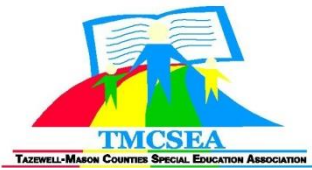


The Illinois PUNS Database



What is PUNS?

PUNS is a database of Illinois children, adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities (Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Seizure Disorder, Down Syndrome, etc.) who have needs- or anticipate having needs for development disability services or supports. The database will help you and your family decide whether you need services immediately or anticipate needing services in the future.

Possible Services Include:

In-home support for independence, Respite Care to give relief to the caregiver, Training Programs to teach life and work skills, Job coaches for success in the workplace, residential living arrangements to provide security and care, and Adaptive Equipment to provide more independence

How Do I Access These Services?

Contact your Coordination Agency and make an appointment for an interview. If you reside in Tazewell or Mason County, the Coordination Agency is CISA (Central Illinois Service Access) . The contact person is Donna Foppe at 217.737.1154.

What is the Process?

Once you have completed your interview and your information is put into the PUNS Database, you are put on a waiting list and categorized in one of the following areas:

- Seeking Services- Services needed ASAP
- Planning For Services- Under 18; immediate services not needed; future services are needed.

Note: Emergency services are available for those who qualify (homelessness, abuse or neglect

A completed process does not confirm that you are eligible for services nor guarantee that services will be provided. However, it does guarantee that the Illinois Department of Human Services knows about your need for services.

Additional Resources:

Illinois Life Span- www.illinoislifespan.org 1.800.588.7002

Central Illinois Services Access: www.cisagroup.org or 217.737.1154

For additional information or questions, please contact Meghan Brake at 309.347.3532 or by email at mbrake@tmcsea.org.