

The Role of a Parent Mentor

- To provide training and technical assistance to parents.
- Meet with parents who are new to the special education process.
- Facilitate Parent Networking
- Provide and/or facilitate parent and educator trainings, and workshops.
- Explaining the district and ISBE policies and procedures
- Bridging the gap between parents and educators.
- Providing community resources to parents, and educators in the Freeport Community.



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A Cooperative Project
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What is the Parent Mentor Grant?

The Parent and Educator Partnership is an initiative of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). It is the result of a collaborative effort of two organizations; The School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) and Parents Raising Awareness in Special Education (PRAISE).

This project was modeled after the Ohio Parent Mentor Project (OPMP), which has demonstrated success for ten years in providing support to parents of children with disabilities by building equal partnerships with the educators who serve their children.

The primary goal of this initiative is to move families and educators from a relationship which has been traditionally adversarial to one that enhances partnership.

RAMP, the Freeport School District, and ISBE are working collaboratively on this project, to increase and enhance the educational opportunities for children with disabilities in the Freeport School District.

Parent Mentor Project Mission Statement:

Bringing Schools and Parents together to ensure a Successful Education for Children with Disabilities



What is the purpose of a Parent Mentor?

A Parent Mentor is a liaison between the parent and the school. When your child is diagnosed with a disability, it is often an overwhelming and confusing time for a parent. There are many policies, procedures and safeguards that go along with educating children with disabilities and it is difficult and frustrating to understand all of these.

A Parent Mentor can help parents, educators and community members understand and successfully navigate their way through the Special Education process. The Parent Mentor can also network parents with other parents, parents with educators and parents with community resources to help create a cooperative partnership within the community to meet the needs of the student.



Parent and Educator Partnership

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