



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 developmental 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
- Respite Care
- Day Training Programs
- Job Coaching
- Residential Living Arrangments
- Adaptive Equipment
- Home/Vehicle Modifications



How Do I Access These Services?

- If you live in Tazewell Or Mason Counties, your Independent Service Coordination Agency is Central Illinois Service Access (CISA)
- Call 217.732.4731
- Ask for “Intake”



What is the process?

- 1
 - Call and complete Interview
 - Submit required documentation (IEP, Evaluation, Medical Documentation, etc)
 - Return signed form to CISA



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 - Once you have completed your interview you are put into the database into one of the following categories:
 - Seeking Services- Services needed within 5 years (there is an immediate need)
 - Planning for Services- Immediate Services not needed; Future services are needed

Note: After the Interview with PUNS, the family MUST return the signed PUNS form and continue to renew with PUNS yearly. Failure to do so could result in elimination from the list.

See Page 2 for information about Renewals

! *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.*





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PUNS Yearly Renewal Information

But....Wait...Am I
On the List?



- If you don't know, call [217-732-4731](tel:217-732-4731) and ask for verification that you are on the list.
- Email dhs.ddd.puns@illinois.gov
 - Provide individual's name
 - Provide birthdate
 - Ask for the PUNS Status



“I'm on the list, Now what?”



QUICK TIPS

- Keep all of your communication with PUNS (email, copies of forms signed, etc.)
- *If you move or change your phone number, YOU MUST TELL PUNS AS SOON AS IT HAPPENS to ensure they can still reach you for renewals.*

Renew EVERY YEAR

- PUNS will contact you by phone, text, or mail to review the need for services.
- After they have made contact with you, they will send a form via mail to be signed.
- **YOU MUST RETURN THE FORM TO BE RENEWED AND REMAIN ON THE PUNS LIST YEARLY!**



Need Help?



Contact:

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Additional Resources about PUNS

The Arc of Illinois

www.arcofillinois.org

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)

www.dhs.state.il.us

