



Illinois Autism Partnership

Easterseals changes the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in people's lives every day.

Throughout all of life's moments – from the ordinary to the extraordinary, and everything in between – Easterseals is here. We're right beside you and your family – listening, understanding, helping in the ways you ask us to, giving support, cheering you on. Easterseals is a team of problem-solvers, skilled practitioners and people committed to sweeping away limitations and shattering stereotypes. We are steadfast partners in your journey, no matter what disability you face. Together, we can take on disability. That's our promise to you. Give us a call or shoot us an email. We can't wait to get to know you.



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builds capacity of school districts statewide to provide effective programming for students with an autism spectrum disorder



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Illinois Autism Partnership provides individualized coaching, consulting, family engagement and training programs offering school districts a wide-range of options. Training packages include focus family support, experiential practicums, in-services and workshops, as well as online and webinar courses.

Illinois Autism Partnership enables students with an autism spectrum disorder to be educated in their community schools and included with their typical peers. Illinois Autism Partnership engages with their parents and family members as active participants in planning their children's education.



Focus Family Support

The Focus Family Support Model provides a process for families of children with autism person-centered futures planning. Six to twelve months of training is offered to develop and support teams of families and individuals caring for and working with children with disabilities. The model is available to families through an inquiry process at their school district to assist them in identifying goals and achieving a high quality of family life.

Coaching

- On-site coaching to schools and districts
- Assessment and goal development
- Problem solving and technical assistance
- Additional targeted training as determined by needs and priorities of districts and schools
- Capacity building for fidelity and sustainability

Consulting

- On-site overall program review
- Classroom, program and student specific consultations
- Classroom set-up consultation

Family Engagement

- Parent education workshops
- Parent leadership training
- Parent Cafes
- Sibshops
- Peer education training
- School-Family partnership development

Training

- Experiential Practicums
- On-site in-services and workshops
- Regional in-services and workshops
- Evidence Based Practice Institute
- Paraprofessional training



Illinois Experiential Practicum for Autism

Participants work together with five students with different support needs and ages using a variety of teaching strategies over a week. At the conclusion of the training week, teams participate in a self-assessment and action planning process for implementation during the school year.