

Our History...

SERVICE OF WILL, GRUNDY & KANKAKEE COUNTIES was founded in 1989 by over 30 health care, social service agencies and advocacy organizations to provide independent service coordination services to people of all ages with developmental delays and disabilities.

Our services are provided under contract with the State of Illinois. All services are free of charge, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age.

Since 1989, we have provided services to over 30,000 people with developmental delays and disabilities.

How to Contact Us...

SERVICE OF WILL, GRUNDY & KANKAKEE COUNTIES, INC.

For Developmental Disabilities Services

1740 W. McDonough St
Joliet, IL 60436
(815) 741-0800

1 (800) 244-8008 (toll free)

Ask to speak with the Intake

Coordinator

For Early Intervention Service

Child & Family Connections
2300 W. Glenwood Ave
Joliet, IL 60436
(815) 730-2617
(888) 329-0633 (toll free)

Our Programs At A Glance

Preadmission Screening

For people with a developmental disability 18 & older
Seeking services/supports
Enrollment in the State's Waiting List

Child & Adolescent Service Coordination

For children with a developmental disability
Birth to 18 seeking services / supports
Enrollment in the State's Waiting List

Individual Services & Support Advocacy

For people of all ages with developmental disabilities
Already receiving State funded service/supports
Ongoing contact & service coordination support

Child & Family Connections

For Infants & Toddlers birth until 3rd birthday
Children with developmental delays and/or disabilities.
Resources/support to maximize each child's development.

**LOOK INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND HOW TO CONTACT US**

CELEBRATING OVER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE



EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

Guiding You Through The Social Service Maze...



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

**SERVICE OF WILL, GRUNDY &
KANKAKEE COUNTIES, INC.**

Our Mission...

Helping people with developmental delays and disabilities access choices for a better life.

Our Purpose...

SERVICE OF WILL, GRUNDY & KANKAKEE COUNTIES helping people with developmental delays and disabilities find the services and supports they need to live a better life.

◇ What Is A Developmental Disability?

The State of Illinois defines a *developmental disability* as one attributable to *mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or autism, or any other closely related condition* involving impairment of general intellectual functioning and/ or adaptive behavior, similar to that of individuals with mental retardation. The condition manifests itself before the age of 22 and is likely to continue indefinitely. It results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of life activity: self care, language, learning, mobility, self direction, and capacity for independent living.

◇ What Is A Developmental Delay?

A developmental delay for infants and toddlers refers to a finding by a team of professional therapists that a child has a delay of thirty percent or greater in at least one of the developmental milestones or is at significant risk of experiencing a substantial delay

◇ Finding Your Way To Services:

We understand the confusion and frustration involved in working your way through the social service maze. Our experienced service coordinators help you, your family member, or friend find and take full advantage of the services available to you.

Our Services for People with Developmental Disabilities:

PREAMMISSION SCREENING (PAS) FOR PEOPLE SEEKING SERVICES

Information & Referral ◇ Intake and Determination of Eligibility ◇ Assessments ◇ Assistance in Developing a Service Plan ◇ Information About Options in the Service System ◇ Exploration and Offering of Choices ◇ Referrals to Preferred Service providers ◇ Help in Obtaining Funding from the State ◇ Explanation of Rights and Help with Appeals ◇ Instruction in Self Advocacy ◇ Enrollment in the PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency Of Need for Services) The State's Waiting List ◇ Assistance in Emergency Situations.

**INDIVIDUAL SERVICES & SUPPORT ADVOCACY (ISSA)
FOR PEOPLE ALREADY RECEIVING SERVICES**

Ongoing Contact & Support to Individuals: Families & Guardians ◇ Quarterly Visits With Individuals Receiving Services ◇ Evaluation To Assure That Services / Supports Are Satisfactory ◇ Assistance in Finding Alternative or Supplementary Services ◇ Conflict Resolution & Negotiating Changes in Support Levels ◇ Explanation of Rights & Assistance With Appeals ◇ Instruction in Self Advocacy ◇ Assistance in Emergency Situations.

**CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT SERVICE COORDINATION FOR
CHILDREN / FAMILIES SEEKING SERVICES (C & ASC)**

Same Services as PAS for Adults As Above..... Plus Determination of Eligibility For Children's Programs ◇ Enrollment In The Children's Waiver, If Eligible ◇ Coordination With School Districts & Other Services ◇ Parent Advocacy Training.

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Toll Free (800) 244-8008

SERVICE OF WILL, GRUNDY & KANKAKEE COUNTIES

Helping guide you through the social service maze

***Child & Family Connections
Program***

Early Intervention Services

The CFC Program of Early Intervention mission is : To assure that the families who have infants and toddlers, birth to three, with diagnosed disabilities, developmental delays or substantial risk of significant delays receive resources and supports that assist them in maximizing their child's development while respecting the diversity of families and communities .

Service Available:

Our service coordinators meet with the families in their home or our office, whatever their preference, to assess your child's eligibility and needs for services which we then arrange for you to be provided usually in your home. Services can include assistive technology, assessments and screening, developmental therapy, family training and education, medical diagnostic evaluations, nursing services, nutrition services, occupational and physical therapy, social work services, speech therapy and audiological services, transportation, vision and social emotional developmental services.

What to Do:

If you think your infant or toddler might be eligible for services because of a developmental delay or diagnosed disability, call and ask to begin the process for an intake interview. Below are the address and phone numbers of our CFC offices serving Will, Grundy, Kankakee and La Salle Counties.

Child & Family Connections Will & Grundy Counties
2300 W. Glenwood Ave, Joliet IL 60436
(815) 730-2617 or (888) 329-0633 (toll free) -Will County
(815) 545-7001-Grundy County

Child & Family Connections La Salle County Office
718 Columbus Street, Ottawa IL 61350
(815) 434-2887

Child & Family Connections Kankakee County Office
1015 North 5th Ave, Suite, 6 Kankakee IL 60901
(815) 937-3847