with disabilities and to enhance the quality of life for children and young adults with disabilities.*

## Guiding Principles

Parents who know their children's rights can better advocate for their children.

The home, school and community are vital components of an individualized education program.

All children are capable of learning and good behavior.

All children have individual strengths and talents.

Students are entitled to appropriate technology, flexible learning environments, and accessible curriculum.

School districts and parents are capable of a cooperative relationship that benefits the child.

# Family Matters Parent Training & Information Center

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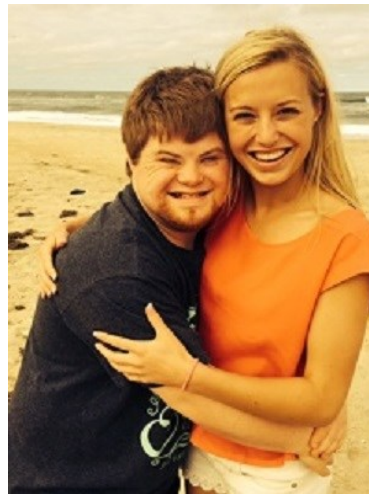
If your child has a physical, developmental, mental health, or learning impairment and needs school services or accommodations, Family Matters Parent Training & Information Center (FMPTIC) is a resource for you.

- We assist parents of children with disabilities to be informed participants in the special education process.
- We assist students with disabilities to understand their rights and responsibilities.
- We supply information to teachers and other professionals who provide special education and related services to children with disabilities.

Family Matters serves  
94 counties of Illinois  
(outside of Chicago area)

## Family Matters Provides:

- disability-related information
- referral/linkage to other agencies
- telephone and email consultation regarding individual concerns
- parent trainings & webinars (also available in Spanish upon request)
- training for professionals and support staff
- a lending library
- informational packets on special education issues
- self-advocacy training for youth



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## Family Matters Offers Trainings On:

- special education rights and responsibilities
- transition from high school
- IEP planning and participation
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- behavior and discipline
- parent/school collaboration
- transition from early intervention to early childhood services
- conflict resolution
- ....and other topics

Tell us what you need to learn more about!

