



The Arc Ligas Family Advocate Program

The purpose of the Ligas Family Advocate Program is to provide family-to-family support for individuals (and their families) who are selected through the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Prioritization of Urgency of Needs (PUNS) process as a result of the Ligas Consent Decree. Family advocates address the needs of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families by providing information about available community options, including Home-Based Support Services (HBSS) and Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) services, to build full and integrated lives in their homes and communities. Ligas Family Advocates conduct Know Your Options events around the state.

These events create a unique and instant personal connection for Ligas class members and their families to other Ligas class members and families who are just beginning their Ligas journey, as well as to more experienced families who have navigated the DDD system and can offer their first-hand experience. Class members and their families hear experts in the areas of housing, employment, person centered planning; and many other topics. Know Your Options events are held in family-friendly settings which allow class members and their families to interact directly with the speakers, as well as with providers, ISC staff, the Ligas Court monitor and Executive staff from DDD. This is a great resource that provides class members and families the options to talk one on one with Ligas Family Advocates by phone and email?

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