

INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS NEEDING SERVICES

Sign Up for Services:

Registering with the Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) database is the first and most important step you and your family can take to receive assistance now or within the next five years.

PUNS:

Prioritization of Urgency of
Need for Services

Types of services:

- Home Based Services
- Respite Care
- Job Coaches
- Residential and
Community Living
- Adult Day Services
- Adaptive Equipment
- Other Supports

What is the Illinois PUNS Program & Database?

PUNS (Prioritization of Urgency of Need for Services) is a database of Illinois infants, children, adolescents, and adults with Intellectual Disabilities and autism who currently need services or will need services in the future.

How do I sign-up for placement in the PUNS database?

Individuals, along with their primary care giver and/or guardian, must meet face-to-face with a pre-admission screener at their local Independent Service Coordination Agency to fill out an Illinois PUNS registration form.

The individual must provide information on their medical condition, living arrangement and need for new, additional or different services. This will allow the pre-admission screener, on behalf of the State, to determine whether the person's needs are fully served, and if not, to categorize the need for developmental disabilities services. Your information will then be entered into the PUNS database.

How do I find an Independent Service Coordination Agency in my area?

To find an Independent Service Coordination Agency in your area you can call the Division of Developmental Disabilities Hotline at 1-888-337-5267 who will connect you with your Independent Service Coordination Agency. The TTY number is 711.

Note: Completion of a PUNS form does not guarantee eligibility for services or the provision of services, but it does make sure that the State is aware of individual need for services.

Do I need to sign up each year with PUNS?

Individuals must update their PUNS survey annually with their local coordination agency.

Services now require that individuals are signed up with PUNS.