

Parents Helping Parents, A Regional Approach

IN*SOURCE believes in the value of the parent-to-parent model. There is a need for parents to acquire knowledge and develop skills in order to be effective participants on decision-making teams. Training and information coming from someone who is able to identify with and relate to their needs is likely to have a more positive impact on parents' confidence in their own expertise as parents with vital knowledge of their own children. IN*SOURCE currently has staff located in sixteen different communities in the state and over 400 Regional Parent Resources statewide. IN*SOURCE believes that parents working with other parents in the community where they live is a very effective means to reach and serve families.



We Need Your Help

Your ideas, suggestions and support are important. IN*SOURCE is a private, not-for-profit organization and all financial contributions to assist these efforts are tax deductible. To make a contribution, please complete the form provided and return to



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FOR FAMILIES WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS





*The mission of IN*SOURCE is to provide parents, families and service providers in Indiana the information and training necessary to assure effective educational programs and appropriate services for children and young adults with disabilities.*

IN*SOURCE, the Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs, was incorporated in 1975 as a parent organization. Since that time, the organization has administered many different federal, state and local projects related to the provision of information, training and support to individuals with disabilities and/or their families.

Any interested person may receive a quarterly newsletter, information on current early intervention and special education issues and suggested strategies for enhancing the quality of education and services for infants, toddlers, children and young adults with special needs.

IN*SOURCE On-Line Community

IN*SOURCE has a free online community to enable parents, families and service providers to communicate directly not only with IN*SOURCE staff, but with one another as well. Myinsource.org features a forum that allows users to ask and respond to questions, to post topics, browse for answers that have already been posted by others, send private messages to other users of myinsource.org and receive e-mails notifying them of new posts in selected topics. Go to www.myinsource.org to join and participate in our new online community. For additional information, please visit our website at www.insource.org.

Indiana Parent Training Program

The **Indiana Parent Training Program (IPTP)** is a federally funded parent-to-parent training and information project that began in 1980. By disseminating information and materials and conducting training workshops throughout Indiana, IPTP instructs parents about their rights and responsibilities in the early intervention and special education processes under state and federal laws.

IPTP provides

- individual assistance to parents and professionals;
- workshops for parents on their rights and responsibilities in the early intervention and special education processes; coping skills and understanding disabilities; state and local services for infants, toddlers, children and young adults with disabilities; and
- Regional Parent Resources (RPRs) to serve as volunteer sources of support and information to parents in their local communities.

Collaborative Parent Involvement Project

Since the 1970s, IN*SOURCE and the Indiana Department of Education, Center for Exceptional Learners have worked together to address shared educational concerns and issues facing Indiana's students with dis-

abilities and their families. IN*SOURCE and the Division have initiated the **Collaborative Parent Involvement Project (CPIP)**. CPIP focuses on helping parents, educators and local communities work together to address a variety of challenges including transition, assistive technology and surrogate parent programs and preparing for transitions.

The project also supports ways to facilitate communication among families and various groups to promote sharing of ideas and resources and to foster the development of regional and state networks.

Regional Rehabilitation Training and Information Project

The **Regional Rehabilitation Training and Information Project** operates in conjunction with three other Midwest parent training and information centers through a federal grant. This program provides information and training to parents, family members, advocates and persons with disabilities about the provisions of the Rehabilitation Act and Amendments; understanding the process of making successful transition from school to adult life; and effectively providing information, individual assistance and training to others.