Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs)

Parent Training and Information Centers (PTIs) are authorized in Part D of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and are funded by the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. Each PTI is mandated to assist parents to-

A. better understand the nature of their children's disabilities and their educational and developmental needs;
B. communicate effectively with personnel responsible for providing special education, early intervention, and related services;
C. participate in decisionmaking processes and the development of individualized education programs (IEPs) under Part B and individualized family service plans under Part C;
D. obtain appropriate information about the range of options, programs, services, and resources available to assist children with disabilities and their families;
E. understand the provision of IDEA for the education of, and the provision of early intervention services to, children with disabilities; and
F. participate in school reform activities.

Illinois is divided into two regions and is served by two PTIs.

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

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Region 2 includes the remainder of the state.

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