

The following information is from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services
PUNS “Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services”

Do you or your family need services to help you with your developmental disability?

Now? Soon? In the future? We are here to help!

The Illinois Department of Human Services may be able to provide you with assistance now or help you plan for your future needs.

For more information about the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities’ program or for the phone number of the Pre-Admission Screening/Independent Service Coordination Agency (**PAS/ISC**) in your area, call:

1-888-337-5267

1-866-376-8446 (TTY)

You can also visit our web site at: www.dd.illinois.gov or www.dhs.state.il.us

What services are available?

The IDHS Division of Developmental Disabilities provides person-first services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

Possible services include:

- In-home supports to help you live more independently.
- Respite care to provide temporary relief to your caregiver.
- Training Programs to teach you life and work skills.
- Residential living arrangements to provide you with the security and care you need.
- Adaptive equipment to make you more independent.
- Other supports to improve your quality of life.

How can I access these services?

IDHS maintains a statewide database of people with developmental disabilities who need services. This database helps us make sure services are available to you and your family when you need them.

You must first contact your PAS/ISC agency* for an interview

Based on the information you provide during this interview, the PAS/ISC will complete a “Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services” (PUNS) form, and will put your need for services into one of these categories:

- Emergency - You need immediate services
- Critical - You will need services within 1 year
- Planning - You will need services in 1 to 5 years

A completed PUNS form does not mean that you are eligible for services, and does not guarantee that services will be provided. However, it ensures that the IDHS knows about your need for services.

What if my needs change?

Your needs will be evaluated at least once per year. You may ask for a reevaluation at any time due to a change in circumstances.

**Starting July 2019, the PAS/ISC for McLean County will be the Champaign Regional Planning Commission: www.ccrpc.org*