

Linkage Agreement
Between
The Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCD)
And

The Chicago Department of Family & Support Services (DFSS), Children's Services Division

PURPOSE

The purpose of this linkage agreement is to annually enhance training opportunities and resources for parents of children with disabilities birth to 5 years old and foster collaborative strategies in order to improve outcomes and advocacy efforts for children, families and communities in the City of Chicago.

Parties to the Agreement

The Chicago Department of Family & Support Services (DFSS) and The Family Resource Center on Disabilities (FRCD) agree to:

- Share and disseminate training opportunities designed for parents of children with disabilities
- Support families Early Head Start and Head Start to better understand their rights under Part C & Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Survey parent needs and evaluate workshops offered
- Collaborate and share training, resources and information with families of children with diagnosed disabilities on the following topics:

IEP Workshop : Services & Providers, Goals/Benchmarks, Placement and Transition.

Birth - 3 to Early Childhood: Presented in collaboration with STARnet, training on IFSP services


Six Principles of IDEA- Understanding your rights under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

IEP overview : Procedure, current level, Modification/Accommodation, Assistive Tech, Goals/benchmarks, Appropriate Placement and Transition.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Each party will protect the rights of children and families to confidentiality. It is the intent of this agreement to ensure that the parties and their staff adhere to all applicable privacy and confidentiality laws, statutes, rules and regulations.

Signatures/Date


FRCD Executive Director 4/12/11


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