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Delaware

FAMILY SUPPORT



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Our Vision

Children with developmental disabilities and their families will have greater access to resources by linking families to needed services in their communities, empowering caregivers to be effective advocates for their children, and promoting policies that support self-determination and opportunities for respite.



Our Activities

- *Family Member Education:*

We are recruiting and training family members to support other families and provide learning opportunities to agencies delivering services to families.

- *Outreach:*

We help and encourage Delaware families to understand, identify, and find services and supports needed for family members with disabilities.

- *Training:*

We offer training to community and state agency staff to assist them in recognizing disabilities among families they serve and to adapt their services and supports to meet the needs of family members with disabilities.

- *Task Forces and Family Participation:*

We aim to improve and enhance family policies in Delaware by working with interested families to make recommendations to policymakers. Task forces focus upon self-determination and respite.

- *Dissemination:*

We are working with a consortium of human service programs to provide user-friendly, up-to-date, and internet access to information about family support services and resources in Delaware.

Our Goals



- To develop a clear and concise family voice that impacts policies and practices relating to family support.

- To provide outreach to unserved and underserved families in order to effectively address the needs of their children with disabilities.

- To provide technical assistance and learning opportunities to community organizations and agencies.

- To make community-based services inclusive and responsive to ALL families.

- To provide support techniques to after school programs to include children with disabilities.

- To facilitate the coordination of services between community centers and agencies serving people with disabilities.